

**WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY REGION – RSCDS NEW ZEALAND BRANCH INC.**  
**(Unconfirmed) MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD 12.15pm SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2024,**  
**AT ST PETERS CATHOLIC SCHOOL HALL, 22 ANZAC STREET, CAMBRIDGE**

**PRESENT** – Jeanette Lauder (President/Youth Co-Ordinator), Colleen Gunn (Secretary), Robyn Howes (Treasurer/ Membership Coordinator), Douglas McCartney, Shelley McConnel, Wayne McConnel, Andrew Patterson, Jeanette Patterson, Maureen Jacob, Heather Johnston, Joy Morgan, Antanus Procuta, (Chris Wilson – non-NZ Branch member).

**APOLOGIES** – Lynne Hudson, Agnes Algra, Jane McIlroy, John Rowlandson, Jill Littlewood, Jan Pike, Jean Smithson, Ian Stewart, Raewyn Adams, Grietje Badham, Lesley Gousmett, Ruary Laidlaw, Bruce Wallen.  
Jeanette Lauder/Lynne Hudson– Carried

**WELCOME** – Jeanette welcomed and thanked those present for their attendance.

**MINUTES - MOVED THAT** the Minutes of previous General Meeting, held 20 April 2024, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed. Lauder/Procuta

**CORRESPONDENCE – MOVED THAT** the Inwards Correspondence be accepted and the Outwards Correspondence be ratified. Gunn/Morgan

## **REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT – Jeanette Lauder** – No report – see Report included with AGM Minutes.

Jeanette was happy to advise everyone that a Certificate of Thanks was presented to Andy Patterson at his recent 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday dance celebration.

### **TREASURER – Robyn Howes**

**Robyn presented Accounts from the Annual Balance Date to date** with an explanation of details from beginning of September.

The Performance Report for the 2 months to 31 October 2024 has been circulated (see attached).

A snapshot of funds held as at 31 October:

Westpac Trading account	\$ 638.33
Westpac Devisor’s fund	\$ 554.77
Westpac Bonus Saver	\$ 10,355.53
Westpac Jam Online Saver	\$ 1,192.70

Total funds on hand are \$12,741, an increase of \$1,335 since our last meeting. That relates to timing of payments – as at the April meeting we had paid out expenses for Kings Birthday Weekend School, but no income was derived at that point.

Affiliation fees have been received from all clubs bar one. That is because the Club Treasurer did not receive the original email to the [@dancescottish.org.nz](mailto:@dancescottish.org.nz) address. It is now in hand, and I expect the receipt soon. Per the Membership report to the AGM, the annual RSCDS fee renewal was completed successfully, with \$6,306 received from members, and disbursed to the NZ Branch.

Finances for the Hamilton ceilidh with Max and Marion were run through the Region account, partly because 2 clubs were organising it, but mainly because I wear the triple hat of Region Treasurer, Club President and (joint) ceilidh organiser, and it was just easier that way. The net receipts were \$955, and that was disbursed to the various expenses with the balance paid to the organising clubs.

We received interest of \$80, when added to affiliation fees to date gives the net surplus of \$418.

**General Payments to be Ratified**

5.5.24	\$ 262.80	Ruth Budden	Teachers Workshop - Koha & Travel
6.05.24	\$ 60.00	Hinuera Hall	Hall Hire - Teachers Workshop
20.05.24	\$ 111.16	My Host	Web Site
9.07.24	\$ 800.00	Bourach Mor	Region Dance
17.07.24	\$ 175.00	Cambridge & Dist Senior Citizens Assoc	Hall Hire - Region Ball
28.07.24	\$ 29.84	My Host	Domain Renewal
28.07.24	\$ 38.89	Jeanette Lauder	Supplies to top up the Region Boxes
21.08.24	\$ 207.00	Robyn Howes	Xero fees Sept 23 - Aug 24
26.8.24	\$ 250.00	Katikati Club	50% of Branch Grant for Max & Marion Ceilidh
27.9.24	\$2,568.00	RSCDS Subs	NZ Branch
27.9.24	\$3,544.00	RSCDS Subs	NZ Branch Clearing Account (HQ portion)
21.10.24	\$ 78.00	RSCDS Subs	NZ Branch
21.10.24	\$ 116.00	RSCDS Subs	NZ Branch Clearing Account (HQ portion)

**Kings Birthday Weekend Payments to be ratified**

4.06.24	\$ 99.12	Wayne McConnel	Food
4.06.24	\$ 25.00	Wayne McConnel	Name tags
4.06.24	\$ 423.87	Catherine McCutcheon	Accommodation
4.06.24	\$ 120.00	Diane Bradshaw	Teacher Koha
4.06.24	\$ 163.00	Wayne McConnel	Gifts
4.06.24	\$ 150.00	Catherine McCutcheon	Teacher Koha
6.06.24	\$ 7.68	Wayne McConnel	Food
6.06.24	\$ 10.40	Jill Littlewood	Food
6.06.24	\$ 200.00	Jeanette Lauder	Travel
6.06.24	\$ 120.00	Jeanette Lauder	Teacher Koha
6.06.24	\$ 100.00	Catherine McCutcheon	Food Allowance
6.06.24	\$ 100.00	Diane Bradshaw	Food Allowance
7.06.24	\$ 495.48	Jill Littlewood	Catering

**Hamilton Ceilidh Expenses to be ratified**

27.09.24	\$ 145.00	Te Whare O Te Ata	Hall Hire
21.10.24	\$ 100.00	Bourach Mor	Sound System
29.10.24	\$ 75.00	HGHS (via H Smythe)	Koha for Drums
29.10.24	\$ 125.00	Hamilton Scottish	25% Branch Grant for Max & Marion Ceilidhs
29.10.24	\$ 192.50	Hamilton Scottish	50% Ceilidh balance of funds
29.10.24	\$ 125.00	Lochiel	25% Branch Grant for Max & Marion Ceilidhs
29.10.24	\$ 192.50	Lochiel	50% Ceilidh balance of funds

(not shown here are the payments to musicians & MC paid in cash prior to the banking of the net door takings)

**MOVED THAT** payments be ratified and approved, and that Treasurer's Report be adopted

Howes/Wayne Connel

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

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**EDUCATION & TRAINING REPORT**

(See AGM Minutes for these Reports

**COMMUNICATION & PUBLICITY**

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**HOGMANAY 2024/2025** – To be finalised.

**PAEROA GAMES & TATTOO – 8 February 2025** – Shelley McConnel explained the format of this day and requested volunteer dancers contact Wayne or herself for afternoon dancing and hopefully the night time Tattoo.

Wayne and Andy organising music for the Tattoo.

**KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2025** – Cambridge running this Weekend School. Cambridge Town Hall and halls with good wooden floors have been hired. It was noted that the Region underwrites funding for KBWS.

#### **KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2026**

Hamilton Scottish have offered to run this event.

#### **TAURANGA DAY SCHOOL – SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024**

A very successful event – Wayne McConnel took the classes – a warm, friendly, happy day enjoyed by newer dancers and more experienced dancers.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Jean Smithson** suggested that Social Dancing should be considered after Region Meetings to make the travel worthwhile for those dancers and supporters travelling some distance.

**2025 DANCE CALENDAR** – This was discussed and approved – to be distributed to all Clubs in near future.

**VISIT OF MAX AND MARIAN** – Everyone enjoyed dancing to live Scottish Country Dance music by Max and Marian (from Scotland) again very recently this year.

**DANCE AROUND THE WORLD DAY** – Saturday 23 November – all dancers to be reminded about this event 2 to 4pm - Twin Venues. Hikurangi Hall, Northland and. Drury Community Hall. \$5 plus a small plate to share.

**NZ BRANCH SUMMER SCHOOL 2026/27** – Jeanette read out a letter received from NZ Branch Vice President. IT WAS AGREED THAT the WaiBoP Region would support this event in such a way that whilst a local club could help identify local resources/venues, no Club was putting their hand up as an organiser.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA 2025**

Meeting closed at 1.16pm

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

Waikato Bay of Plenty Region, RSCDS NZ Branch

For the 2 months ended 31 October 2024

'How was it funded?' and 'What did it cost?'

Account	Notes	Sept-Oct 2024
<b>Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members</b>		
Region Affiliation Fees (183 dancers, 2024 - 180)		338
RSCDS Membership Fees Received (66 members, 2024 - 71)		6,306
Less RSCDS Membership Fees Paid (Branch \$2,646, HQ \$3,660)		(6,306)
<b>Total Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members</b>		<b>338</b>
<b>Receipts from providing goods or services</b>		
Hamilton Ceilidh		955
<b>Total Receipts from providing goods or services</b>		<b>955</b>
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts		80
		<b>1,373</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Hamilton Ceilidh Expenses		955
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b>955</b>
		<b>955</b>
<b>Operating Surplus or (Deficit)</b>		<b>418</b>
<b>Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Accounts and Cash</b>		<b>418</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		12,323
Net change in cash for period		418
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		12,741