

**RSCDS Boston Branch**  
**Executive Committee Minutes**  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 7:15pm

Location: Zoom access use link in email. Any problems, call: 1-617-417-1621

**Attendance:** Linda McJannet, David Grubb, Alena Taylor, Bill Card, Connie Kent, Marsha Byrnes, Cathy Crabtree, Anne Johnson, Emily Russell, Ted Randolph

**Agenda**

- I. Minutes from the previous meeting
  - i. Approved. Alena to forward to Meyer Billmers.
- II. Treasurer's report (**Cathy**)
  - i. Applications for Scottish pinewoods have not yet gone out.
  - ii. Two new members this past month.
  - iii. Haven't heard from Mary Ellen Scannell about Pinewoods Ball for a small financial report yet.
  - iv. Marsha to talk to Elizabeth about the possibility of a member discount for ticket.
- III. Scheduled Reports
  - A. ESC budget (**Connie + guests April and Daniel**)
    - i. Raised rates about \$20 for each level to keep up with increased costs.
    - ii. Possibly having a covid coordinator role, haven't heard from PCI as to if it is required. If it is not required, it will be removed from the budget.
    - iii. Committee of 5 – all members camper fees covered this year in the budget (Kate Fais, Laurie Tupper, Connie Kent, April, Dan). They will talk about a half-scholarship for committee members.
    - iv. Advertising budget has been added (\$100). They've gone back to making post cards and marketing in the CDS News.
    - v. Conversations about the roles of CDS and RSCDS Boston as organizations. Representatives of both organizations. It would be valuable to have committee members from English, Scottish, and Contra dancing.
    - vi. Budget approved – contingent on conversations about committee member scholarship.
  - B. Concert 2023 budget (**Cathy and Linda**)
    - i. Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>. Armory in Somerville is committed. Comes with tech and lighting. There is a bar.
    - ii. At 65% audience they would still break even.
    - iii. The goal with the concert is outward facing and encouraging of new urban, younger dancers.
    - iv. One single performance on Sunday afternoon. Probably a 3pm show.
    - v. Budgeted for a trio, but it will be up to Hanneke Cassel as far as who and how many musicians she'd like.

- vi. We are paying Hanneke \$500 base, and as long as we hit 75% attendance, we will share profits.
- vii. We are applying for a grant from NH Scot to help keep ticket prices lower.
- viii. Budget approved.

#### IV. Monthly reports from liaisons

##### A. Teaching & Music Committee (**Marsha**)

- i. NEFFA all got accepted.
- ii. Good response about fall concert in Somerville
- iii. Highland Ball progress is being made. Booklets, MCs, etc should match for gender terminology. Covid decisions need to be made – possibly by exec.
- iv. Pinewoods has a teacher from Ireland who is coming. Robert will talk to MCs about gender terminology at Pinewoods. Looking for consistency.
- v. Exec has to come up with next year's Pinewoods chairs? Hanneke is interested in being music director for 2024.
- vi. Karen Sollins and Elizabeth Anderson are leaving TMC, and need to be replaced. Exec is responsible to find replacements.

##### B. Boston Scottish Country Dancers (**Marsha**)

- i. They did a performance at Brookhaven.
- ii. Looking for new dancers – how do we get the word out that the branch would welcome – talk to class leaders and teachers for suggestions and recommendations.

##### C. Highland Ball (**Marsha**)

- i. Elizabeth wants to know if masks are optional or required. She thinks there will be a better attendance with masks required, but suggest that perhaps a compromise is mask-optional with a rapid-test the day of (taking their word for it). Or have masked sets and non-masked sets.

##### D. Nominating Committee (**Marsha**) –clarify what positions will be open this spring, including on TMC, and inform Nominating Comm.

##### E. Fall Concert (**Linda**)

##### F. ESCape (**Connie**)

- i. CDS Boston for a staff contract...does RSCDS have a contract – yes – please speak with Marsha and TMC.
- ii. Does RSCDS have a prohibited listed of campers? – maybe – please speak with Jeremy.

##### G. Scottish Sessions Pinewoods (**Bill**)

##### H. Membership (**Cathy**)

##### I. Website (**David**)

- i. To be tabled to next meeting

##### J. Equipment (**Connie**)

- i. No news

##### K. Publicity (**Alena**)

- i. No news

- L. Loon Mountain Games (Sept. 16-18) (**Alena**)
  - i. No news
- M. New Hampshire Highlands (**Alena**)
  - i. No news
- N. Bookstore (**Alena**)
  - i. No news
- O. Tartan Times (**Emily**)
  - i. Barbara will publish the next two editions. May will be her way to say goodbye. Cathy Fahey will start with the July edition.
- P. Class Liaisons
  - i. Tabled to next meeting. We ran out of time.

V. Continuing business:

- A. Website Update : Progress on up-dating and rethinking website content; formation of a sub-committee to consolidate routine edits and identify substantive issues for discussion at the next meeting
  - i. Ted, Bill, Connie, and David to form committee to work on this.
- B. Zoom brainstorming session with Class Leaders –
  - i. Linda drafted and sent via email. We all agreed that she will send it to class leaders.

VI. New business

- A. Preliminary responses to MaryEllen's suggestions regarding briefing terms for SCD
  - i. Tabled to next meeting, we ran out of time.

VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 7:15

*Optional reports:* Archives (Emily); Calendar (Marsha)

## **Officers and Liaisons for 2022-2023**

### **Officers**

President: Linda

VP: Marsha

Treasurer: Cathy

Secretary: Alena

### **Event Liaisons**

ESCape: Connie

Equipment: Connie

Demo team: Marsha

Nominating Committee: Marsha

Highland Ball: Marsha

TMC: Marsha

Calendar: Marsha

Membership: Cathy

NH Highlands: Anne

Tartan Times: Emily

Archives: Emily

Scottish Sessions Pinewoods: Bill

Bookstore: Alena

NH Highland Games: Alena

Publicity: Alena

Website: David

Concert: Linda

**Class Liaisons**

Great Barrington, MA: **Ted**

Northampton, MA: **Ted**

Albany, NY: **Ted**

Greenland, NH: **Bill**

Nashua, NH: **Bill**

Kennebunk, ME: **Bill**

Belfast, ME: **Anne**

Brunswick, ME: **Anne**

Bucksport, ME: **Anne**

Lancaster, NH: **David**

Fairlee, VT: **David**

Cambridge, MA: **Emily**

Bedford, MA: **Emily**

Salem, MA: **Connie**

Stow, MA: **Connie**

Chelmsford, MA: **Connie**

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