

Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Dance Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee
June 23, 2018

Present: Janet Anderson, Marsha Byrnes, Sue Chari, Cathy Crabtree, Karen Gansz, Sharon Gilmour, Cathy Goode, Susan Haines, Jeffrey Hopper, John Salyards, Jeremy Thorpe

Absent: Winifred McGowan

- 1. Introductions** – Jeremy welcomed new members Karen Gansz and Winifred McGowan (in absentia) and provided an overview of the responsibilities of the Executive Committee. These basic duties include approving budgets, approving music subsidy requests, serving as liaisons to Branch events and classes, discussing the needs of the Branch (such as a progressive beginners' class), finding people to run events and to serve on committees, having a voice concerning voting and decision-making at the HQ AGM, and executing more publicity for the Branch. These meetings are open to the public except for very rare occasions where an executive session is required.
- 2. Minutes from the May 23, 2018 meeting** – The minutes were approved with one correction. In the Class Liaisons section, the Northampton class is requesting a music subsidy for 3 musicians, not 2.
- 3. Treasurer's Report** (Cathy C.) – Cathy reports that due to Pinewoods fees, the total liabilities and net assets total \$111,665.00. The only prepaid expense is \$125.00 for the hall rental for the Joint Ceildh. It appears that the Branch is on track for a good year owed in part to a successful Fall Concert.
The Boston Scottish Country Dancers have been making/earning money, which led to a discussion concerning a stipend for the administrators and teacher/choreographers. Exec proposed and approved paying \$200.00 to the lead teacher, \$100.00 to the administrator, and \$50.00 to the choreographer.
- 4. Reports from Liaisons** –
 - a) Joint Ceilidh (November 10, 2018) (Cathy C.) – Jeff is working on a grant application from NHScots (\$500.00 to \$1000.00). The money would be used to help underwrite the cost of the musicians. The application must be submitted by the first of August and the committee will meet in August. Cathy C. will be sending information on the Joint Ceilidh for publication in the *Tartan Times*.
 - b) Highland Ball (May 18 – 20, 2018) (Cathy C.) – The Ball was quite successful, and the attendees enjoyed the food and the singing that occurred during the cocktail hour.
The date for next year's Ball is May 11, 2019 (Mother's Day weekend).

Suggestions were made for the chairs/Ball Committee and for the band leader. Jeremy will be contacting them.

- c) ESCape (July 2-6, 2018) (Sharon) – Everything is all set with the program, the musicians, etc. There are just two available spaces, meaning that there are more people signed up than ever before. The cut-off will be at 135.
- d) Scottish Sessions Pinewoods (July 6-14, 2018) (Jeremy) – There are still a few people on the wait list. Veronica's Attic will not be at camp this year because her business is not covered by our insurance.
- e) New Hampshire Highlands (August 24-26, 2018) (Susan) – Roberta Lasnik reports that the registrations are going well.
- f) Loon Mountain Games (September 2018) (Jeff) – Jeff reports that we are just waiting for the contract.
- g) Teaching and Music Committee (Janet) – The TMC would like the Highland Ball information.

As the new year is starting, Rebecca Gore and Charles Liu will be staying on the Committee, but Roberta Lasnik will be stepping down. A teacher will be needed to take her place.

TMC is still considering conducting a Beginners' Class, and Kat Dutton is willing to teach but does not have time to do the paperwork or publicity. Is there someone to do this?

Mike Little would like to know the sources for the dances that will be taught at Pinewoods, so those sources will be available in the Bookstore. Cathy C. will have Mike and Charles talk to one another

- h) *Tartan Times* (Susan) – Evelyn and Barbara would like information on the Joint Ceilidh and the changes for the Who's Who.
- i) Boston Scottish Country Dancers (Marsha) – The team performed and did well at Dance for World Community. The team does need more members, people who are committed to rehearsing on Sunday evening and working on technique.
- j) Membership (Cathy G.) – A policy on Youth Attendance at Events needs to be in place before a Youth Membership rate can be offered. Jeremy will check the San Francisco policies. It was discussed that \$25.00 would be a fair rate.
- k) Nominating Committee (Marsha) – A suggestion was made for a replacement, and Susan will follow-up with that person.
- l) Website (Jeff) – Nothing to report at this time.
- m) Publicity (Janet) – Janet has compiled a list of venues and will share it with the group. Where should it be publicized?
- n) Bookstore (Cathy C.) – The Bookstore has placed an order for books to sell at Pinewoods.

o) Equipment (Jeremy) – After the AGM, Thom Howe came forward and offered to be the equipment coordinator.

p) Class Liaisons –

- Cambridge, MA (Sue) – The class is requesting a music subsidy of \$365.00 for their end-of-the-year party to be held on June 25th. On the Monday after Pinewoods, there will be a special class with Chris Harris as the leader.

5. Old Business –

6. New Business –

- a) The bracelets advertising SCD were so popular at the New Hampshire Highland Games last year that Jeff will order 1000 at \$280.00 so there will be plenty available to hand out.
- b) The dancers really appreciate using magnets instead of having to pin their name badges to their clothing. Jeremy will order 1000.
- c) Please read the By-Laws before the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting –

- a) August 29th – Moved to Marsha's at 7:15 PM

Liaisons and officers for 2018-2019

Officers

President: Jeremy
VP: Marsha
Treasurer: Cathy C.
Secretary: Susan

Liaisons

Joint Ceilidh: Cathy C.
Highland Ball: Cathy C.
ESCape: Sharon
Scottish Sessions Pinewoods: Jeremy
NH Highlands: Susan
NH Highland Games: Jeff
TMC: Marsha
Tartan Times: Susan
Demo team: Marsha
Membership: Susan
Nominating Committee: Marsha
Website & Publicity: Jeff
Bookstore: Cathy C.
SDCEA: Sue
Equipment: John
Archives: Susan
Calendar: Jeremy

Class liaisons

Cambridge, MA: Sue
Brookline, MA: Sue
Stow, MA: Sharon
Newton, MA: Sue
Chelmsford, MA: John
Great Barrington, MA: Winifred
Northampton, MA: Winifred
Salem, MA: Sharon
Greenland, NH: John
Nashua, NH: John
Belfast, ME: John
Brunswick, ME: John
Kennebunk, ME: John
Fairlee, VT: Karen
Montpelier, VT: Karen
Burlington, VT: Karen
Albany, NY: Winifred