

**Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Dance Society**  
**Minutes of the Executive Committee**  
March 25, 2020

**Present for phone meeting:** Marsha Byrnes, Cathy Crabtree, Karen Gansz, Susan Haines, Winifred McGowan, Linda McJannet, Lance Ramshaw, John Salyards, Jeremy Thorpe

**Absent:** Sharon Gilmour

- 1. Minutes from the February 26, 2020 meeting** – The minutes were approved as submitted.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report (Cathy)** - Cathy reports that the total liabilities and net assets stand at \$69,643. The first deposit to Pinewoods for ESCape and Scottish Sessions has been paid. Refunds for Highland Ball tickets have been made. Camper fees for Pinewoods are still being received. Pinewoods will return the deposit if the camp needs to close/cancel. The decision should be made at the full board meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>.  
The Albany class requested a music subsidy for their November 2019 party. The Northampton class requested a music subsidy for its June 2020 party. Both subsidies were approved.
- 3. New Business –**
  - a. COVID-19 response – The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing possible options for adequately/properly handling Pinewoods (plans, teachers, musicians, co-chairs, etc.) if camp is cancelled.
- 4. Reports from Liaisons** – These reports were received but the information was not relayed to the committee.
  - a. Equipment (John) – Thom Howe has asked what should be done with the old equipment. Exec agreed that it could be sold on eBay and the proceeds could be used to help purchase the mixer.
  - b. AGM – The AGM is scheduled for June 1, 2020 and could be held as a ZOOM meeting.
  - c. Loon Mountain Games (September 18 – 20, 2020) (Karen) – Merrill Henderson reports that there is no info about this year's NH Games yet. She is hopeful that they will go on. The NHSCOT web site still has info about their trip to the NY Tartan Day Parade, even though it has been cancelled, so they obviously are not thinking far enough ahead to have any idea about the games.
  - d. New Hampshire Highlands (August 28 – 30, 2020) (Susan) – Roberta Lasnik reports that the flyer/application was presented at the New Haven Ball on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The information has not yet been posted on the Branch website. “We are in the wait and see mode.”

- e. *Tartan Times* (Susan) – Evelyn Murray reports that she has nothing to add at this time. Barbara managed to finish and get distributed (Here John came into the scene) the last issue. Sadly, most of the events were cancelled or rescheduled. It might help if news of how members are coping would be of interest to maintain contacts while we self-isolate. The next issue copy due date is 10th April. Evelyn and Barbara would welcome comments, letters, stories, etc. for this issue.
- f. Class Liaisons –
  - Burlington VT (Karen) – Connie Kent reports that she was planning to have a small social evening in Burlington, VT at the end of this month, but--no surprises--it's been cancelled. Any hopes of holding another one in April have also been dashed.
  - Fairlee, VT (Karen) – Gary Apfel reports that, to the best of his knowledge, all class members at present remain healthy. Like every other class, we they are not dancing at present. Cancellation of the spring fling on May 16 appears inevitable, although they have yet formally decided to pull the proverbial trigger. Best wishes to others across the Branch.
  - Belfast, ME (Karen) – Gayle Koyanagi reports that the Belfast, ME class is on hiatus (no groups larger than 10).
  - Blue Hill, ME (Karen) – Mike and Dawn Little report that the Belfast and Blue Hill classes are on break until this mess eases up. The Belfast Party is still on - a decision will be made next month as to whether to cancel or not - let us hope and pray that this has eased, and we can DANCE again.
  - Brunswick, ME (Karen) – Patti Tillotson reports that the class is not meeting until I don't know when.  
The Annual Fall Dance Party will be Sat. October 17 and the musicians will be Ed Pearlman and Beth Murray.  
They were happy to host the Workshop on Feb 29 and had very good feedback from the participants. Dancers from all of the Maine classes attended along with several others. Thanks to the Branch for supporting this as it is a very valuable thing for us.
  - Northampton and Great Barrington, MA (Winifred) - Both groups have cancelled their classes for now.
  - Albany, NY (Winifred) – The group held its first virtual class via zoom this week.

## 5. Next Meeting -

- a. April 29