

Minutes of the 60th AGM RSCDS Wellington Region

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.30pm, Trust Room, Johnsonville Community

Centre, 3 Frankmoore Avenue, Johnsonville.

Present: Ann Oliver (President), Margaret Cantwell (Treasurer), Ann Aspey (Secretary) and 15 other members.

Elaine Laidlaw, Michael Laidlaw, Desiree Patterson, Damon Collin, Melva Waite, Lynne Scott, James Scott, Aileen Logie, Elaine Lethbridge, Philippa Pointon, Edith Campbell, Jeanette Watson, Peter Beaumont, Lee Miller, Vicky Ryan

Ann Oliver noted that there were fewer members present than the quorum of at least 25 Members (or 30% (whichever is less) required by the Constitution but that the AGM could under Clause 7.5.2 of the Constitution receive reports and statements of accounts, elect the Region Committee, appoint a delegate(s) to attend the Branch AGM and appoint a reviewer.

1. **Apologies:** Elizabeth Ferguson, Diane Bradshaw, Duncan McDonald, Andrew Oliver, Michele Miller, Mary McDonald, Kristin Downey, Rod Downey, Eileen South, Roy South. The apologies were accepted.
2. **Bereavements:** Bernice Kelly, Alan Billing, Pauline Quinn, Pamela Stent. Ann Oliver gave particular acknowledgment to the great contribution Bernice Kelly had made to the Region. A minute's silence was observed for the deceased.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** The Minutes had been circulated previously and were taken as read. Ann Aspey moved that they were a true and correct record of the 60th AGM, seconded by Melva Waite. Carried.
4. **Matters arising:** Nil.
5. **Notification of items of general business:** Melva Waite raised the issue of YouTube videos, to be discussed later in the meeting.
6. **Reports:**
 - a. **President's Report:** Ann Oliver spoke to her report for the year (Appendix 1). An amendment to her report relating to the Advanced Technique Class and Teachers' Workshop was raised by Damon Collin and noted: that the Advanced Technique class was the prime initiative, the Teachers' Workshop was added to that. Ann Oliver thanked Duncan McDonald for his work during the year and noted that he was standing down as Vice-President. Ann Oliver moved that her report be accepted, seconded by Damon Collin. Carried.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report:** Margaret Cantwell presented her report (Appendix 2) to the meeting. Margaret noted that there was a deficit in income for the year. She further noted that the deficit from the 60th Anniversary Ball would have been greater but for the contributions given by members and particularly mentioned that of Duncan McDonald. She noted that the Committee had subsidised the Ball in recognition of

the contributions made by members over the years. Margaret Cantwell moved that her Report be accepted, seconded by Jeanette Watson.

- c. **New Dancers' Celebration:** Elaine Laidlaw spoke to her report (Appendix 3) saying that cancellation had been delayed until the government announcement was made; that it was disappointing given the amount of work put in by the committee, the band and by the dancers in learning dances on the programme. She said that there were 88 new dancers invitations issued, including 20 from Rangitikei Region. Melva Waite noted that there had been 75-80 new dancers biennially for the New Dancers' Celebration. The meeting discussed whether the threshold for new dancers should be increased from 2 years' experience to 3 for next year's dance, given the Covid disruptions. The meeting agreed. Elaine Laidlaw moved that her report be accepted, seconded by Margaret Cantwell. Carried.
- d. **JAMS:** Elaine Lethbridge gave an oral report from the floor. There was no social function for the Junior Dancers this year because of Covid. She is still experiencing difficulties with the Branch in regards to communication with the JAMs plus has found that some groups who have been registered are not on the database. The NZ Branch President had noted the difficulty and this will be taken up. There will be a combined medal test with Rangitikei Region around May/June 2022.
- e. **Newsletter editor:** Desiree Patterson spoke to her Report Harbour City Happenings (HCH) (Appendix 4). She mentioned that she does need to have access to the HCH bank account to check that people receiving the printed version have paid. James Scott asked about the copy of HCH that is provided to the National Library and said that an electronic copy may suffice. Desiree will look into this. Desiree Moved that her report be accepted, seconded by Ann Oliver – carried.
- f. **Website:** Philippa Pointon gave an oral report. She said that, with Lorelee Hyde's help the homepage has been redone, areas have been added to the archives project and a tab added for the dance collections with the intention of publishing the Harbour City and the Morrison's Bush dance books online instead of reprinting them. The number of visits to the website has doubled since last year. James Scott asked if different hosting had been considered. Philippa said this had been delayed until 2022 and she would be asking for his assistance over the summer. Elaine Lethbridge mentioned that the copyright that devisers have in their dances should be considered when publishing dances on line.

Ann Oliver thanked everyone for their reports and their work during the year.

7. Election of officers:

Officer	Nomination	Nominator	Secunder
President	Ann Oliver	Ann Aspey	Ted Aspey
Secretary	Michele Miller	Ann Oliver	Elaine Laidlaw
Treasurer	Margaret Cantwell	Jeanette Watson	Peter Beaumont

Ann Oliver proposed that the nominations be accepted, seconded by Edith Campbell.

Margaret Cantwell asked the meeting if they would be happy for the Region Committee to appoint a Vice-President during the year. The meeting agreed.

Committee Members:

Nomination	Nominator	Secunder
Damon Collin	Elaine Lethbridge	Melva Waite
Jeanette Watson	Lee Miller	Michele Miller
Elaine Laidlaw	Ann Oliver	Ann Aspey
Elaine Lethbridge	Duncan McDonald	Gaye Collin
Aileen Logie	Desiree Patterson	Ann Aspey
Rod Downey	Ann Aspey	Ann Oliver
Philippa Pointon	Ann Aspey	Ann Oliver

Ann Oliver declared these nominees to be the committee for 2022. Carried.

8. Region appointments:

Reviewer: Margaret Cantwell moved that Pat Waite, who has agreed to accept the appointment, be appointed Reviewer for the 2022 year. Seconded by Elaine Lethbridge.

Newsletter Editor: Desiree Patterson agreed to remain as the editor for the following year.

Youth Coordinator: Elaine Lethbridge agreed to remain as Youth Coordinator for the 2022 year.

Ann Oliver thanked these appointees for agreeing to continue in these roles and for the work they have done to date.

9. Officers' Expenses:

Ann Oliver noted that the previous practice was to pay \$200.00 to the President and Secretary, \$175.00 for the Treasurer, \$75.00 for the Reviewer and \$100.00 for the HCH Editor and proposed this continue. Ann Oliver proposed that the payment to the Treasurer be increased to \$200.00, seconded by Damon Collin. Ann Oliver moved that these fees be accepted, seconded by Jeanette Watson, carried.

10. NZ Branch AGM – 1st January 2022:

It was confirmed that this meeting would be able to be attended by Zoom. Anyone can attend this meeting on Zoom, just as they could attend any AGM.

a. Appointment of delegates: The meeting was advised that 3 delegates were required and between them had 8 votes. The meeting agreed to appoint Jeanette Watson, Ann Oliver and Elaine Lethbridge as the Region delegates.

b. Guidance to delegates on Notices of Motion (NoM) :

The delegates have 8 votes.

ii. One person one vote - This proposes that each financial member should have one vote for Notices of Motion. Lee Miller told the meeting that this is an in principle motion and if favoured then further detail will be supplied. After some discussion involving a mix of opinion a vote was taken – In favour, 12; Against 5; 1 abstention. **5 Region votes in favour 3 against.**

iii. One person one vote on motions regarding determination of Branch fees and expenses for office bearers. Again there was some discussion the concern

expressed being that an individual might vote to cut expenses thus cutting their membership fee without realising the work done by the Branch Management Committee to support dancing. Lee Miller advised that the idea behind this is that each member is competent to vote with all the necessary information, if they do not agree they can opt out of membership.

Ann Oliver proposed that delegates vote in the same proportion as the previously discussed NoM. Agreed.

- iv. Remit: Sustainable funding for NZ Regions. This was the Wellington Region's proposal to support ongoing work in the Regions. After considerable discussion, the Lower Hutt SCD club not in favour, the meeting voted. The delegates will vote **Against 2** (Lower Hutt has 29 of 140 members in the Region so is only a small proportion of the Region) **and For 6**
The meeting was told another option considered by the Region committee for sustainable funding was to levy club members, regardless of RSCDS membership, as all club members' benefit from Region activities.
- v. Honoraria and payments for Management Committee position holders- to assess whether the balance between total cost and fairness is being struck: Lee Miller told the meeting that this was a response to the Wellington remit. The question is whether the Branch is spending on matters not directly benefitting members, is the way the 2016 Review has been implemented still appropriate? **Votes:** For 15; against 2, **Delegates should vote 7 in Favour; 1 against.**
- vi. Motion for the determination of membership fees for 2022/2023. After some discussion the meeting agreed: **In Favour 17; Abstained; 1. Delegates should vote in favour.**
- vii. Determination of expenses – Honoraria and payments for Management Committee position holders. **Meeting agreed to this NoM. Agreed to transfer the balance not spent to the next year.**
- viii. Notice of motion – honoraria and payment for Non-Management Committee position holders. **The meeting agreed to this notice.**
- ix. Nominations for Management Committee 2021 -2022. Only in the case of the IT coordinator is there more than one nomination. The meeting was told that the current IT coordinator has done a great deal to improve the functionality of the website and the membership renewal processes. After some discussion the meeting agreed that Andrew be nominated for this year but that a suggestion be made to the Branch that assistance be provided to him and succession planning considered. With increasing use of IT an additional person may be needed, however it was recognised that the Constitution would need to be changed to effect this. **The delegates were guided to agree to appointment of the nominees, with Andrew Patterson being favoured for IT position.**

Ann Oliver noted that the general understanding was that the delegates were permitted to alter votes from that agreed by the meeting after listening to the discussion from the floor.

11. RSCDS (Headquarters) – 6th November 2021 – Synopsis (Full details can be found at <https://www.rscds.org/events/autumn-gathering-2021>)

a. Appointment of delegates: The meeting agreed to continue the appointment of Elaine Laidlaw and Michele Miller as delegates.

b. Discussion on motions:

- To update membership subscription – basic full annual subscription to be increased to 25 pounds per annum (\$15.00NZ). This was discussed and the meeting was told that Headquarters was looking at ways to reduce costs. This increase is necessary even though we might not consider it desirable. The meeting agreed to the proposal to increase fees however agreed that it should be raised if possible whether remote Branches could pay differential fees, to reflect the fact that they are unable to avail themselves of all the Headquarters' activities based in the UK.
- To update RSCDS governing documents re virtual meetings, digital voting and RSCDS Honorary President and bringing Management Committee remits in line with 2021 Trustees' Report. The meeting supported this motion.

12. General business:

a. Hogmanay: The meeting was told that a programme had been prepared by Damon and Gaye Collin and sent to Clubs. A registration form is now on the website and has been sent to all clubs in Wellington and four clubs in Rangitikei Region. The Knox Church hall in Lower Hutt has been booked for the occasion. Elaine Laidlaw, who is organising the occasion said she needed help with decorations and asked for volunteers to make black bun and shortbread. Elaine Lethbridge will be in charge of the kitchen.

YouTube videos: Melva Waite asked if there were any rules relating to putting videos on YouTube as some members were uncomfortable that their privacy was affected by the practice. There was some discussion about this. At Summer School permission for videoing dancers is requested as part of the registration form. The Region Committee will look into this. One option would be to speak to the person taking the videos. NOTE: Elaine Lethbridge advised that the devisers' new dances should not be put onto YouTube without their permission.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm.

Appendix 1.

Presidents Report 2021

This year we have celebrated the 60th Anniversary of dancing in the Wellington region. Given our desire to mark this event in style the dancing calendar has been very full and we have been amazingly lucky to continue to enjoy dancing with limited disruptions from the continuing Covid pandemic.

The first event on the calendar was of course Hogmanay. Due to the cancellation of Summer School the event was considerably larger than usual and we were able to see in the New Year with not only our own Wellington dancers but a good number of those from around the country. While Andrew (Oliver) and I were the named “organisers”, we had amazing helpers from right across the region. Thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success.

In January and February Summer Dancing again took place at the Old Government Building. The weather unfortunately was inclement on a number of the nights making us head indoors. The venue is however lovely and in a good central location which enables dancers from around the region to meet and greet after a few weeks holiday, helping to get brains and feet into gear for the dancing season.

In line with the region mission statement, “To promote and facilitate a vibrant and sustainable Scottish country dancing community in the Wellington region”, in addition to the usual half day classes for Advanced and Intermediate levels, and the May-June block of Basics classes, the Region Committee ran :

- Teachers' workshops in April, for which we invited Katharine Hoskyn down from Auckland as the class facilitator. This initiative was well received and it was great for teachers to share ideas and experiences to allow them in turn to encourage and inspire all levels of dancers across the region. In conjunction with these workshops an Advanced Technique class was also held, to make the most of Katharine's visit to the Capital. An invitation only approach was adopted for this class as a trial. While this is a new approach for Wellington it is common overseas.
- A second block of Basics Classes from July – September. These classes were well attended and allowed us not only to extend the dancing of those who starting at the beginning of the year, but also to cater for a few who had just started , and who would otherwise not have been able to attend such a class until 2022.

To address the concerns raised in last year's survey, regarding the need to improve communication, the committee has this year made the region newsletter, the Harbour City Happenings, free to all, and actively distributed it to RSCDS members and clubs in the region. We are hopeful that that having this newsy publication, so competently edited by Désirée Patterson more widely distributed will ensure everyone is kept informed.

To recognise the amazing talent of our many devisers in the region two books of dances have been put together this year.

- The first is the Covid Dances (published on the region website) these resulted from a challenge I set in May 2020 to devise a dance which allows for “Social Distancing” to be

demonstrated in the dance. Two afternoon sessions were held in April and May to trial these dances. I was impressed by the incredible imagination of our devisers and the huge variation in interpretation of the challenge. It was extremely difficult deciding on the winners. Well done to all who took part and I do hope we see some of these dances picked up and added to our regional repertoire.

- The second book, shortly to be launched, is the Wellington Region 60th Anniversary Book. This book is made up of dances by local devisers who were personally invited to submit unpublished dances. The dances were then selected by blind trial by a group of volunteers. My thanks to Elaine Lethbridge and her subcommittee for their efforts in putting this together in a relatively short timeframe.

Then of course to celebrate the 60th year of the Region we held a Dinner and Dance at the Lower Hutt Town Hall in early August. This was an evening of formality and fun, and an event at which the lifetime friendships that are very much part of our dancing community were evident. As part of the evening we remembered the many people who have contributed to dancing in our region over the decades, and without who we would not be dancing today. Our reminiscing was greatly aided by the photos and videos shown throughout the evening, prepared as part of the Archival Project initiated this year.

The dedicated efforts of the Dance sub-committee, led by Duncan McDonald and the Archival Project sub-committee, led by Philippa Pointon ensured that the evening was enjoyed by all. My thanks to all those who helped to make the evening a success.

Unfortunately we have been unable to follow up the success of the 60th Dinner and Dance with the regular success of the New Dancers Celebration. After a good run this year, Covid has reared its head again and the current restrictions prevent gatherings of this type. It is very disappointing that this event, which is always so eagerly anticipated and well attended, has had to be cancelled and I want to recognise all the hard work that has gone in to organise the event. Thank you very much Elaine Laidlaw and the Carterton Club, and thanks also, to the Saltire Band who I know would have put in many hours of practice prior to the cancellation.

The year has been a very busy one and I would like to recognise the hard work of the Region committee and all those who have helped this year to add to the vibrancy of the dancing community. Thank you. In particular I would also like to thank Ann Aspey, who after three years of supporting us as Secretary is standing down from this position. Thank you Ann.

Ann Oliver, President
10 November 2021

Appendix 2.

RSCDS Wellington Region Treasurer's Report for AGM, 2th November 2021

Charitable Status:

In accordance with reporting requirements we need to note the objectives of our organisation comply with a charitable not-for-profit status.

The Wellington Region of the New Zealand Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is a not-for-profit organisation that exists to promote and support the enjoyment of Scottish Country dancing within Wellington and to work with other regions and the New Zealand Branch to support dancing across New Zealand, in collaboration with the international organisation.

The Wellington Region coordinates the Regional dancing calendar comprising many club activities, and organises a series of region dancing workshops (the Region classes), a New Dancers' Celebration dance and other special dance events. The Region also supports youth dancing, and the availability and development of dancing tutors and musicians. Activities are promoted by emails to clubs, a website and by a regular newsletter - *Harbour City Happenings*.

The Wellington Region does not charge membership fees. The costs of its activities are funded by a modest surplus generated from the running of events, in particular the Region classes. All funds received are used to support the objectives of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in the Wellington Region.

Financial Statements:

I present the accounts for the financial year ending 31 August 2021. These accounts have been reviewed by Patrick Waite QSM FCA.

I would like to note the ongoing support to the Region provided by the kind services of Pat. We are very fortunate to have someone with his level of knowledge and experience available to call upon, and I would like to take this occasion to thank him on behalf of the Region.

Harbour City Happenings, which has previously been accounted for separately and consolidated into these statements was amalgamated with the Region accounts from 1 September 2020.

Overall the Region ran at a deficit for the year.

Income from events run by the Region includes:

- New Dancers Celebration (calendar 2020) made a net surplus of \$247.10.
- Hogmanay 2019-20 made a net surplus of \$326.98.
- The 60th Anniversary Ball made net loss of (\$439.59)
- Donations collected at Summer dancing evenings totalled \$120.50 with expenses of \$120 for a surplus of \$0.50.

- Region classes (calendar 2021) made a net profit of \$663.00, detailed below:

	Receipts	Expenses	Surplus/Loss	Attendees	Fee	No. Classes
Basics 1	\$698.00	\$400.00	\$298.00	17	40	5
Very Advanced	\$390.00	\$241.00	\$149.00	25	15	1
Teachers 1 & 2	\$535.00	\$457.00	\$78.00	20	30	2
Basics 2	\$448.00	\$560.00	-\$112.00	16	40	4
Intermediate	\$465.00	\$370.00	\$95.00	14	30	2
Advanced	\$450.00	\$370.00	\$80.00	19	30	2
NDC practise			\$0.00		2	
trial COVID	\$235.00	\$100.00	\$135.00			2
Catering		\$60.00	-\$60.00			
Total			<u>\$663.00</u>			
Surplus/Loss			<u>\$663.00</u>			

As the costs and receipts for the calendar 2021 classes are split over two financial years, the net surplus for classes for the *financial* year 2021 is \$791. This includes receipts for Basics 2, Intermediate and Advanced class (Sept 21) received before 31 August 2021, and recognition of expenses for the Advanced and Intermediate classes (21 Sept 20) and New Dancers classes (Oct 20) which combined to contribute an additional net surplus of \$128.

In addition:

- Harbour City Happenings made a small surplus of \$132.64
- our funds in the bank earned interest of \$7.31, with the Term deposit interest only payable on maturity in December 2021; and
- the JAM account received donations of \$510.

The main outgoings for the year other than for classes included:

Payments were made to Region Officers for the 2019-20 year of \$650.

The Region invested in a wireless sound system \$1136.00 for which a grant was received from the NZ Branch. A further \$265.25 was spent on board printed with the RSCDS tartan to mount programs on at Region events.

The Branch spent \$1,108.44 on a range of radio and Facebook advertising to promote dancing within the Wellington Region.

Rent payments were made for committee meetings x2 (Petone Community House, \$40) and AGM (Johnsonville Community Hall, \$60.50). (The two other committee meetings of the year was held under COVID-19 Alert Level 2 conditions at the committee members houses' which had more room for physical distancing).

The combined income from activities and expenditure resulted in the reported net position for the year being an overall surplus of (\$486.55). This is reflected in our overall bank balances increasing to \$18,954.81.

However allowance needs to be made for:

- RSCDS fees received and banked in August 2021 (included in RSCDS fees paid in the 2021-22 year) \$2,166
- Receipts for Intermediate and Advanced class (Sep21) \$00
- Payments made in 2021 pertaining to HCH Editor and for Upper Intermediate and Advanced class (Aug20) teas \$130.44
- Receipts accounted for in 2020 due for classes held in 2021 financial year \$355

After taking these amounts into account, the position would reflect a deficit of (\$1,940.01) for the year.

This deficit reflects the promotion of Scottish dancing and investment in assets made by the committee as well as the decision to underwrite a loss on the 60th Anniversary Ball to allow this to be a meaningful celebration in the face uncertainty for the dancing community with the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. The Region was in fact very fortunate over 2021 with only one Region class being cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, although we acknowledge that clubs were not so lucky with several dancing being cancelled or postponed.

Westpac Term Deposit

The term deposit of \$8,794.23, being our reserve for unexpected contingencies, remains invested at a rate of 2.6% and will mature on 10 December 2021. Given the effect of Covid-19 on interest rates, we are fortunate that the term was changed to 2 years in December 2019. No income from this investment is recognised in these accounts at the interest if paid on maturity.

Bank Accounts:

The Region now operates two General accounts and two Youth accounts – one each for day-to-day use, and one for 'savings'. Both savings accounts earn a small amount of interest. A third General account was been opened in September 2020 to receive receipts and pay expenses for the Harbour City Happenings. The separate account operated by the Editor has been closed and funds transferred to the new account.

Thank you for the Committee's support during my period as Treasurer. I would particularly like to thank the current executive team Ann Oliver and Ann Aspey for their assistance.

Thanks also to all the committee members for their efforts and dedication to dancing in Wellington.

Margaret Cantwell
Treasurer

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
NEW ZEALAND BRANCH INC
WELLINGTON REGION

Statement of Financial Performance
for the period ended 31 August 2021

	2021	2020
Income		
Region Events		
Income Hogmanay	2,088.00	\$1,508.30 *
Refund hall deposit Hogmanay		\$0.00
Income Region Classes	3,349.00	\$1,826.00
NDC Receipts	1,430.00	\$1,761.00
Summer Dancing donations	120.50	\$185.70
Income 60th Anniversary	7,835.00	\$0.00
Other Income		
Interest	7.31	\$321.01
Newsletter (HCH) receipts	410.00	\$311.34 **
JAM's Donations & Grants		\$510.00
NZ Branch Grants	1,136.00	\$0.00
Misc Donations	48.00	\$0.00
RSCDS fees received	9,303.00	\$10,643.00 ***
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$25,726.81</u>	<u>\$17,066.35</u>

Expenditure

Region Events		
Region Classes Rents	945.00	\$393.75
Region Classes expenses	188.00	\$294.02
Region Classes Tutors /Musicians	1,425.00	\$735.00
NDC Expenses	1,182.90	\$1,677.18
Hogmanay Expenses	1,761.02	\$1,475.99 *
60th Anniversary Expenses	8,274.59	\$0.00
Summer Dancing	120.00	\$120.00
Administration		
Regional Officers' Expenses	650.00	\$650.00
Stationery, Advertising etc	1,489.22	\$130.33
Assets	1,136.00	\$1,251.95
General Expenses		
Rents	100.50	\$130.44
Newsletter expenses	277.36	\$0.00 **
RSCDS fees to Branch	7,192.00	\$10,588.00
Sundries	498.67	\$3.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$25,240.26</u>	<u>\$17,449.66</u>

Excess Income over Expenditure **\$486.55** **(\$383.31)**

Adjusted financial outcome for year ended 31 August 2021


	Region net surplus/loss	\$486.55
LESS	Pay't rec'd for 2021-2022 RSCDS fees	(\$2,166.00)
LESS	Pay't rec'd for 2022 Region Classes	(\$501.00)
LESS	Pay't due in 2021	(\$245.00)
		(\$2,425.45)
PLUS	Pay'ts made 2021, due 2020	\$130.44
PLUS	Pay'ts rec'd in 2020 (Reg Classes)	\$355.00
		(\$1,940.01)


* Hogmanay expenses and receipts FY2020 includes those for 2018-19 as well as 2019-20
The 2018-19 Hogmanay expenses and receipts were not paid or recorded until 2019-20 financial year
** Newsletter expenses and receipts not previously shown separately
*** \$2,166 of RSCDS fee income for next year (2021-22 renewal period) had been received by
31 August 2021

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY INC
NEW ZEALAND BRANCH - WELLINGTON REGION

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 August 2021

	Assets	2021	2020	Movement for the year	Liabilities	2021	2020
Current					Sundry creditors	\$245.00	\$130.44
Operating Accounts					Receipts in advance	\$2,667.00	\$355.00
Region (#00)	\$2,829.19	\$1,518.53	\$1,310.66		Accumulated Funds	\$18,954.81	\$18,468.26
Youth (#01)	\$778.22	\$778.22	\$0.00		less liabilities	\$2,912.00	\$485.44
HCH (#03)	\$2,137.69	\$0.00	\$2,137.69		Net Accumulated Funds	\$16,042.81	\$17,982.82
Harbour City Happenings (#00)	\$0.00	\$2,005.05	(\$2,005.05)		Net movement in reserves	(\$1,940.01)	(\$980.75)
Savings Accounts							
Region Savings (#26)	\$1,824.10	\$2,782.16	(\$958.06)				
Youth (#02)	\$2,591.36	\$2,590.07	\$1.31				
Term Deposit							
Region Contingency fund	\$8,794.23	\$8,794.23	\$0.00				
Total Assets	\$18,954.81	\$18,468.26	\$486.55				


Ann Oliver
President Wellington Region


Margaret Cantwell
Treasurer Wellington Region

Review Report to the Members of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society Inc. New Zealand Branch – Wellington Region

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society Incorporated, New Zealand Branch – Wellington Region for the year ended 31st August 2021.

A Review is limited primarily to enquiries of association personnel and analytical review procedures applied to financial data and thus provide less assurance than an audit. I have not performed an audit and accordingly I do not express an audit opinion.

As with other organizations of a similar nature, control over income before it is recorded is limited, and no practical review procedures exist to determine the effect of this limited control.

Based on my review, in my opinion:

1. Proper accounting records have been kept by the Branch as far as appears from my examination of those records, and;
2. Nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not give a true and fair view in accordance with the relevant NZ accounting standards.



Patrick Waite QSM, FCA

22nd September 2021

Appendix 3.

New Dancers Celebration 2021

As requested the programme was circulated to clubs early in the dancing year after being approved by the Region Committee. It was also sent to the Saltire Band.

Because we regularly have dancers from both Rangitikei and Hawkes Bay/East Coast at the Carterton Club formal permission was sought from the Region Committee to issue an invitation to new dancers from the clubs in those areas. Over eighty 'new' dancers were registered by their clubs including approx. twenty from Rangitikei Region.

With the challenge of COVID-19 and the whole country initially being in lockdown it was decided to proceed with plans for the New Dancers Celebration on 9th October so the invitations were sent out to the New Dancers.

As time grew shorter and the COVID outbreak continued we agreed that a final decision would be made after the Government announcement on 4th October but there was no change of levels so the event was cancelled.

Wairarapa College had agreed to a postponement to 6th November but unfortunately Wellington Region had other commitments that weekend.

I would like to thank the members of the Saltire Band for all their preparation and also playing for the first class in October.

Elaine Laidlaw

Appendix 4.

Harbour City Happenings

Report to the Wellington Region AGM 2021

As at 21 June 2021, Harbour City Happenings had

48 email subscribers

16 postal subscribers

4 free printed issues go to the National Library Legal Deposit Office (x2), Carol Smith (original editor) and Edith Campbell.

There were no further transactions after 21 June 2021. At 31 August 2021 (end of the financial year), the bank balance stood at \$2,137.69.

At the Wellington Region Committee meeting on 8 June 2021, it was decided that from the June issue, the email version of Harbour City Happenings would be free to all who would like it. The proposal included an acknowledgement that those who had already paid the 2021 subscription would be able to claim a refund. I have received a handful of messages from email subscribers stating that they did not wish to claim a refund.

The June issue was emailed to all Wellington members of the RSCDS by the Region Secretary, Ann Aspey. It was also emailed to all Wellington clubs for further dissemination. People can continue to subscribe to receive the printed version, with a small fee charged to cover printing and postage.

Bank account

The financial spreadsheet and report for 2020-2021 are attached.

The Harbour City Happenings bank account is now being managed by the Region Treasurer, and since June 2021, cheques are no longer accepted by banks. Therefore, as any future payments for postal subscribers will be made online into the HCH account, I will have no further involvement with the HCH bank account.

Désirée Patterson

Editor, Harbour City Happenings

8 October 2021