

RSCDS NZ Branch Wellington Region Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 at Petone Community House, 6 Britannia Street, Petone.

Present: Rod Downey (President), Debbie Stephens (Treasurer), Michele Miller (Secretary), Lynne Scott, Elaine Lethbridge, Bruce Chapman, Jeanette Watson, Aileen Logie

Apologies: Edith Campbell, Elaine Laidlaw, Zoe Attwood

Meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

(R. Downey; A. Logie)

Matters arising

Region pack was located.

Banking to be set up by Rod.

Website strategy: who to back-up the content? Defer to next meeting.

Facebook updates. Rod to ask Desiree & Lorelee.

Summer Dancing:

- a. Three or four sets attended each evening.
- b. The final evening was cancelled because of wet weather. There is no longer a wet weather venue in VUW.
- c. Decided to keep koha container with sound gear at Scotts' house.
- d. The banner is with Robert for Johnsonville beginners' class.

Bereavements: none were notified in this quarter.

Finance Report

- a. See version 3. Very few transactions during this period.
- b. Thanks to those who banked the Summer Dancing koha \$125.30.
- c. Added Debbie as signatory but not Rod (yet). Removed Margaret, Ann O and Ann Asprey.
- d. Expenses and income are about the same as previous years.

(R. Downey, J. Watson)

Grant to clubs for advertising: requests received from Lower Hutt (Hutt News), Johnsonville (ads, posters, Herald) and Tawa (banner). Agreed to give \$200 to these clubs. (L. Scott, A. Logie)

Ngaio club didn't get an advertising email. [After the meeting, Michele apologised to Ngaio club. They are planning a family night in September and requested support for that. See next meeting.]

Correspondence

Since our last meeting, the secretary received 225 emails and sent 112 emails on the following topics:

- Club information 2023
- Club reports for NZ Dancer
- Region minutes, agenda for Feb meeting, change of signatories
- Branch AGM and other business
- Suggestion for Hogmanay Committee - see later discussion
- Summer Dancing

- Region events 2023 and tutors for classes
- Combined Centenary Event 2023

No postal correspondence was received or sent.

(M. Miller; R. Downey)

2023 Calendar

1. Early [Wellington] Dances. 29 April.

Iain Boyd is coordinating the team of tutors. Devisors will teach their own dances. Aileen will contact Iain regarding the music. Agreed to a gift of \$20 per tutor/musician. Price for attendees is \$10, to be paid at the door.

2. Region classes as table below.

Aileen offered to be the class coordinator with Debbie as backup.

Thank you to Elaine Lethbridge for preparing the Region booklet in time for the first night at clubs.

After investigating other halls, we decided to keep the evening classes at St David's with St Paul's Waiwhetu as a reserve. Elaine Lethbridge now has the phone number.

Registration form should include the privacy statement.

Elaine will prepare name tags once the class list is finalised.

Event	100th anniversary	Basics	Intermediate	Advanced	New dancer's prep	New Dancers' Celebration
Coordinator	Rod	Aileen Debbie (back up)			TBA	Elaine & Carterton committee
Gopher	Tutor to organise. Also ask tutor if extras are required					
Comms and regs	Aileen (flyer), Michele (emails), Debbie (finance), Jeanette (registration form)					Michele and Carterton
Tutor	Devisors	Elizabeth	Susanna	Jeanette	TBA	Carterton
Venue	St John's	St David's	St David's	St John's	St David's	See email
Dates	29 April	2, 16, 30 May, 13, 27 June	9, 23 May, 6, 20 June	24 June, 8 July	20 Sept 3 Oct	7 Oct
Pricing	\$10	\$45 for 5	\$35 for 4	\$20 each	TBA (\$2?)	See email
Musician(s)	Aileen & Hilary	CDs Last class live	Lynne to organise	Lynne to organise	?	See email

3. New Dancer's Celebration.

Email from Elaine Laidlaw with budget and programme. [Circulated after the meeting to all committee]. Programme to be sent to club tutors. **ACTION:** Michele

Noted the budget didn't use the price structure discussed at December's meeting. **ACTION:** Michele.

4. Combined Centenary event. Report from Rod.
 A small committee with members from Wellington, Rangitikei, and Hawkes Bay East Coast regions has met via Zoom twice and corresponded via email.
 The event will be held on 4 November 2023 at College Street School Hall with the Balmoral Band. To be catered by Nicole's pipe band as a fundraiser. Grant of \$1200 from NZ Branch has been received. McDonalds to provide sound equipment.
 This committee may investigate combined transport.

Communications/Advertising/Website

- a. Agreed advertising is best done at club level.
- b. Johnsonville found Facebook effective but there are security issues.
- c. Thanks to Lee and James for volunteering for the website.
- d. Criteria for Region classes to be sent to all clubs **ACTION:** Michele

Appreciation Award(s) 2023

Call for nominations in HCH **ACTION:** Rod and in email to clubs **ACTION:** Michele

Other business

1. Agreed to dispose of all Region equipment and archival material currently stored at Elena's house as they are poor quality. **ACTION:** Rod to organise pick up and disposal.
2. Agreed to retain the current approach rather than introduce a tender process for bands.
3. Agreed to call for expressions of interest for a Hogmanay organising committee. [HCH and email to clubs] **ACTION:** Michele.
4. Lynne informed the group of renovated Belmont Hall which is a good dance venue.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Received from Lynne regarding class musicians:

Dear Region tutors,

Our Wellington musicians are looking forward to playing for your classes in May, June and July. Please see the attached schedule for the allocations and contact details.

Musicians will appreciate having enough lead time to research, prepare and practise the music for your classes. Two weeks' lead time would be helpful, where possible. If you have any questions/problems, do get back to me.

Kind regards,
Lynne

Region Classes 2023

Tutor	Musicians	Instruments	Musician's contact email
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Tuesday 9 May	7.30 - 9.30pm	Petone Intermediate	Susanna Aileen	Accordion
aelogie@gmail.com				

Tuesday 23 May	7.30 - 9.30pm	Petone Intermediate	Susanna	Lynne & Mary
Piano & fiddle		Lynne@scott.gen.nz		
Tuesday 6 June	7.30 - 9.30pm	Petone Intermediate	Susanna	Jason Accordion
jcmorris@xtra.co.nz				
Tuesday 20 June	7.30 - 9.30pm	Petone Intermediate	Susanna	Mary & Duncan
Fiddle & drums		dunmar22@gmail.com		
Saturday 24 June	1 - 4pm	Jville Advanced	Jeanette	Lynne & Mary
Piano & fiddle		Lynne@scott.gen.nz		
Tuesday 27 June	7.30 - 9.30pm	Petone Basics	Elizabeth	Jason (A) & Lynne (P)
Accordion & piano		jcmorris@xtra.co.nz		
Saturday 8 July	1 - 4pm	Jville Advanced	Jeanette	Aileen & Hilary
Accordion & fiddle		aelogie@gmail.com		