

## **RSCDS Wellington Region Committee**

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 12 December 2023, 7.30pm Petone Community House, 6 Britannia St, Petone.

Attending: Rod Downey, Debbie Stephens, Lynne Scott, Elaine Lethbridge, Aileen Logie, Janice Henson, Brenda Vale

1a. Bruce Chapman, Zoe Attwood, and Elaine Laidlaw were co-opted on to region committee. Bruce and Janice and Zoe and Elaine are alternates.

1b. Apologies: Edith Campbell, Elaine Laidlaw/Zoe Attwood.

2. Bereavements: None reported.

3. a) Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as true record (Janice/Rod).

b) Matters arising were all noted as achieved.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Debbie spoke to the report noting a small profit from New Dancers. Expenses currently more than income because RSCDS fees came out in September. Next expense will be Hogmanay.

Elaine emphasised payments should be made immediately invoices received.

Brenda to go to Westpac to sort out signatory. On-line signatories should be Debbie/Rod/Brenda. When complete others will be removed.

Report accepted (Debbie/Rod).

### **5. Correspondence**

Verbal summary given. Most correspondence has been to do with the region's report for NZ Scottish Dancer (item 8), information from clubs regarding personnel changes and dates for next year and seeking tutors for 2024 region classes. Next time summary will be with agenda.

### **6. Reports**

1. Archival committee. Committee had provided material for Edith Campbell's citation and the Centenary Ball.

2. New Dancers 2023. Report from Elaine Laidlaw tabled. Rod thanked Elaine for her report. New Dancers guidelines to be amended to suggest an earlier start if venue is at distance.

3. Clubs to be reminded to circulate Hogmanay details to their members. Hogmanay guidelines have been sent to those involved.

4. The Centenary Ball reports had been circulated. The region was happy with the small loss of \$270.

### **7. Planning for 2024**

a) It was agreed the region classes would be in the same pattern as last year, with five basics classes running alternate weeks with four intermediate classes, and two advanced class days later in the year. Dates will be finalised when Elaine has booked the halls. Janice will take over as the class co-

ordinator for 2024. Musicians could be available for some or all intermediate classes but this will be the tutor's decision. There will be a musician for the last basics class.

b) There will be two practice classes for the New Dancers Celebration, occurring on the two Tuesday evenings prior to the dance at Knox Hall on 12 October. Lower Hutt will advise who will take these classes.

c) Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of April will be the Book 1 Centenary event. Rod will devise programme. Elaine will book St John's, and Lynne will liaise with Rod over the live music.

d) Region committee dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Region AGM 5<sup>th</sup> November.

e) Chris is to co-ordinate summer dancing. Elaine will check with Edith how this is organised with the university. Lynne will organise flag. Dates are 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> February at a new time of 7.00pm-8.45pm. Désirée will prepare advert for summer dancing that can go on region website.

8. Noted that the region report has been completed and sent to Désirée for NZ Scottish Country Dancer.

9. Branch Grant. The committee decided it was too late to deal with this this year, but we should consider what we might apply for next year.

10. General business.

a) Following James' letter, the Branch are organising a way to take over ownership of the region website. Lynn was asked to thank James for his detailed letter.

b) Rod is to write to the Branch about the lack of support for JAMS. The region wishes to encourage JAMS to come to the Wellington summer school.

The meeting closed at 9.31pm.