

## **RSCDS Wellington Region Committee**

Minutes of meeting Tuesday 27 February 2024, 7.30pm Petone Community House, 6 Britannia St, Petone.

1. Attending: Rod Downey, Debbie Stephens, Lynne Scott, Elaine Lethbridge, Aileen Logie, Janice Henson, Edith Campbell, Zoe Attwood, Brenda Vale

Apologies from Elaine Laidlaw

In future Carterton representatives can zoom if wished, via Rod Downey's phone.

2. Bereavements

Notice was received of the death of Bronwyn Maysmor who had been a long term and staunch supporter of Scottish Country Dancing in the region. Rod Downey is to write a tribute for the next HCH.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

A number of necessary minor corrections were pointed out. In future all names in minutes to be in full and minutes will be circulated for correction as soon as they are ready and committee members given a week to respond.

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the 12 December 2023 meeting (Rod Downey/Aileen Logie).

Matters arising

- 7.00pm worked for summer dancing this year (see Item 6)
- Debbie Stephens stated the email to Treasurer issue was sorted.
- Debbie Stephens to send Brenda Vale password to complete the on-line banking signatory set-up.
- Branch hosting of the region website is still in progress and should be set up by Easter.

4. Treasurer's Report

Note region's share of Centenary Ball expenses should be \$270 not \$240 as in report.

There was discussion of whether monthly rather than yearly budget comparisons would be helpful but no conclusion was reached. The cost of calendars is still to be included. Elaine Lethbridge noted more calendars might be needed as there has been a rise in beginner numbers.

The report was accepted (Rod Downey/Aileen Logie).

5. Correspondence

The correspondence log showed nothing out of the ordinary. There was discussion of Désirée Patterson's message about the out-of-date information on the website that arrived after the log to date had been summarised (see Item 7).

6. Reports

Archival Committee

- Archival material from Wellington Club was collected by Kristin Downey and is being held with other such material at her home, and is being processed.

- Cassette tapes gifted by Sono Barnes of historical music by Tom Barnes and John Foden have been digitised by John Patterson.
- More historical material is coming in including videos from previous summer schools. It was suggested there might be an exposition of archives at the Wellington Summer School.

### Hogmanay

The event had been very successful and a thank you card is to be sent to Chris Totton.

### Summer Dancing

Chris Totton is to be thanked for organising this. The earlier start (7:00pm) is considered a good idea but this will be raised at the AGM to ensure members are happy with it. This year everyone taking a class will be offered \$20 to cover expenses (Debbie Stephens to organise). The flag and speaker, used for summer dancing and currently with Lynne Scott, will in future be kept at the region store. Edith Campbell mentioned the fence banner she had made that was in the region store could be used for summer dancing.

### 7. Calendar

The calendars have been printed and distributed to clubs.

- Region classes: Aileen Logie reported tutors and dates finalised and promotional material prepared for distribution to clubs. An advert will be put in HCH. The registration forms for beginners will be live on the website by March. Aileen is liaising with Jeanette Watson and Debbie Stephens over how to do this before she goes away. Janice Henson needs to be in this loop as she will be taking over from Aileen. Elaine Lethbridge will do name tags when registrations are in. Lynne Scott reported that Catherine McCutcheon has requested music for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> intermediate class.
- In future dates for the region classes need to be on the website by March 1<sup>st</sup>. (They are already there this year: [Region Classes | Dance Scottish Wellington \(wellingtonscd.org.nz\)](https://wellingtonscd.org.nz/RegionClasses)). This was in response to Désirée Patterson's message about the dates for the 2023 region classes still being on the web, so changes were made. The secretarial calendar will be adjusted to note when things need to be removed from the website or replaced with the latest news of a regular event, like Hogmanay. The committee's thanks are to be passed on to Lee Miller for the work done on updating the website this year.
- Sharlene Penman Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September region event: there was discussion of the form this might take, with suggestions of a follow-up to the Easter teachers' workshop, or a walk-through for the 7<sup>th</sup> September Lower Hutt annual dance. The decision will be carried over to the June meeting.

### 8. JAMS

- In response to Rod Downey's letter to the branch the region was informed that Jeanette Lauder has taken on the job of rebuilding JAMS in NZ, though Elaine Lethbridge pointed out the JAMS committee is still in recess. There was concern as the fee had been increased from \$5 to \$15 per child and \$10 to \$25 per family. It was also pointed out that some families are bigger than others and there is no gradation in the charge to account for this. It was also hoped the newsletter we be revived so children knew what was happening. Elaine Lethbridge described the disappointing efforts to get schools interested in SCD. Lynne Scott suggested the home-schooling community might be more interested (<https://homeschoolingnz.org/>).

### 9. Branch grant

Discussion of the Branch grant deferred to June meeting. Ideas to be taken to the AGM.

#### 10. General business

- Elaine Lethbridge suggested the region should make a donation to the memorial book in memory of Bronwyn Maysmor. Rod Downey felt this could be done in conjunction with Waikanae, Eastbourne and Lower Hutt, as she was associated with these clubs. Brenda Vale to write to the clubs for their response.
- The region is willing to lend the first aid kit and banner to the Easter teachers' weekend and these are with Elaine Lethbridge in the region store.
- Ann Oliver's message about local clubs regarding their part hosting summer school evening dances was noted. It was felt the region should push the summer school classes at an appropriate moment.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.