Wellington Region Committee: Minutes of 3rd December meeting, Petone Community Centre

Present: Rod Downey, Sarah Epps, Debbie Stephens, Lynne Scott, Denise Pitts, Lesley Campbell, Joy Tracey, Elaine Lethbridge, Zoe Attwood (zoom), Brenda Vale.

1. Apologies from Elaine Laidlaw, Janice Henson.
2. Bereavements: the meeting felt these had been dealt with at the AGM (see item 8).
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record (Sarah Epps/Elaine Lethbridge)

Matters arising:

* It was noted the Treasurer’s report had been tabled.
* To ensure people register for the appropriate region class in 2025 registrations will be sent back to club tutors for checking. Sarah Epps will deal with this as the incoming treasurer. It was noted the Region had been told how to set up the website so anyone registering will be sent a receipt as confirmation
* The gold coin entry for New Dancers’ Celebration classes will be reviewed (see item 9)
* The hall has been booked for Early Dances Day
* Sarah Epps is to send details for magnetic badges for circulation to clubs by Brenda Vale (done)
* The date for the fiddle class has been changed (Lynne Scott)
* The JAMS function is a work in progress (Elaine Lethbridge)

1. Jeanette Watson gave a report on Summer School (SS). There are 110 residents and 158 attendees excluding staff. Commuters need to register by 5.30pm on 28th December or at the opening evening function. For those not registered evening functions are pay at the door.

The change to 13th December for registering for casual meals was noted. Jeanette will send the link for this together with the link for volunteers for examination classes for circulating to clubs (done). A volunteer gofer is needed for the social dancing class as well as helpers for the exams. Currently for the exam classes and exams there are 14 volunteers for 30th December, 15 for 1st January and 10 each for morning and afternoon of 3rd January. Two sets are needed (preferably three) for the exams.

The schedule for classes is in the 24/25th September newsletter on the SS website (<https://nzsummerschool2024.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Summer-School-Newsletter-2.pdf>).

The SS committee thanked the Region clubs for all the baking offers. Baking will be collected on 15th December for freezing until needed.

Jeanette Watson was thanked for updating the committee.

1. Debbie Stephens spoke to the Treasurer’s report.

* All clubs have paid their RSCDS membership money and the membership cards were distributed at the meeting to go back to clubs.
* Outstanding payments were processed today (3rd December).
* The cost of the Anniversary Book should be $50 not $60 in the income section.
* There was a query over discrepancies between the Treasurer’s report and the NDC report. Janice will be asked to update the NDC report figures. It was noted that what the Region paid for in terms of NDC hall decoration belongs to the Region. The payment of musicians for the NDC preparatory classes this year meant the Region made a loss on this event. Next year the assumption is recorded music will be used unless the musicians want to use the opportunity for their own practice at no cost. The band fee figure for NDC included the flight cost for Sharlene Penman.
* Debbie Stephens is handing over the job of treasurer to Sarah Epps, which means a change in the beneficial owners of the Region account.

The report was approved (Debbie Stephens/Elaine Lethbridge).

1. The correspondence report was noted.
2. Reports
3. New Dancers’ Celebration

The Region Committee congratulated Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt clubs on an excellent event.

Music for the preparatory classes has been discussed under item 5.

1. Archival Committee

The report prepared for the AGM was accepted as the report for this meeting.

Donations from Lesley Campbell and Damon Collin have recently been made to the archives.

1. The Region Committee agreed to sponsor $50 entries into the Memorial Book for both Edith Campbell and Ian Taylforth. Elaine Lethbridge will fill out the forms.
2. Calendar/planning

The 2025 Region Committee dates are 25th February, 3rd June, 9th September, 2nd December.

The Wellington Region AGM is 4th November.

The annual dance dates are as on the sheet prepared by Elaine Lethbridge with one exception (a date swap). NDC will be on 4th October and the Fugues Dance Day on 11th October.

The 2025 Region classes and events are set out below. Lynne Scott will organise the musicians as appropriate. The increase in charges reflects the rise in hall charges and musician’s fees. Lesley Campbell will take over from Janice Henson as class co-ordinator. The guide prepared by Aileen Logie will be passed on (done).

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| Class/event | Tutor | Date(s) | Location | Music | Cost |
| Basics | Melva Waite | 6 May,  20 May,  3 June,  17 June,  1 July | St. David’s, Petone | Live only for final night | $10/class or $45 for 5 classes |
| Intermediate | Diane Bradshaw | 13 May,  27 May,  10 June,  24 June | St. David’s, Petone | Live | $15/class or $50 for 4 classes |
| Advanced | Joy Tracey | 12 July,  20 September | St. John’s, Johnsonville | Live | $15/class |
| Early Dances | Elaine Laidlaw | 12 April | St. John’s, Johnsonville | Live | $15 |
| Advanced/fugues | Rod Downey | 11 October | St. John’s, Johnsonville | Recorded | $15 |

1. The 60th Anniversary Book cannot be published on the web as the copyright remains with the devisers.
2. The committee felt application for a Branch grant could be made in support of a band of young musicians to play at the Early Dances Day. Lynne Scott will ask and if the reply is positive Rod Downey will fill out the Branch grant application form.
3. Joy Dick reported the Branch hosting of the Region domain name is in hand.

Sarah Epps will look at the possibility of having HCH on mobiles etc. If this is feasible, she will liaise with Désirée Patterson.

Lynne Scott will remind James Scott about investigating the storage capacity of the Region website.

1. AOB – none.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.