**ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
MILTON KEYNES BRANCH**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online
30 March – 6 April 2020**

1. **Welcome and apologies:** The meeting opened and the Agenda, Reports and Minutes of the 2019 AGM were distributed online. All were welcomed and invited to take part.
Present: MKRSCDS members and fellow dancers.
No apologies were received.
2. **Minutes of the last AGM:** There were no comments or amendments. They were accepted as a true record and are to be signed by the chairman. There were no matters arising.
3. **Branch Report:** Graham’s report was distributed. He mentioned: healthy class numbers, well attended summer walk/picnic/dance, greatly successful November Essentials dance with Ian Robinson, thanks to teachers Marie and Sarah and to members for welcoming and encouraging new faces, support for the "Silver Cross Band" dances, recommended attending the RSCDS AGM in Perth, that attendees at our annual dance had a great evening with huge thanks to everyone who made it a success, the committee’s first joint WhatsApp meeting in March and to please all keep in touch with the WhatsApp group until we hopefully return to some sort of normality soon.
Acceptance of the report was agreed.

Barbara Zimmer moved that a vote of thanks from the floor be recorded as she thanked the committee, teachers and members for all they do to make this a successful, welcoming and inclusive group.
4. **Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer’s report was circulated. The accounts are with the auditor but no problems are anticipated.
Key things to note were: there is a small deficit on the year, income from membership and class fees were down, hall hire for the annual dance was higher than previously with ticket sales, understandably, down slightly.
The Treasurer recommended that Branch subscription remains unchanged, but that class fees increase by 50p per class.

Why the increase in class fees as we still have a reasonable balance in the bank account was asked. Treasurer replied “This year our business as usual activities ran at a deficit and the annual ball made a loss. It is prudent that our class fees cover the costs of the hall, our teachers and the refreshments, as this then allows us to continue paying for events like the St Andrew's Hop and the Annual Ball. We should not be eroding this nest egg but ensuring we have some reserves for a rainy day. For example, we were so fortunate that the Annual Ball did go ahead this year, as a week later and we would have lost over £1,000 from our account, and who knows what is round the corner.
This recommendation was agreed

1. **Election of Committee & Officers** The chairman encouraged branch members to think about joining the committee. All current committee members and officers are prepared to stand again and Sheila Harris agreed to join the committee.
All current committee plus Sheila Harris were approved.

The committee members are: Graham Wort (Chair), Lynne Morris (Treasurer), Jan Jones (Secretary), Sarah Kelsall, Elizabeth Hounsome and Sheila Harris. Marie Montague is the Teacher representative.

1. **Any Other Business:**
Dates to note:
Picnic dance and Walk - 22nd August 2020

Classes due to recommence on Monday 7th September 2020

St Andrew’s Hop - November 30th 2020 with musicians Chris Walker and Barbara Manning. Small plate of nibbles to share welcome.
42nd Annual Dance - March 13th 2021 at Longueville Hall, Newton Longville

The meeting closed at 9pm Monday 6th April.