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

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Bradwell Memorial Hall on Monday 13th May 2019**

1. **Welcome and apologies:** Graham, the chairman, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their patience with our technical hitch.
Present: Elizabeth, Graham, Harry, Jan, Jo, Laraine, Lesley, Lynne, Marie, Michael and Eileen, Ruth, Sarah, Sheila, Shelagh, Stephanie, and visitor Christine.
Apologies were noted from Barbara Zimmer, Win Kennedy, Margaret McKenzie and Erica.
2. **Minutes of the last AGM:** There were no comments or amendments. They were unanimously accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman. There were no matters arising.
3. **Branch Report:** Graham read his report: He reminisced on the changes of the many past 25+years and extended our thanks to the patient teachers on whom we still depend. He encouraged members to join the committee and thanked Lynne as Treasurer and Jan as Secretary. The success of our Ruby Anniversary Dance was noted with thanks to all helpers, especially Jo and her Brownies, and Margaret. He thanked Marie for organising the Picnic Dance and walk, and all who helped make the November Essentials Dance go so well. Everyone was encouraged to check the Notice Board and to approach members of the committee if they have anything they would like to discuss.
Acceptance of the report was proposed by Sheila, seconded by Michael B and all agreed.
4. **Treasurers Report:** the accounts and report were circulated. The accounts are with the auditor but no problems are anticipated.
Key things to note were: The apparent surplus of £272.21 is in fact a small loss because payments for the hall and teachers straddle 2 accounting years - the ruby Anniversary Dance made a small loss of £42.20 - Hall hire was greater this year due to an increase in hall fees -the Scottish Widows account was closed during the year with the funds transferred to the Nat West account as there was no rationale for maintaining a dormant account.
The Treasurer recommended that Class fees and Branch subscription remain unchanged.
Graham proposed and Jo seconded acceptance of the accounts. All agreed
5. **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 as no new members wish to join, they were nominated for election en-bloc.
Proposed by Lesley seconded by Laraine and all agreed

Shelagh gave a vote of thanks to the Committee for all they do.

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

1. **Any Other Business:**
Dates to note:
Picnic dance and Walk – 10 August 2019

November Essentials Take 2: November 18th with musician Ian Robertson. Small plate of nibbles welcome, Graham will source a cake. Annual Dance – March 14th 2020

There were some comments on the hardness of the Hall floor at our Anniversary Dance. Parkside Hall in Ampthill (with a sprung floor) and Longueville Hall in Newton Longville were recommended and will be visited in search of a potential new venue.

June Social Dances: Graham is MC for the first one and provided Dance Cribs in advance for any who wanted one.

There being no further business, the chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 7.45pm and all adjourned for tea.