

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
7 MAY 1966 - 20 NOVEMBER 1976

Retired & reborn by  
Riley Dawn Wilson  
February 2011

Composition

Chairman

Vice Chairman

6 Elected Reps.

Branch Reps.

Quorum

15

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

To: Branch Reps to Ex Council  
All Branch Secretaries

Agenda

Minutes of Last Meeting

At first meeting after  
AGM also: List of the  
Existing Sub-Committees  
to Branch Reps only

+ Branch Reps for ensuing  
year from whom  
Offices may be elected.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 7th May 1966, at 2.30.p.m.

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PRESENT: Miss Adams (in the Chair)  
Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mr. Aitkenhead, Mr. Ball,  
Miss Barrett, Mrs. Bain, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne,  
Miss Brander, Mrs. Couper, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Clement, Miss Collie,  
Mr. Cross, Miss Duff, Mr. Fleming, Dr. Forbes, Miss Ferrier,  
Miss I. G. Ferrier, Miss Galloway, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Gudger,  
Mrs. Hedley, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Kane, Miss Lee,  
Mr. Lochhead, Miss Martin, Mr. Mechan, Miss McFeat,  
Miss McCulloch, Miss Parker, Miss Prentice, Mr. Raven,  
Miss Redford, Miss Ross, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Rae, Miss Robertson,  
Miss Streight, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Mr. Smith, Miss Taylor,  
Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer)  
and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Mrs. Blain, Miss Dickson, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Kemp,  
Mrs. Thomson and Miss Yeats.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 11th December 1965,  
were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 7. Correspondence

b, d & e) Invitations for the 1967 Annual General Meeting.

Before deciding which invitations to accept for 1967, the Chairman reminded the Meeting that a decision had to be taken as to whether the Annual General Meeting should always be held in Scotland or occasionally outwith Scotland. After some discussion Mr. Brooks, Edinburgh, proposed that the A.G.M. should always be held in Scotland. This was seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead, Ayrshire. Mr. Kinghorn, Stranraer, moved an amendment that "the Annual General Meeting should be held out-with Scotland not more than once in five years". This was seconded by Dr. Forbes, Birmingham. On a vote by show of hands the proposal that the Annual General Meeting should always be held in Scotland was ~~unanimously~~ carried. It was then decided to accept with pleasure the invitation from Lorn (Argyll) Branch to hold the A.G.M. in Oban in 1967. The Secretary was instructed to write to the other two Branches regretfully declining their invitations and expressing appreciation of their kind offer.

(f) International Folklorefestival.  
The Chairman reported that the Glasgow Branch had accepted the invitation to attend the International Folklorefestival in Middelkerke but that the Belgium Authorities, owing to internal financial difficulties, had cancelled the invitation.

(g) Mr. Fransen, The Netherlands.  
The Secretary reported on correspondence with two of the Society's members in Holland, regarding the translation of R.S.C.D.S. dances into Dutch. It was agreed not to allow Mr. Fransen to make such translations.

Item 9. Publicity Leaflet.

(a) There was considerable discussion on this matter and it was agreed that members of the Executive Council should send in suggestions to be put before the Publications Committee so that a suitable leaflet could be produced.

(b) Cussons' Golden Trophy Award.

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The Secretary reported on correspondence received from the Edinburgh Musical Festival Society. Before our letter of 15th December had been received, the syllabus for 1966 had already been issued. The Chairman suggested that a paragraph should be included in this year's Bulletin to the effect that any of the Branches were eligible to compete in the Cussons Trophy and that Branches should apply to the Secretary of the Edinburgh Musical Festival Society for the syllabus.

3. MINUTES OF  
SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS:a) Finance Committee Meeting, 22nd January 1966.

The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Miss McFeat, seconded by Mr. Brown, and approved.

b) Finance Committee Meeting, 7th May 1966 - The following report was given of the Meeting by Mr. Lochhead, Convener of the Finance Committee:

Friockheim Branch It was agreed that the disbandment of this Branch should be completed by the closure of their Bank Account.

Mrs. Lesslie's Air Fare from New Zealand to Australia had been paid and amounted to £78.

Headquarters In accepting the estimate for a gas water heater at Headquarters, it was decided to instal, at the same time, a gas fire for the Caretaker in place of the present coal fire. The total cost would then be subject to 5% discount, and would amount to £84.

Accounts for the months of January, February and March, amounting respectively to £766.9.0d, £320.3.10d and £487.2.6d were approved.

A statement of investments and bank balances as at 30th April was submitted, and it was agreed to invest £1500 of the General Fund and £600 of the Staff Fund in Local Authority loans at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.

A comparative statement of income and expenditure for the nine months to 31st March was submitted. It was noted that compared with the estimates, the finances of the Society were in a satisfactory state, and that a revenue surplus at the end of the year could be expected.

International Folk Music Council An application from the Council for increased financial support was considered and it was agreed that the present donation of £20. for 1966 should be doubled to £40, and that the Council's financial accounts should be examined before deciding on the amount of future support.

Revaluation. It was reported that the valuation of the premises at Coates Crescent would be increased from £188 to £344, but that as this increase was in line with the other revaluations in Edinburgh, no useful purpose would be served in appealing against it.

N.W. Ayrshire Branch asked for a contribution towards the cost of training the children's team which visited Canada, as this had caused a deficit. The Committee agreed that a contribution of £30. should be made by way of a grant.

Bell, Aird & Coghill. It was reported that this Firm had warned us out of our book store at 30th April, but had granted an extension in view of the difficulty in finding alternative accommodation. They are at present endeavouring to find us suitable accommodation and the Committee were unanimous in their view that any available accommodation should be taken in the name of the Society, and that every endeavour should be made to obtain security of tenure.

c) Summer School Committee Meeting, 22nd January 1966.

The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Dr. Forbes, seconded by Miss Browne, and approved.

It was agreed that Item 5. should be taken at this stage.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS

- FOR AFFILIATION: Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:
- a) Banbury Scottish Country Dance Group.
  - b) East Victorian Highland Dancing Association, Australia.
  - c) Ilkley Further Education.
  - d) Scottish Country Dance Club of Brisbane, Australia.
  - e) White Heather Scottish Country Dancers, Oklahoma City.
  - f) Ardbrae Scottish Country Dancers, Ottawa.
  - g) Inverell Scottish Country Dance Club, N.S.W., Australia.
  - h) Geelong S.C.D. Group, Victoria, Australia.
  - i) St. Columba's S.C.D. Group, Washington, D.C.
  - j) Singer Scottish Country Dance Club (Clydebank).
  - k) Vienna Scottish Country Dancing Club.

#### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION:

Applications for Branch formation were unanimously approved and accepted from :

- a) Hague-Delft Scottish Country Dance Group, subject to the name "Holland" not being used as the title.
- b) Ottawa Scottish Country Dance Society.
- c) New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society.

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Date of Next Meeting - It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on the 12th August at St. Andrews.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 4.30.p.m. after a vote of thanks to Miss Adams was proposed by Miss Rae.

*Florence H. Adams*

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in University Hall,  
St. Andrews, on Friday, 12th August, 1966, at 2.30 p.m.

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PRESENT: Miss Adams (in the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Arnott, Mr. Ball, Mrs. Blain, Miss Brander, Mr. Brooks,  
Mr. Brown, Mr. Clement, Miss Collie, Mrs. Couper, Mr. Cross,  
Miss E. Ferrier, Mr. Fleming, Dr. Forbes, Miss Gardiner Jones,  
Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Mr. Henderson, Miss Horrocks, Mr. Ireland,  
Miss Kane, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Martin, Mr. Macleod, Miss McFeat,  
Miss Rae, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Ross, Miss Sime,  
Mr. Savage, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Yeats, Miss Young,  
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGUES: Apologies for absence were intimated from :  
Lord Thurlow (President), Miss Allan, Miss Browne, Miss Clavering,  
Mr. Corbett, Dr. Currie, Miss Galloway, Mr. Lochhead,  
Miss McCulloch, Mrs. McGlashan, Mr. Mechan, Miss Mowat,  
Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Taylor.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 7th May 1966, having  
been previously circulated, were approved and signed subject  
to the word "unanimously" being deleted from Item 7 (b, d & e).

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

4.(a) The Secretary reported that the new Branch in Holland was to be  
called The Hague and District Branch.

3. MINUTES OF  
SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS :

a) Finance Committee - 7th May 1966.

The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting  
was proposed by Miss Rae, seconded by Miss McFeat,  
and approved.

b) Finance Committee - 28th July, 1966.

The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting  
was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Miss  
McFeat and approved.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

In the absence of Mr. Lochhead, Finance Convener, Miss Vaughan  
(Treasurer) presented the draft accounts for the year ended  
30th June 1966. These incorporated the recommendations of the  
last Finance Committee Meeting but would need further adjustment  
when the stock figures were received from the printers. The  
adoption of the accounts, subject to audit and the above  
amendment, was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved.

4. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the report on the year's work, which was  
approved and passed for publication in the bulletin.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION.

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:

- (a) Auchterarder Country Dance Club.
- (b) Scottish Country Dancing Club, Guernsey.
- (c) Korowa Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Glen Iris, Melbourne.
- (d) The Exmoor Scottish Country Dancers.
- (e) Monash University Reel & Strathspey Club, Victoria, Australia.
- (f) Sydney Scottish Country Dance Club
- (g) Frankfurt Scottish Country Dance Club.

APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION was approved and accepted from  
Hunter Valley, New South Wales, Australia.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 5th November, 1966.

No resolutions were submitted for the A.G.M.

7. CORRESPONDENCE :

(a) Edinburgh Branch

Suggestion that the Publications Committee should consider the practicability of producing another book of recently devised dances in the same style as Book 22.

There was considerable discussion on this matter. It was finally agreed that, provided a sufficient number of recently composed, non-copyright dances, with new formations, were submitted by members, the suggestion would be considered and a meeting of the Publications Committee would be called. Representatives were asked to inform their members about this matter.

(b) Edinburgh Branch Suggestion that the Executive Council be asked to consider the possibility of standardising the level of adjudication throughout the country and as an aid to this, to arrange a meeting of Adjudicators, possibly annually, to help eradicate differences in interpretation.

Adjudicators present at the Meeting were asked to submit their views and these were discussed freely. On a proposal by Mr. Kinghorn, Stranraer, which was seconded by Dr. Forbes, Birmingham, it was agreed that the matter "lie on the table".

(c) The Secretary read a letter of appreciation of Mrs. Lesslie's visit to Canberra, from Mr. L. Cumming, in which he included a donation of £5. from his group of dancers. The members expressed their thanks for this gift.

8. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING;

Miss Adams announced that the date of the next Executive Council Meeting would be 10th December, 1966.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 3.40.p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mr. J.B.C. Brown.

*Florence H. Adams.*



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 10th December 1966 at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Miss Adams (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Bain,  
Miss Brander, Mr. Clement, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett, Dr. Currie,  
Mrs. Couper, Mr. Cross, Miss E. Ferrier, Miss I.G. Ferrier,  
Mr. Fleming, Miss Galloway, Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Hodley, Mr. Ireland,  
Miss Kane, Miss Lee, Mr. Lochhead, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin,  
Mr. Mechan, Miss Mowat, Miss McCulloch, Miss McFeat,  
Mrs. Parker, Miss Prentice, Miss Rae, Mr. Raven, Miss Redford,  
Mrs. Robertson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Mr. Sinclair,  
Miss Taylor, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Yeats.  
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss M. F. Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Lord Thurlow (President), Mr. Ball, Mrs. Blain, Mr. Briggs,  
Miss Donaghue, Mrs. McGlashan, Miss Streight.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

Before the business of the meeting, the Chairman proposed that the appreciation of the Executive Council to the Stirling Branch for their hard work and hospitality during the Autumn Weekend be recorded, and this was unanimously endorsed by all present.

Miss Hadden

The Chairman said that she knew that the resignation of Miss Hadden would be uppermost in the minds of members. It was not going to be easy to replace Miss Hadden, who had grown up, as it were, with the Society. Those in the Society who had worked closely with Miss Hadden knew of the meticulous care she took in the administrative side of her work, and many knew her as a very gracious personality when visiting Headquarters and a very good friend at St. Andrews.

The action to be taken with regard to a successor for Miss Hadden would be discussed later in the meeting.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last meeting, held at St. Andrews on 12th August, 1966, previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : Application for Branch Formation from Hunter Valley, N.S.W. Australia

The Chairman reported that immediately after the last meeting of the Executive Council where the application from Hunter Valley, N.S.W. for branch formation had been passed, a letter had been received from Dr. Duewell of the Newcastle Colleges' Strathspey and Reel Club stating that Mrs. See's application did not have the full support of the Clubs in the district. In view of this, the Chairman had consulted the Office-Bearers and it was decided that a letter should be sent to Mrs. See asking her to postpone the formation of the branch until the matter could be clarified. Further correspondence had been received from Dr. Duewell outlining proposals for a strong branch supported by seven existing groups and giving details of a circular letter to be sent out to classes.

After some discussion, it was decided that a reply should be sent to Dr. Duewell, with a copy to Mrs. See, stating that the Executive Council could not entertain his proposals at present. As Mrs. See's application for Branch formation had only been postponed, no action could be taken until an amicable settlement had been reached by the people immediately concerned.

Arising out of this discussion, Mr. Corbett moved that the decision to permit the Hunter Valley Branch to be formed, given at the Executive Council meeting on 12th August, 1966, should be rescinded. This was seconded by Mr. Clement and approved by the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF  
SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETING :

Finance Committee, November 1966. The adoption of the Minutes of the Finance Committee, held at Stirling on 5th November 1966, was proposed by Miss Rae, seconded by Mr. Brown and approved unanimously.

4. ELECTION OF  
COMMITTEES :

a) GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. Miss Adams (Chairman), Mr. Lochhead (Vice-Chairman). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded. Miss Adams explained that Miss Milligan did not need to be elected.

Mr. Brown	(Edinburgh)
Dr. Currie	(N.W. Ayrshire)
Mr. Mechan	(Dundee)
Mrs. Parker	(Ayr)
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Miss Collie	(Peterhead)
Miss Martin	(Aberdeen)
Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Miss Mowat	(Leven)

b) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead (Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:

Mr. Brown	(Edinburgh)
Miss McFeat	(Perthshire)
Miss Rae	(Duns and District)
Mrs. Thomson	(Clackmannanshire)
Mr. Taylor	(Stirling)
Mr. Raven	(East Surrey, West Kent)
Mrs. Parker	(Ayr)
Mr. Sharpe	(Dundee) - Co-opted

c) EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE - Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead. The following members were re-elected en bloc, this being proposed by Miss Rae and seconded by Miss Kane :

Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)	
Miss Brander	(Carlisle)	
Mr. Cross	(Glasgow)	
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)	
Mr. Ireland	(London)	Miss Milligan (Convener)

d) PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE - Miss Adams (Convener) and Mr. Lochhead. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :

Miss Prentice	(Glasgow)	
Miss Yeats	(Aberdeen)	
Miss Brander	(Carlisle)	
Mr. Clement	(Dumfries)	
Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)	
Mrs. Carson	(Edinburgh)	- Co-opted
Mrs. Cramb	(Aberdeen)	- Co-opted

Ad Hoc Committees - SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :

Miss Rae	(Duns and District)	
Mr. Mechan	(Dundee)	
Mr. Corbett	(Newcastle-upon-Tyen)	
Mr. Clement	(Dumfries)	
Miss Prentice	(Glasgow)	
Mr. Ireland	(London)	
Miss Yeats	(Aberdeen)	
Miss Lee	(Berwick/Tweed)	Miss Milligan (Convener)

DEMONSTRATION SELECTION COMMITTEE. Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead. Miss Collie proposed the re-election of this Committee en bloc and this was seconded by Mr. Savage.

Miss A. Anderson	(Edinburgh)
Miss M. Anderson	(Ayr)
Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Mrs. Cramb	(Aberdeen)
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Miss Kenyon	(Glasgow)
Mr. McLeod	(Glasgow)
Mr. Murray	(Inverness)
Mrs. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse-of-Fleet)

Miss Milligan (Convener)

5. REMIT FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :

The Chairman stated that the Secretary had listed the suggestions from the Open Forum at Stirling which were to be considered by a Committee and she suggested that these should be put before the General Purposes Committee.

Miss Prentice formally proposed this suggestion and it was seconded by Dr. Currie and approved by the meeting.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from :

1. Dallas Scottish Country Dance Society, Texas, USA
2. Dar-es-Salaam Scottish Country Dance Group, Tanzania
3. Hermitage Scottish Country Dance Group, N.S.W., Australia
4. Pontefract & District Caledonian Society
5. Corsham & District Caledonian Society
6. Downpatrick Scottish Country Dance Society
7. Riseley (Bedfordshire) Further Education Centre Scottish Country Dance Group
8. Lancaster University Scottish Country Dance Society
9. Oswestry & District Caledonian Society
10. Culheth Scottish Country Dancing Class
11. Mitcham Scottish Society, Australia
12. Orpington and District Caledonian Society

It was requested that a copy of the brief details of the groups applying for affiliation be handed in future to the members at the meeting.

7. SUBSCRIPTION COPY 1967/68 :

Miss Adams reminded the Council that at the last meeting in August, Members were asked to send in newly-composed, non-copyright dances (unpublished) to put before the Publications Committee so that a selection could be made. Up to date, the Secretary had received 36 dances and Miss Milligan said she had many more.

Miss Prentice proposed that a book of recently composed, non-copyright dances should be published, if possible. This was seconded by Mrs. Gudger. The meeting left it to the Publications Committee to decide on the number of dances to be published.

8. CORRESPONDENCE :

a) Letter from Glasgow Branch re Examination Syllabus -

"that consideration should be given to Paragraph 2 of the Qualifications for Entry to the RSCDS Examination Class"

There was considerable discussion on this matter and Miss Milligan agreed that the wording of the examination syllabus was ambiguous and really referred to those taking the Full or Teacher's Certificate. It was therefore decided that the paragraph should read :-

"Candidates for the Full or Teacher's Certificate should have a certain amount of experience in teaching Scottish Country Dancing in schools, clubs or other organisations. The candidate should supply at least one statement testifying to his or her experience as a teacher of Scottish Country Dancing. This statement should be signed by someone in a responsible position who has seen the candidate dealing with a school or group."

b) Letters received from Vancouver, Ottawa and Adelaide Branches, asking for an Examiner in 1967

In considering the request from Adelaide, Australia, the meeting agreed that as Mrs. Lesslie was prepared to examine the candidates in Australia, her return fare New Zealand/Australia should be paid by the Society.

It was felt that it should be made clear to these branches applying for an examiner that the Society could not promise to send an Examiner each year to countries overseas and that arrangements should be made to conduct as many examinations as possible when the Examiner was present. For example, Preliminary Test candidates who would be examined in 1967 could not expect to try for their Full Certificate for at least two years. Miss Milligan pointed out that in Canada one of the Branches on the Teachers' Association usually arranged a tour so that as many candidates could be examined within the time of the visit. See Insertion

c) Letter from Mr. A Falconer re alteration in Society's Bulletin

A letter was received from Mr. Falconer, Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch, writing as an individual member, in which he made various suggestions for an alteration in the content of the Society's Annual Bulletin, one being that the Branch Reports should be discontinued.

The Chairman asked representatives to discuss this proposal with their Branches and report at the Executive Meeting in May 1967.

Mr. Corbett (Newcastle) told the meeting that his Branch was satisfied with the Bulletin in its present form.

9. RESIGNATION  
OF SECRETARY :

The Chairman asked the Executive Council if they would agree to the Office-Bearers taking the necessary steps to find a successor to Miss Hadden. This would be an interim appointment which, according to the Constitution, had to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting. The Council approved the Chairman's suggestion.

10. DATE OF NEXT  
EXECUTIVE  
COUNCIL MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Council should take place on the 6th May, 1967.

11. OTHER  
BUSINESS :

a) New Zealand Branch Constitution

A letter had been received from the New Zealand Branch enclosing a copy of a draft Constitution. The Chairman explained that this had been carefully considered and proposed that subject to certain alterations, such as disbandment, etc. in order to bring it in line with the Society's Constitution, it should be approved. This was endorsed by the meeting.

b) Hamilton, Ontario Branch Constitution

A Constitution had also been received from the Hamilton, Ontario Branch. It was agreed to give approval to this.

c) Invitation from Edinburgh Branch for the Annual General Meeting, 1968

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Falconer, Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch, extending an invitation to the Society to hold the Annual General Meeting 1968 in Edinburgh. The Chairman, on behalf of the Executive, accepted this invitation with much pleasure.

d) The Secretary reported that a Scottish Country Dance Social Evening will be held in the New Cavendish, Tollcross, Edinburgh each Wednesday commencing 4th January, 1967. A cordial invitation was given to the members of the Executive Council to attend the first night.

It was with regret that Miss Milligan announced the death of Mrs. MacNab of Vancouver. Mrs. MacNab was a loyal and true member of the Society and had done a tremendous lot in Vancouver before and after the formation of the Vancouver Branch.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Gordon MacNab, Mrs. MacNab's son, to put on record the Society's appreciation of Mrs. MacNab's work, and also to include an appreciation of Mrs. MacNab in the next issue of the Bulletin.

It was also with regret that the members received the news of the death of Miss J. Carmichael who was instrumental in the starting of Scottish Country Dancing in the Eastern region of America, particularly in Boston.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 4.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mrs. Parker.

*Norman H. Adams.*

*6. 5. 67*

I N S E R T I O N

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"It was agreed that if Miss Milligan could not accept the invitation from the Canadian Branches, the Society would try to send another Examiner for September/October, 1967."

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North British Hotel, on Saturday, 6th May, 1967 at 2.15 p.m.

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PRESENT : Miss Adams (In the Chair)  
Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Blain,  
Miss Brander, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Clement, Mr. Corbett, Miss Collie,  
Mrs. Couper, Mr. Cross, Dr. Currie, Miss Donaghue, Mr. Falconer,  
Miss E. Ferrier, Miss Galloway, Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Gudger,  
Mrs. Hedley, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane, Mrs. Kemp, Miss Lee,  
Mr. Lochhead, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Mr. Mechan,  
Miss Mowat, Miss McCulloch, Miss McFeat, Mrs. McGlashan,  
Miss Mackenzie, Miss Nicoll, Mrs. Parker, Miss Prentice,  
Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Raven, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson,  
Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Mr. Sinclair, Miss Streight, Miss H. Taylor,  
Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Yeats.  
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss E.R. Grubb (Secretary).

Before the business of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed Miss Grubb, the new Secretary, and hoped that she would enjoy the work of the Society.

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Lord Thurlow, Miss Milligan, Mr. Brown, Miss Gardiner-Jones,  
Miss Moore, Miss Rae, Mr. P.J. Smith.

CHAIRMAN'S  
REMARKS :

1. Miss Hadden's Presentation

The Chairman said that members would be pleased to know that to date the sum collected from individual members for Miss Hadden is £446 and it was proposed to keep the fund open until St. Andrews in order to give the members of the Summer School an opportunity to donate, if they so wished.

The presentation would take the form of a cheque and a token gift of Miss Hadden's choice.

For various reasons it was impracticable to make the presentation at the Annual General Meeting at Oban and it is therefore proposed to have it at St. Andrews on 4th August when the membership of the Society would be widely represented.

Miss Milligan will be asked to make the presentation on behalf of the Society members.

2. Visit to North America

Miss Milligan received an invitation to visit North America during September/October 1967 to examine candidates for Society Certificates, but home circumstances necessitated her declining very regretfully the invitation.

The invitation was then extended by Miss Milligan to Miss Adams who very much appreciated the compliment paid to her. After due consideration of the Society's present administrative position and the fact it would necessitate her being absent for the months September/October, taking in the time of the Society's Annual General Meeting, Miss Adams very reluctantly declined the invitation.

Miss Milligan then approached Mrs. Corson who found it convenient to complete the tour at this time.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 10th December 1966, previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS  
ARISING :

Alteration in Society's Bulletin

There was much discussion on this subject during which emerged a desire for the inclusion of Branch Reports in their original forms. Mr. Corbett proposed that in view of administrative changes at Headquarters, it would be unwise and unfair to make any major changes for the Bulletin 1967/68. This was seconded by Miss Arnott and accepted by the meeting. The matter could be raised on a future occasion.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- a) Finance Committee, 14th January 1967. Minutes previously circulated.
- b) Finance Committee, 6th May 1967. The following report was given of the meeting by Mr. Lochhead, Convener of the Finance Committee:-

Book Returns. Miss Vaughan reported that of the outstanding book returns, she had received four, but three, (namely, from Glasgow, Renfrewshire and N.W. Craven) were still required.

Appointment of Secretary. Miss Eleanor R. Grubb was appointed Secretary as from 1st April, subject to the confirmation of the Society in General Meeting.

Staff Fund - Miss Hadden. The amount in hand at the 30th April of £8,331 is being gifted to Miss Hadden.

Accounts for the months of January, February, March and April, amounting respectively to £570.18.11d, £488.15.1d, £448.6.0d, £547.1.2d were approved.

A statement of investments and bank balances as at 30th April 1967 was examined and approved.

A comparative statement of income and expenditure for the period 1st July 1966 to 31st March, 1967 was examined and approved.

Financial Assistance to Branch teams undertaking overseas tours

It was agreed that any Branch who were invited to send a team abroad, and wished financial assistance, must before acceptance submit a detailed estimate of net cost, showing the contributions by individual members, after which the Finance Committee would consider an appropriate grant.

Invitation from North America for Examiner

The expenses of this tour will be supported to the extent of a round-trip fare, less any refunds made by U.S. and Canadian Branches.

Society Diary

A proposal from Messrs. Bell, Aird & Coghill to produce a diary was presented, but it had not been received with much enthusiasm by the Committee. However, Branches were invited to give the matter consideration, looking ahead to the year 1969, and reports would be necessary not later than October 1967.

Maintenance of Headquarters

Of the two estimates submitted for the renewal of paintwork at Headquarters, the Committee, after consideration, accepted that of Mr. McInnes amounting to £90.

### Revised Subsistence Rates

After discussion, the following rates, based on Local Authority allowances, were agreed:

Second Class rail fares	
Subsistence up to 8 hours absence from home	12/6
" " "12 "	23/-
" " "16 "	33/-
Overnight absence (i.e. 24 hours)	68/-

The adoption of the Finance Committee reports was proposed by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by Mr. Raven.

#### c) Publications Committee Meetings, 14th January, 11th February and 4th March, 1967

The adoption of the Minutes of these meetings was proposed by Miss Arnott and seconded by Miss Yeats.

#### d) Summer School Committee Meeting, 14th January 1967

The subject of the choice of teachers and pianists for the Summer School was raised. Members were advised that all staff appointments were made subject to Miss Milligan's approval.

Mr. Cross proposed that the Summer School Timetable be circulated to members of the Executive Council for information, and this was seconded by Mr. Ireland and had the approval of the meeting.

Mr. Clement then proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the Summer School meeting and this was seconded by Miss Yeats.

#### e) General Purposes Committee Meeting, 4th March 1967

The following amendments to the Minutes were approved by the meeting:

- i. Mr. Brown's presence to be noted.
- ii. Item 2 - Remit from A.G.M. Stirling:  
Insert: Society Badges. This matter was discussed and no action taken.
- iii. Item 3 - Constitution: The word "maximum" to be deleted from first paragraph.

The meeting agreed that the item concerning the Constitution should go forward as a resolution to the Annual General Meeting.

Miss Collie then proposed the adoption of the Minutes and this was seconded by Mrs. Parker.

### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION

Applications for Branch formation were unanimously approved and accepted from -

- a) Melbourne and District, Australia
- b) Herefordshire

### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from -

- a) The St. Andrews Club of Gibraltar
- b) The Grand Bahama Scottish Country Dance Society
- c) Queen's Park School Scottish Country Dance Society, Oswestry, Salop
- d) Reivers of Reading Scottish Dancing Group
- e) Dunblane Hydro Scottish Country Dance Club
- f) Yarra Valley Scottish Country Dance Society, Victoria, Australia



6. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Memorial for Miss Jeannie Carmichael

The Chairman read a letter from the Scottish Country Dance Society of Boston in which they proposed establishing a memorial in the form of a cross-reference booklet of all published Scottish Country Dances.

The meeting was interested to hear of the proposal and recommended acknowledgement indicating this to the Scottish Country Dance Society of Boston.

b) Mary Isdale Memorial Fund (Mrs. MacNab)

The Chairman read a letter from the Mary Isdale Memorial Fund suggesting the establishment of a perpetual scholarship and inviting the Society to send a donation.

After much general discussion, the Secretary was instructed to request fuller details of the proposed scholarship before any further action could be taken.

7. ANY OTHER  
BUSINESS :

Mrs. Kemp spoke on the increasing tendency to use newly-composed dances to the exclusion of the Society's collection of traditional dances.

Members were generally in agreement with this feeling, but did see that this could be the source of the popular dances of the future. A further point was raised that dance programmes should include the minimum of these newly-composed dances.

August Meeting

A question was raised regarding the holding of the August Meeting on a Friday instead of the usual Saturday.

The Chairman indicated that for this year (1967) it was necessary to hold it on a Friday, but consideration would be given to holding this meeting on a Saturday in future.

Summer Dances, Fort William

It was announced that dances would be held in Fort William on Thursday evenings during the summer months commencing June. All interested are invited to attend.

Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on Friday, 4th August at St. Andrews.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 4.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Taylor.

*Helen H. Adams.*

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in University Hall, St. Andrews, on Friday, 4th August 1967 at 2.30 p.m.

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PRESENT : Miss Adams (In the Chair)  
Lord Thurlow (President), Miss Milligan (Vice-President),  
Miss Arnott, Miss Brander, Mrs. Couper, Mr. Cross, Miss Collie,  
Mr. Foss, Mrs. Gudger, Miss Gardiner-Jones, Miss Griffiths,  
Mr. Gradon, Mr. Gruskin, Dr. Hall, Mrs. Hedley, Mr. Ireland,  
Miss Kane, Miss Lee, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Miss Mowat,  
Miss McFeat, Mr. MacLeod, Mrs. Parker, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin,  
Miss Redford, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Shields, Miss Sime,  
Mrs. Thomson, Miss Walker, Mrs. Wadsworth, Miss Yeats,  
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss E. R. Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Blain, Mr. Brown, Mr. Clement, Mr. Corbett,  
Dr. Currie, Miss Donaghue, Miss Ferrier, Miss Galloway,  
Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Kemp, Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Mechan, Mrs. Moore,  
Miss McCulloch, Miss Mackenzie, Mr. Raven, Miss Taylor,  
Mrs. Wilson.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS : The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. A special welcome was extended to the President, Lord Thurlow, and it was hoped that he would enjoy his short visit to St. Andrews.

Special mention was made of the occasion of Miss Hadden's retirement. The Chairman then read a letter from Miss Hadden expressing her appreciation of the Society's generosity on her retirement.

Thereafter, the Vice-President extended an invitation to all members of the Executive Council to be present at a tea party in the Old Dining Room of University Hall immediately after the meeting, when the gifts from members of the Society would be presented to Miss Hadden.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 6th May 1967, previously circulated, were approved and signed subject to the inclusion of the name of Miss M. M. Ross in the list of Apologies for Absence.

2. BUSINESS

ARISING : a) Mary Isdale Memorial Fund (Item 6b)

The Secretary reported that a letter was sent as instructed and a reply received indicating that the matter was still under consideration by the organisers of the Memorial Fund.

b) Youth Council

From replies received, the Chairman reported that three Branches have already contacted Youth Organisations and had little or no encouragement; two Branches intend to make an approach in the Autumn and three Branches state that Youth Organisations are notified of their meetings.

The Branches from whom replies were received infer that a Youth Council within their own Branch was neither necessary or workable.

On behalf of one Affiliated Group holding a Junior Weekend, it was stated that this had been highly successful, with 100 girls in three classes. It is hoped that this may become an annual event.

The Chairman expressed her thanks to the Branches who reported their findings.

Approach to B.B.C. - Miss Milligan reported that she had spoken to Mr. Weir of the B.B.C. during his visit to the Summer School about the possibility of mixed teams of young dancers appearing on television.

c) Letter to Secretary, Scottish Education Department

As instructed at the previous Executive Council Meeting, a letter was sent to the Secretary of the Scottish Education Department requesting the extension of the teaching of Scottish Country Dancing in Schools. This was acknowledged.

For information, the text of the letter was forwarded to all Scottish Directors of Education and a reply was received from the County Council of Aberdeen indicating that their County Schools held an annual Scottish Country Dance Evening for secondary pupils and extending an invitation to any of the Society's Committee Members to be guests at this evening. They also indicated that teams are sent to take part in the Aberdeen Festival.

The Chairman suggested that Miss Collie might be able to take up this invitation. Meantime, the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the letter and invitation.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a) Finance Committee - 6th May 1967

The Adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by Miss McFeat and approved.

b) Finance Committee - 28th July, 1967

The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Miss McFeat and seconded by Mrs. Thomson and approved.

4. ANNUAL

REPORT : Subject to the amendment of titles of Colleges listed in the Examinations section of the Report, this was approved and passed for publication in the annual Bulletin.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION :

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from :

St. Andrew Society (London)- also known as the Wimbledon & District Scots Association

St. Matthew's Church Scottish Country Dance Club, Perth

Gothenberg Scottish Country Dance Group, Sweden

Plymouth United Services Officers Club, Scottish Country Dance Group

Bromborough Scottish Country Dance Society, Cheshire

The George Scottish Country Dance Society, South Africa

The Chairman said that it had been brought to her notice that certain groups already affiliated to the Society had refused to accept visiting members of this Society at their meetings.

This occurred in the case of two overseas visitors; one was advised she could not join the activities of the group in the middle of a session, and the second told that as she was not a member of the church running the group, she could not join with them in dancing.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that a note be put in the Bulletin regarding the attitude of groups to visiting members and that a paragraph be added to the application form.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 28th October, 1967

The Chairman asked the meeting to approve the wording of the resolution to be presented at the Annual General Meeting concerning an amendment to the Constitution. The following wording was approved unanimously :

"That the Constitution be altered as follows:

(1) In Section VI, subsection (1), paragraph (b), add

"The immediate past Chairman shall be a member ex-officio of the Executive Council for one year after demitting office."

(2) At the end of Section VI, subsection (4), add

"(f) Immediate past Chairman - The immediate past Chairman shall, for one year after demitting office, be a member ex-officio of each Standing Committee of the Executive Council."

7. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING :

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Council should take place on 9th December, 1967.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS :

a) Australian Tour

The Chairman reported that letters had been received expressing appreciation of Mrs. Lesslie's work.

b) The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary for Scotland of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award calling Regional Conferences to discuss developments in the scheme to meet the needs of young people in the 1970's.

It was agreed that delegates should attend the Conferences, if possible members of the Executive Council with experience of the Award Scheme.

Highlands Conference, Inverness, 19th October, 1967

Delegate - Miss L. Martin (subject to leave of absence), proposed by Miss Lee and seconded by Miss Yeats.

Lowlands Conference, Edinburgh, 20th October 1967: Delegate -

Miss Adams - proposed by Miss McFeat and seconded by Miss Arnott.

c) Notice to Life Members

The Chairman indicated that difficulties were arising through Life Members not intimating changes of address or change of name by marriage and it was proposed to make the following insertion in the Bulletin, subject to the approval of the meeting:-

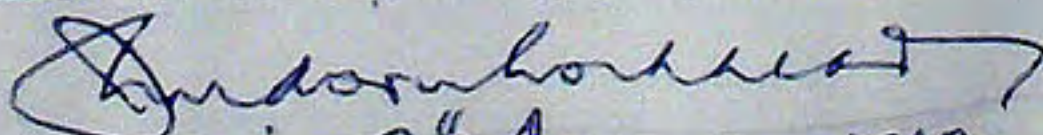
"There have been cases recently where Life Members have indicated that they are not receiving communications from the Society. In many cases it appears this is caused by change of address or change of name by marriage not having been indicated to the Secretary of the Branch to which the Life Member is attached. We shall, therefore, be most grateful if Life Members will be careful to advise Branch Secretaries of such changes."

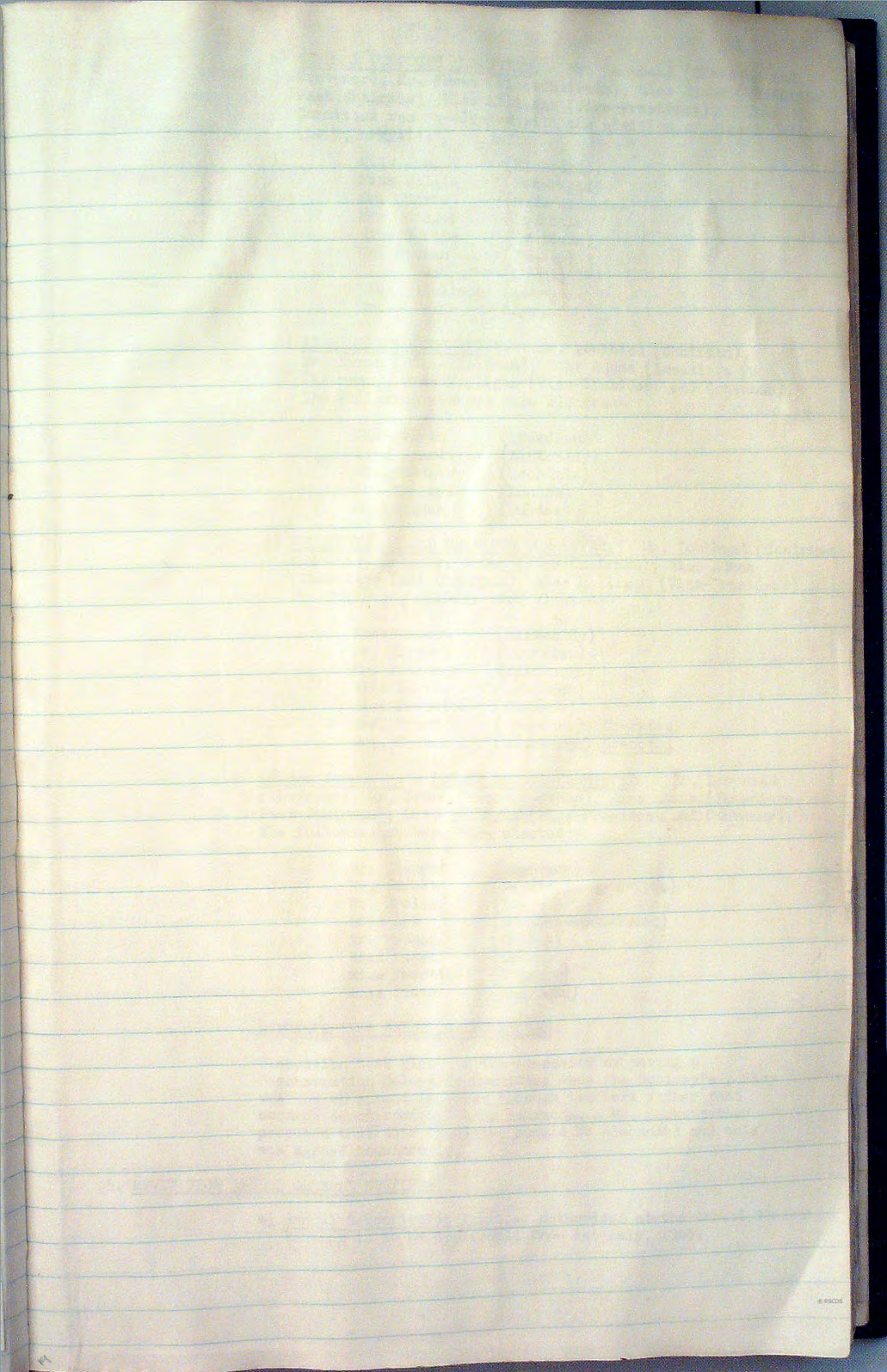
This was approved.

d) Mr. Gruskin, New York Branch indicated the willingness of Overseas Branches to defray expenses incurred in extension work.

To this, the Chairman replied that it was the policy of the Society to spread the knowledge of Scottish Country Dancing and to do this the Society was willing to cover initial travel expenses and to accept hospitality in the course of the tour.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3.50 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. MacLeod.

  
9<sup>th</sup> December 1967.



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North  
British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 9th December 1967 at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Lochhead (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)

Miss Adams, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Brown,  
Mr. Clement, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Mrs. Cunningham,  
Dr. Currie, Miss Donoghue, Mr. Falconer, Miss Ferrier,  
Mr. Foss, Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Gidger, Mr. Ireland,  
Miss Lawson, Miss Lee, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin,  
Mr. Mechan, Miss Mowat, Miss McCulloch, Miss McFeat,  
Miss Nicoll, Mrs. Parker, Miss Prentice, Miss Rae, Mr. Raven,  
Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage,  
Miss Sime, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wilson,  
Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Yeats.

Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss E.R. Grubb (Secretary)

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Lord Thurlow, Mr. Aitkenhead, Mrs. Blain, Miss Collie,  
Miss Galloway, Mr. Gradon, Miss Kane, Miss Lattimer,  
Miss Mackenzie, Mrs. Wadsworth and Miss Walker.

At the first meeting under his Chairmanship, Mr. Lochhead welcomed all members, particularly those attending as new representatives.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last meeting, held at St. Andrews on 4th August 1967, previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - Regional Conferences

Miss L. Martin spoke on the Regional Conference in Inverness and a resumé of her report is attached (Appendix I)

Miss Adams, who attended the Edinburgh Regional Conference, supported Miss Martin's report and added that the whole syllabus for the Scheme was under revision and would include the amended Scottish Country Dancing syllabus when produced.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING : Finance Committee : 28th October 1967

In asking for approval of the Finance Committee Minutes, the Chairman drew the attention of the meeting to the item: "Storage of Books at Headquarters" and recommended the acceptance of the Dexion estimate for shelving and the need for background heating which would cost in the region of £20-£25.

Miss McFeat proposed the adoption of the Minutes and this was seconded by Mrs. Parker.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES : The Chairman asked the feeling of the meeting on the inclusion of co-opted members on Committees and after some discussion, it was agreed that they should still be invited to serve where necessary

a) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman and Convener), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Adams (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected:-

Mr. Corbett	(Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Miss McFeat	(Perth and Perthshire)
Mrs. Parker	(Ayr)
Miss Rae	(Duns and District)
Mr. Raven	(East Surrey, West Kent)
Mr. Taylor	(Stirlingshire)
Mrs. Thomson	(Clackmannanshire)

- b) GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman and Convener), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Adams (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). This Committee was re-elected with the addition of Miss McCulloch (Lorn, Argyll):

Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Miss Collie	(Peterhead)
Dr. Currie	(N.W. Ayrshire)
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Miss Martin	(Aberdeen)
Mr. Mechan	(Dundee)
Miss Mowat	(Leven)
Miss McCulloch	(Lorn)
Mrs. Parker	(Ayr)

- c) EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Adams (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected:-

Miss Yeats	(Aberdeen)
Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Mr. Ireland	(London)
Mr. Mechan	(Dundee)

- d) PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman and Convener), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Adams (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected:-

Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Mr. Clement	(Dumfries)
Mr. Falconer	(Edinburgh)
Miss Martin	(Aberdeen)
Miss Prentice	(Glasgow)
Mrs. Cramb	(Aberdeen) <u>Co-opted</u>
Mrs. Corson	(Edinburgh) <u>Co-opted</u>

- Ad Hoc Committee - SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Adams (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected:-

Mr. Clement	(Dumfries)
Mr. Corbett	(Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Mr. Ireland	(London)
Miss Lee	(Berwick-upon-Tweed)
Mr. Mechan	(Dundee)
Miss Mowat	(Leven)
Miss Prentice	(Glasgow)
Miss Yeats	(Aberdeen)

#### DEMONSTRATION SELECTION COMMITTEE

Discussion took place on the necessity of having a Demonstration Selection Committee when the Society's policy was now to spread interest through teachers rather than sending demonstration teams overseas. Mr. Corbett then proposed that this Committee should be disbanded and this was agreed unanimously.

#### 5. REMIT FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- a) Annual Subscription Increase authorised at the Annual General Meeting is to be applicable from 1st July, 1968.

There followed some discussion on the question of increased Life Membership subscription and it was agreed that a resolution be put forward by the Executive Council to the next Annual General Meeting.

- b) Venue for future Annual General Meetings. The Chairman reminded the meeting of the decision of the Executive Council in May 1966 when it was agreed that Annual General Meetings should always be held in Scotland. In the course of discussion, when it was agreed that no useful purpose would be served in pursuing the matter further, Miss Yeats indicated that a formal invitation would be forthcoming from her Branch (Aberdeen) to hold the 1969 Annual General Meeting there, and this was noted with satisfaction.

#### 6. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION :

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:

1. Littleover Evening Institute Scottish Country Dance Class, Derby
2. The Melbourne Scots Dancing Circle, Australia
3. Pittsburgh Scottish Country Dance Club, U.S.A.
4. Gloucester Scottish Society
5. Stourbridge Scottish Dance Society, Worcs.

#### 7. SUBSCRIPTION COPY FOR 1968/69

At the invitation of the Chairman, Miss Milligan spoke and suggested a publication of dances suitable for children and beginners. Discussion followed and members were in favour of a publication of twelve simple dances of Reels and Strathspeys, and the matter to be referred to the Publications and Research Committee.

An alternative suggestion of a leaflet of demonstration type dances was rejected by the meeting.

During this discussion, Dr. Currie took the opportunity to point out that in Book 23 the music bars were not marked to correspond with the marking of the dance and he hoped that future publications would again have this feature. This was noted for the consideration of the Publications Committee.

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Council should take place on the 4th May, 1968.

#### 9. OTHER BUSINESS:

##### Letter from Mrs. M. Corson

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Corson expressing appreciation to the Executive Council for making possible her visit to North America. Mrs. Corson wrote of the enthusiasm among members which showed the extent of the pioneer work carried through by Miss Milligan over the years. In the course of the tour some 20 Groups were visited.

Mr. Corbett proposed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Corson and this was agreed.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 3.10 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Arnott.



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME - REGIONAL CONFERENCES  
OCTOBER, 1967

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RESUME OF REPORT by Miss L.C. Martin

Scottish Country Dancing comes under the heading of "Pursuits and Interests".

The purpose of the conference was threefold:

- i) To meet Mr. Blake who succeeded Sir John Hunt, of Everest fame, as Director of the Scheme;
- ii) To exchange experiences and to discuss various aspects;
- iii) To give the delegates an indication of what is happening in the revision of the Scheme.

Miss Florence Adams, who attended a similar conference in Edinburgh, has been asked to revise the Scottish Country Dancing syllabus. This is necessary because in the present scheme the work for boys and girls is different and since Scottish Country Dancing is a mixed activity, this is unsatisfactory.

The Award Scheme difficulties are similar to those of this Society for the age group 14-20 years, the participation is only 2½%.

Publicity: The conference saw a film showing the various aspects of the Scheme which had been made to aid publicity in industrial and commercial concerns. I am sure our Society could produce a competent and imaginative amateur cine-photographer who could show on film the many facets of our dancing from children's classes to big formal Balls.

On the subject of standards, there was some disquiet, since 'standard' is very difficult to define. Where Scottish Country Dancing is concerned, it might help to bring it to a more uniform level if the local Branches approached the organisers of the Scheme in their district and offered to provide a teacher for all candidates who wanted to take Scottish Country Dancing as their interest.

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*Judith Horne*  
4<sup>th</sup> May 1968.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North  
British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 4th May 1968 at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. Lochhead (In the Chair)

Miss Adams, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Boode,  
Mr. Briggs, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. R.A. Brown, Miss Collie,  
Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Miss Cunningham, Dr. Currie,  
Miss Donaghue, Mr. Falconer, Miss Ferrier, Miss Galloway,  
Mr. Gradon, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane, Miss Lawson,  
Miss Lee, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Miss Mowat,  
Miss McCulloch, Miss McFeat, Miss Mackenzie, Miss Nicoll,  
Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson,  
Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson,  
Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Yeats.

Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss E.R. Grubb (Secretary)

APOLOGIES :

Apologies for absence were intimated from:

Miss Milligan, Mr. Aitkenhead, Mrs. Blain, Miss Bradley,  
Mr. Clement, Mr. Foss, Miss Fraser, Dr. Hall, Mrs. Kemp,  
Miss Lattimer, Mr. Mechan, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Parker,  
Miss Streight, Miss Walker, Mrs. Wilson.

1. MINUTES :

The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 9th December 1967,  
previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS :

a) Finance Committee, 13th January 1968: The adoption of  
the Minutes was proposed by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by  
Mr. Taylor.

b) Finance Committee Meeting, 4th May 1968: The following  
report was given to the Meeting by Mr. Lochhead, Convener of  
the Finance Committee:

Book Storage. It was reported that the shelving was completed  
and for a very modest contribution to their funds, the Boy  
Scouts had filed the books on the shelves.

Accounts for the months of January, February, March and April  
amounting respectively to £421.14.6, £300.12.6, £800.4.10  
and £289.11.2 were approved.

A statement of investments and bank balances as at 30th April  
1968 was submitted and it was agreed that a local authority  
mortgage for £2,000 @ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % maturing on 15th May should be  
renewed at the current rate of 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ %.

A comparative statement of income and expenditure for the nine  
months to 31st March showed that the position was very favourable.

Life Membership Subscription: It was agreed to recommend that  
the Executive Council should submit a resolution to the next  
Annual General Meeting that the fee be increased from £3.3/- to  
£5.5/-, of which Branches would retain £2.2/-, this being the  
same proportion as the annual subscription. The increase would  
take effect from the date of passing the resolution.

Treasurers' Meeting: A very successful meeting was held on  
30th March. Two points causing concern to Treasurers were the  
security of funds in their possession and the length of time and  
the type of records to be retained permanently. It was agreed  
that Miss Vaughan would give guidance in these matters.

Demonstration Team: An application from Edinburgh Branch for a  
contribution towards the cost of sending a demonstration team to  
Andenne, Belgium was received. It was agreed to offer a  
contribution of £10 towards the expenses of each member of the  
party and to consider any further assistance that might be  
requested when accounts were submitted.

Headquarters Staff: It was agreed that Mrs. Simpson, temporary assistant, who is leaving the employment of the Society in June, should receive two weeks' holiday pay and a small parting gift.

Maintenance at Headquarters: The following estimates for work to be done were approved:

Re-treading of staircase	£14.10/-
Professional spring-cleaning	£51.13/-
Painterwork	£95

Treasurer's Assistant: It was agreed that the Treasurer's new assistant should be appointed as an employee of the Society instead of, as formerly, an employee of Miss Vaughan. It would thus be competent to reclaim Selective Employment Tax with a financial saving of 25/- per week.

Date of next Meeting: Saturday, 27th July at St. Andrews.

The adoption of the Finance Committee report was proposed by Miss McFeat and seconded by Miss Rae.

c) Summer School Committee Meeting, 13th January 1968

The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mr. Corbett and seconded by Miss Adams.

d) Publications Committee Meetings - 13th January, 24th February, 30th March 1968. The Minutes of these meetings were approved.

A report of the meeting held on 27th April 1968 was given by Mr. Lochhead:

Tape-Recordings by Park Film Studios: No further progress had been made in arranging to have tape-recordings produced by Park Film Studios.

New Publication: The revised text and diagrams were prepared and music selected. It was agreed that the book be uniform with the Graded Book. The quantity to be ordered from Bell, Aird & Coghill Ltd., 17,000.

This report was approved.

In view of the unsatisfactory situation with Park Film Studios, Mr. Gradon (Hereford) offered to prepare a tape using music from either Book 23 or the Graded Book for the material and played on piano or violin suitably backed. The recording would be done by amateurs sufficiently interested in the subject to offer their services and professional type equipment for this purpose. Mr. Gradon kindly offered to endeavour to have the tape available for the Summer School this year.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION :

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from -

- a) Glenridding Scottish Country Dance Club, Penrith, Cumberland
- b) Painswick Scottish Dancing Society, Gloucestershire
- c) Worces Scots Society, Worcester.
- d) YWCA Scottish Country Dance Class, Kirkealdy
- e) Durban Caledonian Society, South Africa
- f) Country Dancers of The Kiltie Band of Oklahoma City, USA
- g) St. John's Episcopal School Scottish Country Dancers, Oklahoma City, USA
- h) Triangle Scottish Country Dancers, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA
- i) Scottish Country Dance Society of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica

4. CORRESPONDENCE :

a) 1969 Annual General Meeting Invitation

The Secretary read a letter from Aberdeen Branch apologising for their inability to offer hospitality to the Society on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting in 1969.

The halls normally available for this type of function had already been allocated to commercial entertainers or were under demolition orders.

Mr. Corbett (Newcastle) proposed that the Executive Council should record their appreciation to Aberdeen Branch for their effort.

The Chairman then invited Scottish Branches to consider the possibility of offering hospitality to the Annual General Meeting in 1969.

b) National Dress Festival, Freirachdorf, Nr. Bonn, Germany

The Secretary read a request for a demonstration team to attend a National Dress Festival at Freirachdorf, Nr. Bonn from 1st to 3rd June 1968. The Chairman indicated that in view of the lack of financial support offered and the very short notice, it would not be possible for this invitation to be considered.

Mr. Boode (The Hague District Branch) then indicated that his Branch might be prepared to undertake the visit, provided financial support would be forthcoming from some source.

The Secretary was instructed to approach the organisers and enquire what hospitality and/or financial support they would be prepared to give. Subject to a satisfactory reply from the organisers, the Chairman indicated that The Hague District Branch would receive support from Headquarters to the extent offered to other Branches sending teams abroad.

5. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING :

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on Saturday, 10th August 1968 at St. Andrews.

6. OTHER BUSINESS :

a) A letter had been received from Mrs. Lesslie, New Zealand enquiring about the possibility of appointing additional Examiners in New Zealand. She suggested that initially those appointed would examine with her and later be allowed to examine in pairs.

Discussion followed and it was agreed that this idea could not be countenanced. The Executive Council regretfully refused the request.

b) Purpose of Executive Council

Dr. Currie (N.W. Ayrshire Branch) questioned the need for such a large Executive Council to meet three times per year at considerable cost to the Society. He felt that any number from 12 - 24 members would be sufficient in an Executive Council as most of the policy-making for the Society was done by Sub-Committees and presented to the Executive for their approval. Dr. Currie emphasised that he was not presenting this for the immediate consideration of the Executive, but merely wished them to give the matter their consideration and perhaps take it back to their Branches.

General discussion followed, a number of the members present pointing out that the very fact of their meeting together on these occasions and returning to their Branches having made personal contact with other Branch representatives, gave the feeling of belonging to a very active organisation.

The feeling of the meeting was opposed to Dr. Currie's suggestion and this he withdrew.

c) Subscription Copy

Mr. Boode (The Hague District Branch) questioned the present system whereby members attending the Summer School were required to purchase a new publication, if issued, when they would be entitled to receive the same publication later in the year as their due subscription copy.

After much discussion, Mr. Corbett moved that the new publication be presented to members attending the Summer School and this was seconded by Miss Lee.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that these members would still be entitled to receive their subscription copy of a new publication from their Branch at the normal distributing time. However, these members would not be entitled to receive an alternative publication in lieu of a new publication.

Miss Martin (Aberdeen) then proposed an amendment to the effect that members might uplift their new subscription copy and record its receipt. This information would then be transmitted to the appropriate Branch so that the local Secretary could reduce the order for subscription copies. This was seconded by Miss Adams.

The matter was put to the vote and the motion adopted.

d) Book 22 - Correction

Mr. Gradon (Hereford) pointed out an error in the diagram for the dance, "Miss Janet Laing's Strathspey". It was proposed that an amended diagram be shown in the next issue of the Society Bulletin.

e) Membership

Mr. Boode (The Hague District Branch) raised the question of members in Holland not being attached to The Hague District Branch. The Chairman pointed out that there was a strong Society membership in Holland before the Branch was formed and whilst these members were encouraged to attach themselves to The Hague District Branch, they were under no obligation to do so.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 3.35 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Rae.

*John C. Mulligan*  
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in University Hall, St. Andrews, on Saturday, 10th August 1968 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT : Miss Milligan (In the Chair)

Miss Adams, Miss Brander, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Cunningham, Dr. Currie, Mr. Foss, Mr. Gradon, Miss Griffiths, Miss Gardiner-Jones, Mr. Greenberg, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane, Miss Lawson, Miss Lee, Miss Lewis, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Mrs. Moore, Miss Mowat, Miss McCulloch, Miss McFeat, Miss Rae, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Dr. Robertson-Wilson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Shields, Miss Sime, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Miss Wighton,

Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss E.R. Grubb (Secretary)

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:

Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Brown, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Blain, Mr. Boode, Mr. Clement, Mrs. Couper, Miss Donoghue, Mrs. Kemp, Mr. Meredith, Mrs. Parker, Miss Walker and Mrs. Wilson.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Miss Milligan (Vice-President) took the meeting. In her opening remarks she intimated to the meeting that the Chairman, Mr. Lochhead, had taken ill and would be in hospital for some time. Mr. Gradon then proposed that a letter be sent to Mrs. Lochhead expressing the sympathy of the meeting and wishing Mr. Lochhead a speedy recovery.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 6th May 1968, previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Annual General Meeting, 1969

The invitation from Dumfries Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting there in 1969 was accepted. The Chairman indicated that this would be the first occasion on which the Society had held the Annual General Meeting in Dumfries.

b) Increase in Life Membership Subscription

It was unanimously agreed that the wording of the resolution to be put forward at the Annual General Meeting with regard to the increase in the Life Membership subscription should read as follows:

"That the Life Membership payment be increased to £5.5/- of which Branches would retain £2.2/-. The increase to take effect from the date of passing the resolution."

Dr. Hall, on behalf of Manchester Branch, raised the question of the convenience of the proposed figure of five guineas in view of the forthcoming change to decimal currency, but the meeting felt that this matter could be disregarded at the present time.

Mr. Corbett felt that members of the Executive Committee who had agreed to this resolution being put forward at the Annual General Meeting should, on their return to Branches, endeavour to ensure that the delegates appointed to represent their Branch at the Annual General Meeting should support this resolution when presented on that occasion.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

a) Publications Committee - 27th April 1968. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Miss Adams and seconded by Mr. Gradon.

Mr. Gradon then played through tapes on which the music for "Up in the Air" had been recorded four times under different conditions for comparison purposes. The music was also relayed through two qualities of speakers to show how they would sound when used with less expensive amplifiers. At the conclusion of the demonstration, Mr. Gradon offered to endeavour to prepare a tape for Book 24 and perhaps for Book 23 if time permitted, for presentation at the Annual General Meeting in November.

The meeting expressed great appreciation of all the work Mr. Gradon had done and requested that he convey the appreciation of the Society to the pianist, Mr. Arthur, and to Mr. Spencer-Noble and Mr. Baxendall who made the recordings.

Discussion followed on the possible cost of suitable equipment to enable the Society to reproduce copies for sale from a mastertape but no decision was taken. At the present time, prices for individual tape-recorders for use by amateurs, range from £40 to £180.

b) Publications Committee, 8th July 1968. It was intimated that the meeting held on that date did not constitute a full Committee Meeting and consequently no minutes were taken.

c) Finance Committee, 4th May 1968. The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Miss McFeat and seconded by Mr. Corbett.

d) Finance Committee, 27th July 1968. The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Miss McFeat and seconded by Mr. Corbett.

The attention of the meeting was drawn to the recommendation to increase the Examination Fee to 15/-. It was then proposed by Dr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Gradon that the increase should take effect from 1st September 1968.

On behalf of the meeting, Mr. Corbett expressed appreciation to the Treasurer for her work during the year.

4. ANNUAL REPORT : The Secretary read the report on the year's work which was approved and passed for publication in the Bulletin. The Chairman indicated that this was a very acceptable report.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION

Applications for Branch formation were unanimously approved and accepted from:

- a) Johannesburg (South Africa) - (Fifty-First Club)
- b) Oxfordshire - (Banbury Scottish Country Dance Group)

#### APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:

- a) Bideford & District Scottish Country Dance Club, No. Devon.
- b) Wrexham and District Caledonian Association, No. Wales.
- c) Mufulira Caledonian Society Country Dance Club, Zambia

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) The Secretary read an extract from a letter received from Mrs. F. Lesslie (New Zealand) indicating that she had been invited to Australia for three weeks to conduct examinations and would be visiting Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney and Wollongong. The expenses for this visit will be borne by the Australian members.

b) The letter received from Nairobi Branch was read to the meeting by the Secretary. This gave a report on Mrs. M. Yarker's visit to Kenya and expressed great appreciation of the work she did during her visit.

7. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Council should take place on 7th December 1968.

8. OTHER BUSINESS :

Branch representation at Executive Council Meetings

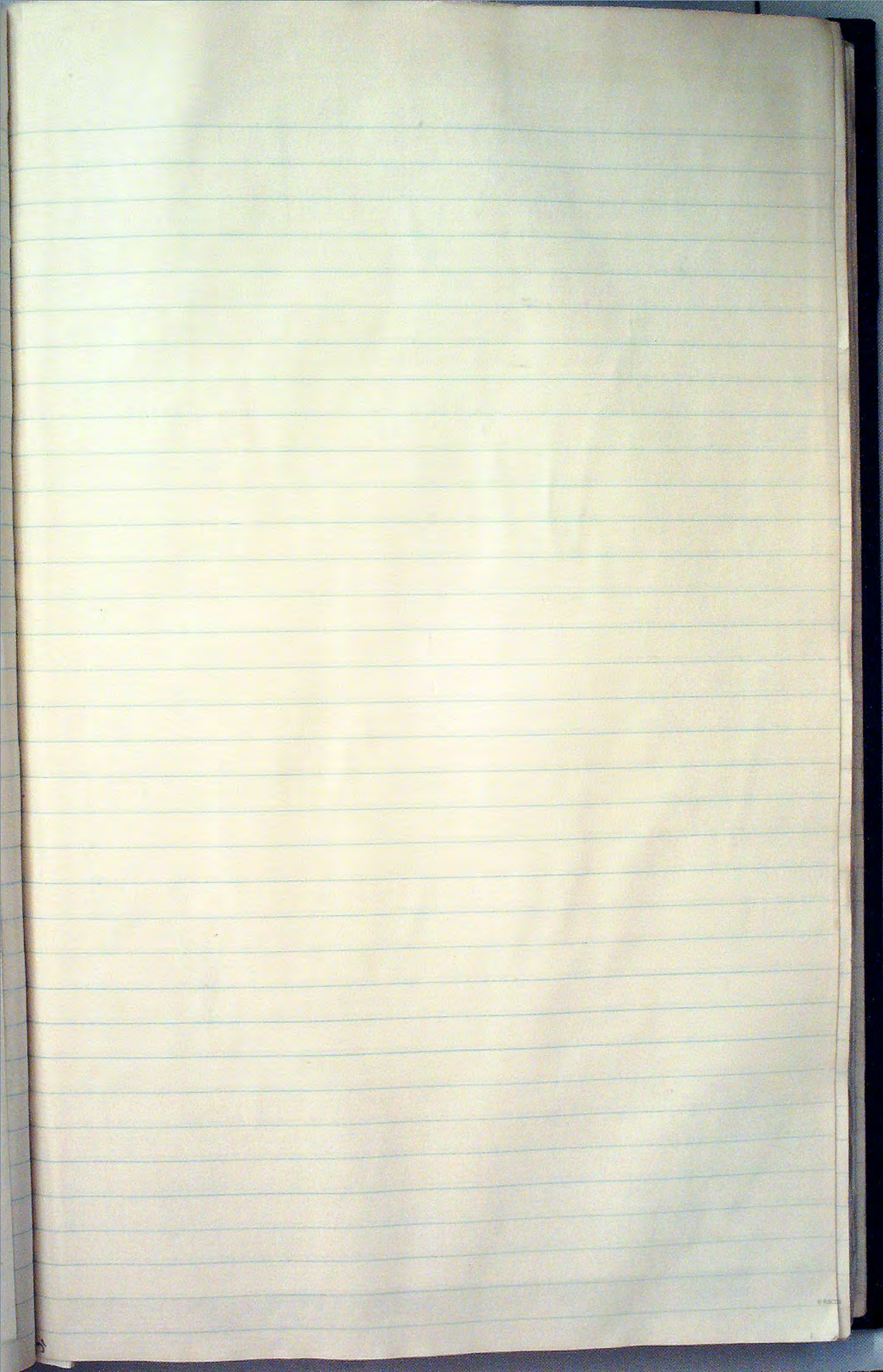
Miss Adams suggested that perhaps Branches were not aware that they were entitled to appoint an alternative representative at Executive Meetings when the official representative was unable to attend. It was then recommended that a footnote be added to the Agenda when it is despatched.

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There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 4 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Gradon.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 7th December, 1968 at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Lochhead (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)

Miss Adams, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Boode, Miss Brander, Mr. Brown, Miss R.A. Brown, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Mr. J.E. Cunningham, Miss M. Cunningham, Dr. Currie, Miss Dobbins, Mr. Falconer, Miss Fraser, Mr. Gradon, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Mrs. Hedley, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane, Miss Lawson, Miss Lee, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Mr. Meredith, Miss Mowat, Miss McCulloch, Miss Nicoll, Mrs. Parker, Miss Prentice, Miss Rae, Mr. Raven, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Dr. Robertson-Wilson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Miss H. Taylor, Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Miss Wyatt, Miss Yeats.

Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss E.R. Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Mrs. Blain, Miss Collie, Mr. Foss, Mrs. Moore, Miss McFeat, Miss Mackenzie, Miss Oliver, Miss Walker, Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Lochhead back after his illness and wished him continuing success as Chairman.

Mr. Lochhead expressed appreciation of the many good wishes received during his illness and thanked Mr. Brown for deputising at the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Lochhead welcomed the return of Miss Milligan from her overseas tour.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held at St. Andrews on 10th August, 1968, previously circulated, were approved, subject to Item 8 being deleted as this was unconstitutional. There is no provision for the attendance of substitute representatives at meetings of the Executive Council and its Committees, although it is competent for accredited substitute delegates to attend general meetings of the Society.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : Tape-Recording - Book 24  
Further discussion on this item was delayed until later in the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a) Examinations Committee - 28th September 1968

The Chairman announced that it had been brought to his notice that due to a misunderstanding the name of Miss M. Collie had been deleted from the list of Examiners and it would now be re-entered. The Minutes were then approved.

Mr. Ireland referred again to the situation at Dunfermline College of Physical Education and pressed the Executive Council to send a strongly worded letter to the Principal pointing out the need for the curriculum to give students, particularly Scots, the opportunity to pursue their interest in Scottish Country Dancing, which is part of our national heritage.

Miss Prentice offered the suggestion that perhaps it would carry greater weight if Mr. Ireland's recommendation was addressed to the Board of Governors of the College rather than to the Principal.

It was agreed that this course of action should be followed, but out of courtesy a copy of the letter would be forwarded to the Principal.

Mrs. Wadsworth enquired why it had been necessary to draw up the circular 'Notes to Examiners' and she was advised that at the meetings of teachers at the Summer School, it was found that the conduct of examinations varied from place to place and the Examinations Committee thought it appropriate to prepare the notes and circulate these to examiners.

Mr. Falconer questioned the longer period of tuition indicated in the revised syllabus. He was reminded that this was a recommendation and it was appreciated that it would not always be possible to comply with this.

b) Finance Committee - 2nd November 1968

The adoption of the Minutes of the Finance Committee, held on 2nd November 1968, was approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES :

Before election of Committee members, the Chairman suggested that it might be advisable that no member serve on more than one Committee

a) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman and Convener), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Mrs. Parker	(Ayr)
Mr. Corbett	(Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Miss Rae	(Duns and District)
Miss McFeat	(Perth and Perthshire)
Mr. Taylor	(Stirlingshire)
Mrs. Thomson	(Clackmannanshire)
Mr. Aitkenhead	(N.W. Ayrshire)

b) GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman and Convener), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss Collie	(Peterhead)
Mrs. Couper	(Dunfermline)
Miss M. Cunningham	(West Lothian)
Dr. Hall	(Manchester)
Miss Lawson	(Edinburgh)
Miss F. Martin	(Stirlingshire East)
Mr. Meredith	(East Lothian)
Miss Mowat	(Leven)
Miss McCulloch	(Lorn, Argyll)
Miss Prentice	(Glasgow)

c) EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:

Miss Adams	(Glasgow)
Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Mr. Ireland	(London)
Miss Yeats	(Aberdeen)

d) PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Dr. Currie	(N.W. Ayrshire)	
Mr. Falconer	(Edinburgh)	
Miss L. Martin	(Aberdeen)	
Mr. Savage	(Dunbartonshire West)	
Miss Taylor	(London)	
Mrs. Cramb	(Aberdeen)	<u>Co-opted</u>
Mrs. Corson	(Edinburgh)	<u>Co-opted</u>
Mr. Gradon	(Herefordshire)	<u>Co-opted</u>

Ad Hoc Committee

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

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| Miss Brander   | (Carlisle and District)      |
| Mr. Gradon     | (Herefordshire)              |
| Mrs. Hedley    | (Roxburghshire and District) |
| Miss Lee       | (Berwick-upon-Tweed)         |
| Miss Redford   | (St. Andrews)                |
| Miss Ross      | (Forres)                     |
| Mrs. Wadsworth | (Gatehouse-of-Fleet)         |

(NOTE: Co-opted members are not eligible to vote at Committee Meetings.)

5. APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION

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An application for Branch formation was unanimously approved and accepted from Cardiff and South Wales.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:-

- a) The Prebond Scottish Country Dance Society, Lytham-St. Annes
- b) Reigate and Redhill Scottish Country Dance Club
- c) Selsdon Further Education Centre Scottish Country Dancing Class  
Surrey
- d) Port Elizabeth Scottish Association Country Dance Club, South  
Africa.
- e) St. John's Scottish Country Dance Group, Toorak, Victoria,  
Australia
- f) Oxford University Scottish Society
- g) Westgate (Burnley) Scottish Country Dance Club
- h) The Scottish Dance Society, Queen Mary School, Lytham, Lancs.
- i) Watford & West Herts Scottish Society, Middlesex
- j) The University of Waterloo Scottish Country Dance Group,  
Ontario, Canada

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7. SUBSCRIPTION COPY :

The Chairman recommended that for 1969/70 the subscription copy should be a Pocket Edition of Books 23, 24 and 5 Traditional Scottish Country Dances for 1965. He also recommended that the Publications Committee should commence preparation of a new publication for 1970/71.

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He reminded the meeting that there was need for revision and reprinting of the Constitution and Rules of the Society and this work would fall upon the Publications Committee.

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8. CORRESPONDENCE: <sup>a)</sup> Letter from The Central Council of Physical Recreation

The Secretary read a letter from The Central Council of Physical Recreation reminding organisations who send teams abroad that details of their visit should be given in advance to the British Embassies and/or British Representatives in the countries being visited.

- b) Visit of South African Folk Dance Society - Proposed dates:  
3rd - 8th July, 1969

The Chairman invited Miss Milligan to speak on this. Miss Milligan indicated that on two occasions in the past, teams representing the Society, had been to South Africa and had received hospitality throughout their stay and while numbers in the group proposing to visit Scotland this year were large (approx.60), Miss Milligan indicated that the Society would recognise the visit and give financial assistance towards the entertainment. Miss Milligan indicated that Mrs. Corson of Edinburgh Branch has already done much to prepare the ground for the visit and has spared no effort to raise funds to assist with expenses.

The Chairman recommended that the visit be viewed favourably by the Executive Council as it would encourage interest in the work of the Society and that it was in order to use Society funds for this purpose. For the guidance of members, the Chairman indicated an expenditure in the region of £300 would be necessary.

After some discussion, Dr. Currie proposed that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee and that it be given powers to co-opt members to the Committee and make the necessary arrangements. This was agreed.

c) Domfront Annual Festival, France

The Secretary read a letter from the Domfront Festival organisers inviting a team of Scottish Country Dancers to their Festival at Whitsun 1969. The Chairman advised interested Branches to apply to Headquarters for further details.

9. OPEN FORUM :

The Chairman read through the items raised at the Open Forum after the Annual General Meeting in November.

Dr. Currie proposed that the following items be referred to the appropriate Committee:

Subscription Copies - to Publications Committee in view of their proposed action with regard to future subscription copies.

Class for Pipers and other musicians - to Summer School Committee.

The remaining items to the General Purposes Committee.

This was approved.

Miss L. Martin suggested that, at the discretion of the Committees concerned, a written reply be sent to members who raise points at the Open Forum, and this was agreed.

10. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Council should take place on the 3rd May 1969.

TAPE-RECORDINGS

The meeting returned to Item 2 on the Agenda and heard part of the tape-recording prepared by Mr. Gradon of the music from Book 24. This was well received by the meeting and appreciation of his work expressed. Mr. Gradon had personally produced twenty of these tapes for distribution and it was agreed that the matter of reimbursement to Mr. Gradon be left to the Finance Committee. Mr. Gradon emphasised that he was concerned in producing tapes of music to Society standards for the benefit of the Society and that at no time did he seek personal gain.

The Chairman then invited Miss Milligan to speak of her experience in Canada where she had met Mr. Stan Hamilton, the leading Scottish Country Dance music authority in Canada. Miss Milligan said there is a demand for a small record, having one dance to each side, rather than using tapes or long-playing records, from which it is more difficult to pick up the exact dance or phrase required for teaching. Miss Milligan indicated that she thought it might be possible to make some arrangement, favourable both to the Society and Mr. Hamilton, for the production of these records. Through the good offices of Professor Emerson of Toronto, Miss Milligan thought it would be possible to arrange for the distribution of these records in Britain.

The idea was favourably received by the meeting. Mr. Gradon said he was delighted to hear of the suggestion and did not feel his work had been wasted. There was probably a place for both tapes and records and perhaps the Society would consider supporting ventures in both fields. The meeting agreed that the whole matter be remitted to the Publications Committee for consideration.

11. OTHER BUSINESS :

Membership

The Chairman said that it would be of assistance to the Finance Committee to know the effect of the increased annual subscription on Branch membership this year. In the case of his own Branch, East Lothian, it appeared that there had been no difficulty and that membership for the season was up. Several representatives indicated that their membership had been adversely affected by the increase. One Branch had reduced their class fee by the amount of the increase and thus no increase was passed on to members.

Teaching Qualification

Under the new General Teaching Council ruling which indicates that a teacher training must be taken, Mrs. Hedley of our Roxburghshire and District Branch has been warned that she may not be allowed to continue her teaching activities. At present she teaches only Scottish Country Dancing in Secondary Schools in her area.

Mr. Mitkenhead said that it was probable that the Society qualification would be accepted under the heading of "Technical Instructor" and Miss Yeats said that this was already the case in Aberdeen. A suggestion was put forward that an approach be made to the Scottish Education Department to confirm the standing of the Society Certificate which is an accepted teaching qualification.

Book Review

Mr. Corbett said that he had read an extremely favourable review of Miss Milligan's most recent book "Introducing Scottish Country Dancing" in 'Teachers' World' and suggested that it might be worthwhile sending the publishers a copy of Book 24 for review, thereby spreading the knowledge of the availability of Society publications. The suggestion was accepted.

Before the close of the meeting, the Chairman invited Miss Milligan to give a brief report on her visit to Canada and U.S.A.

Miss Milligan commenced by telling members that the purpose of the visit had been to inaugurate the 'Miss Jeannie Carmichael Memorial Weekend' in New York, but before attending that function she had visited several Canadian centres, including Hamilton, St. Catharines, London, Toronto and Ottawa. With one exception, Miss Milligan's classes were conducted to the music of Stan Hamilton and his Band and this gave much pleasure to all concerned.

Throughout the visit she was aware of the tremendous enthusiasm of the members, coupled with a high standard of dancing. Miss Milligan commented on the Teachers' Association in Canada which meets regularly to ensure uniformity in teaching and commended this to the Society here, as it enables members from all parts to participate, without encountering local variations in dances.

The New York Weekend was an unqualified success and Miss Milligan told the meeting that it was the intention of that Branch to invite an outstanding teacher to conduct the Miss Jeannie Carmichael Memorial Weekend School once every two years. In this way they felt they will continue to strengthen the bond with the home of Scottish Country Dancing.

Miss Milligan concluded by exhorting members to spread the knowledge of Scottish Country Dancing and her closing words were "I am nearing the end of the road - wisdom will die with you - pass on something of the soul, not just something of the feet - be loyal to the Society and the dances will live."

Dr. Hall, in proposing the vote of thanks to the Chairman, hoped that conducting the meeting had not been too arduous for him after his recent illness.

The meeting ended at 4.40 p.m.

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3rd May 1969



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North  
British Hotel, Edinburgh on Saturday, 3rd May, 1969 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Lochhead (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)

Miss Adams, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Barrett,  
Mr. Boode, Miss Brander, Miss R.A. Brown, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett,  
Mrs. Couper, Miss Dobbins, Miss Donoghue, Mr. Falconer,  
Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Hedley, Mr. Ireland, Miss Lawson,  
Miss Lee, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Mr. Meredith, Miss Mowat,  
Miss McCulloch, Miss McFeat, Miss Nicoll, Miss Oliver,  
Mrs. Parker, Miss Prentice, Miss Rae, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson,  
Dr. Robertson-Wilson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Mr. Taylor,  
Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Yeats.  
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Mrs. Blain, Mr. Brown, Mr. Cunningham, Dr. Currie, Mr. Foss,  
Mr. Gradon, Miss Kane, Miss Streight, Miss MacKenzie, Miss Taylor,  
Miss Walker.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 7th December 1968,  
previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Examinations Committee: Letter from Dunfermline College of  
Physical Education.

The Secretary read a reply from the Principal of Dunfermline  
College of Physical Education which indicated that the Governors  
do not consider that students should be compelled to take the  
Scottish Country Dance Certificate and that all students leaving  
the College were equipped to teach the basic principles of  
Scottish Country Dance.

The meeting, whilst not entirely satisfied with the reply,  
considered there was little further that could be done in the matter.

b) Formation of Branch in South Wales

The Chairman indicated that this item did not specifically refer to  
that Branch as the difficulties that had arisen there had been  
resolved. It had shown that it was not unreasonable to request the  
following additional information from applicants for Branch status:

i. From the list in the RSCDS Bulletin, is there any  
other affiliated group which might reasonably be  
covered by a Branch in your area?

ii. Have you consulted with them or advised them that  
you are making application for Branch status?

iii. What was the reaction from the Group or Groups?

He indicated that the position would be clarified by Item 4 on  
the Agenda.

Mrs. Gibbs (Oxfordshire) indicated that she felt had the group from  
which her Branch was formed been requested to answer these further  
questions, the Branch might not have come into being, as many groups  
were not aware of the function and activities of the Society. The  
Chairman said that any group applying for Branch status would have  
knowledge of this and would be able to explain the purpose and intent  
of the Society to any enquirer from surrounding groups. It was really  
as a matter of courtesy that these additional questions were put  
forward and the meeting agreed to their inclusion on the application  
form.

c) Teaching Qualification

The Secretary read a reply from the Scottish Education Department on  
the question of the acceptability of the Society's Certificate, from  
which it is clear that those employed for the purpose of teaching  
Scottish Country Dancing, are employed in the capacity of Instructors  
rather than as teachers. These appointments are at the discretion of  
employing authorities.



Mrs. Hedley (Roxburghshire) indicated that she had now been accepted as an Instructor on a day to day basis by her local Education Authority.

#### MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- a) Finance Committee, 25th January 1969: The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Miss Rae and seconded by Miss McFeat.
- b) Finance Committee, 3rd May 1969: The following report was given to the Meeting by Mr. Lochhead, Convener of the Finance Committee:

Tape Recordings. The Finance Committee recommended that a further payment of 5/- per tape be allowed to Mr. Gradon for the second issue and any subsequent tapes prepared to allow for wear and tear on his equipment. This raised the sum payable to him for each tape to 35/-. The purchase price remained unchanged.

Accounts for the months of January, February and March, amounting respectively to £1,082.19.7; £477.11.8; and £326.16.5 were approved.

A statement of investments and bank balances as at 31st March 1969 was submitted. It was agreed that a Local Authority mortgage for £3,000 at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ % maturing on 15th May 1969 be renewed. A further Local Authority mortgage for £1,000 at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % matures on 15th May 1969 and the Treasurer was enquiring as to the renewal rate.

A comparative statement of income and expenditure for the nine months to 31st March showed that the subscriptions were down at the present time but perhaps by the end of the year this position will have rectified itself.

Office Equipment: The present system used for addressing communications to Headquarters Life Members had become obsolete and it was essential to replace the equipment. For this purpose, the Finance Committee recommended the expenditure of £202 on the necessary Addressograph equipment.

Maintenance at Headquarters: The following estimate for work to be done at Headquarters was approved:

Professional cleaning : £58  
Carpet repair to be carried out for safety as recommended by repairer.

As the office premises of the Society now come under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963, certain fire precautions must be observed. These include the fitting of a self-closing mechanism to the communicating door between ground floor and basement and the provision of two fire extinguishers. The installation of the fire warning system was to be considered in conjunction with other owners of the property.

South African Tour. Arrangements for the tour were progressing satisfactorily and Scottish Branches would be advised of the final programme.

Chain for Chairman's Badge of Office. A letter had been received from Duns and District Branch indicating that they would be pleased to present a Chain for the Chairman's Badge of Office. The Chairman asked that the meeting record its appreciation of this generous gift.

West Dunbartonshire Branch. It was announced that it had been agreed to support the Branch request for assistance in the conduct of an examination class in view of the extremely scattered area in which it operates. The deficit of £25.10/- would be covered.

World Federation of Scottish Societies and Individuals. The Committee recommended that the Society subscribe to this organisation as it would be to the advantage of this Society. The annual subscription is two guineas.

Date of next Meeting was arranged for 26th July 1969, 2.30 p.m. at St. Andrews.

11th January 1969

c) General Purposes Committee Meeting. The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Meredith.

d) Summer School Committee, 11th January 1969. Mrs. Wadsworth again raised the question of the possibility of the commencement date of the Summer School being revised to Saturdays. It was pointed out that there could be no change for the year 1969 but the matter would be referred to the Warden at University Hall during the course of the Summer School. It was suggested that it might be possible to hold a referendum on the subject at St. Andrews this year.

The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Dr. Robertson-Wilson and seconded by Miss Lee.

e) Publications Committee Meetings, 11th January and 15th February The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Miss L. Martin and seconded by Mr. Falconer.

f) Publications Committee Meeting, 26th April 1969. The following report was given to the Meeting by Miss Milligan, Convener of the Publications Committee:

Records. It was indicated that the suggestion to produce records in North America did not recommend itself to the Committee and it was decided not to proceed with the discussions.

Constitution and Rules - Revision and Reprinting. Various corrections and previous amendments had been detailed for inclusion in a reprint of the Constitution. All were in order and, where necessary, had been approved by the Society in General Meeting.

The Publications Committee made the following proposal for the consideration of the Executive Council: Page 3, Clause III. In lines 3 to 5, delete "provided there is not in their area any Branch of the Society of which the members of such body could conveniently become members". It was agreed that this go forward to the Annual General Meeting as a resolution from the Executive Council.

Miss Adams raised the question of substitute representatives attending the Executive Council Meetings. There was no provision for this in the Constitution at the present time and after general discussion, it was suggested that as the whole Constitution was being examined, a clause to the effect that an accredited substitute be allowed to attend Executive Council Meetings in the absence of the appointed member be inserted. This would require to go forward as a resolution from the Executive Council and, if passed at the Annual General Meeting would take immediate effect.

Draft letter to B.B.C. A letter of protest had been drafted on the subject of the authenticity of dances used in television productions on B.B.C. It had been pointed out that at times there were considerable variations from the traditional instructions published by this Society and the B.B.C. was urged to refrain from this practice in the future. At this point Dr. Robertson Wilson suggested that it might not be amiss to comment to the B.B.C. on the performance of Scottish Country Dance music on Radio 4 on Saturday evenings. He indicated that the programmes were completely spoiled for him by the unnecessary clapping and shrieking that accompanied them.

It was also announced that an approach had been made to Grampian Television who appeared interested in the subject and it was hoped that arrangements would be made for a representative of that body to observe the activities of the Society at the Summer School at St. Andrews.

New Publication. It was hoped to produce another book of traditional dances. The Committee had considered and danced through ten unpublished traditional dances. Further consideration would have to be given to this matter.

Non-Society Dances in Dance Programmes. These were appearing frequently in dance programmes and it was proposed that a letter be sent to Branches inviting them to restrict the numbers of these used in programmes and in teaching.

- g) South African Tour Sub-Committee Meetings, 25th January, 15th February and 15th March, 1969

The adoption of the Minutes of these Meetings was proposed by Mr. Falconer and seconded by Miss Prentice.

- h) South African Tour Sub-Committee Meeting, 3rd May 1969

Mr. Lochhead, Convener of this Committee, indicated that the final arrangements were now in hand.

#### 4. APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION

Washington, D.C., U.S.A. The Chairman indicated that there appeared to be two groups in this area making application for Branch status and recommended that members withhold approval until further information was available.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:

- a) New Milton Further Education Scottish Dance Club, Hants.
- b) West Suffolk Ceilidh Club, Bury St. Edmunds
- c) Brighthouse Scottish Country Dance Club, Yorkshire
- d) The Scots' Society of St. Andrew (Slough and District), Bucks.

#### 6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1970 - Dunblane Hydro Scottish Country Dance Club

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. J. Prentice, Secretary of the Dunblane Hydro Scottish Country Dance Club. This was an application from the Club to be considered as hosts for the 1970 Annual General Meeting. All activities could be conducted under the one roof and the Hotel Proprietors had offered to be hosts at luncheon on the Saturday. After much discussion, the meeting agreed that an Annual General Meeting could be conducted by a Branch only. The application was ruled out of order and the Secretary was instructed to reply, regretfully declining the offer.

7. BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS : New Zealand and Johannesburg Branches. The Chairman announced that the Constitutions from these Branches appeared to be in order and recommended their acceptance.

#### 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Executive Council should take place at St. Andrews on 9th August 1969 at 2.30 p.m.

9. OTHER BUSINESS : a) Letter from Teachers' Association (Canada) - Request for Examiner

The Chairman said that a request for an Examiner had been received from North America. Miss Milligan was invited to advise the meeting of the details.

Miss Milligan indicated that she personally had been invited but did not feel she could undertake the tour this year and proposed that Miss Margaret McLaren be invited to undertake the tour on behalf of the Society. This was approved, the usual arrangement with regard to fares and expenses to apply.

- b) Letter from The Central Council of Physical Recreation

The Secretary read a letter from the C.C.P.R. outlining the purpose of the proposed Committee on Dance and Movement and inviting two representatives from this Society to attend the meeting on 6th May. The Society would be represented by Miss Milligan and Miss Margaret McLaren.

After general discussion on the probable purpose of the Committee, Miss Milligan assured members that it was an exploratory meeting and the interests of the Society would be protected.

Mr. Ireland pointed out to the meeting that, as the Society's official representative to the C.C.P.R., he felt it would have been proper if he had been informed direct of this proposed meeting.

c) Formation of Melbourne and District Branch

The Chairman announced that the Branch had now been formed. The application had originally been approved in May 1967.

d) Carlisle and District Branch

Miss Brander indicated that the Branch felt it should be brought to the notice of the Executive Council that the Branch had engaged the Jimmy Blue Scottish Country Dance Band to play for their Annual Ball on 28th March 1969, the original booking had been placed in January 1968. On 8th March 1969, three weeks before the date of the function, the Branch received a letter from the Band asking if they might cancel the engagement and offering the services of a substitute Band. In view of the limited time available, the Branch accepted the substitute, but felt that the members of the Executive Council should know of their difficulty. Other members indicated that they had had a similar experience with this Band. A suggestion was made that the Society write officially to the Band and protest at the treatment Branches had received but this was not advised.

Dundee Branch

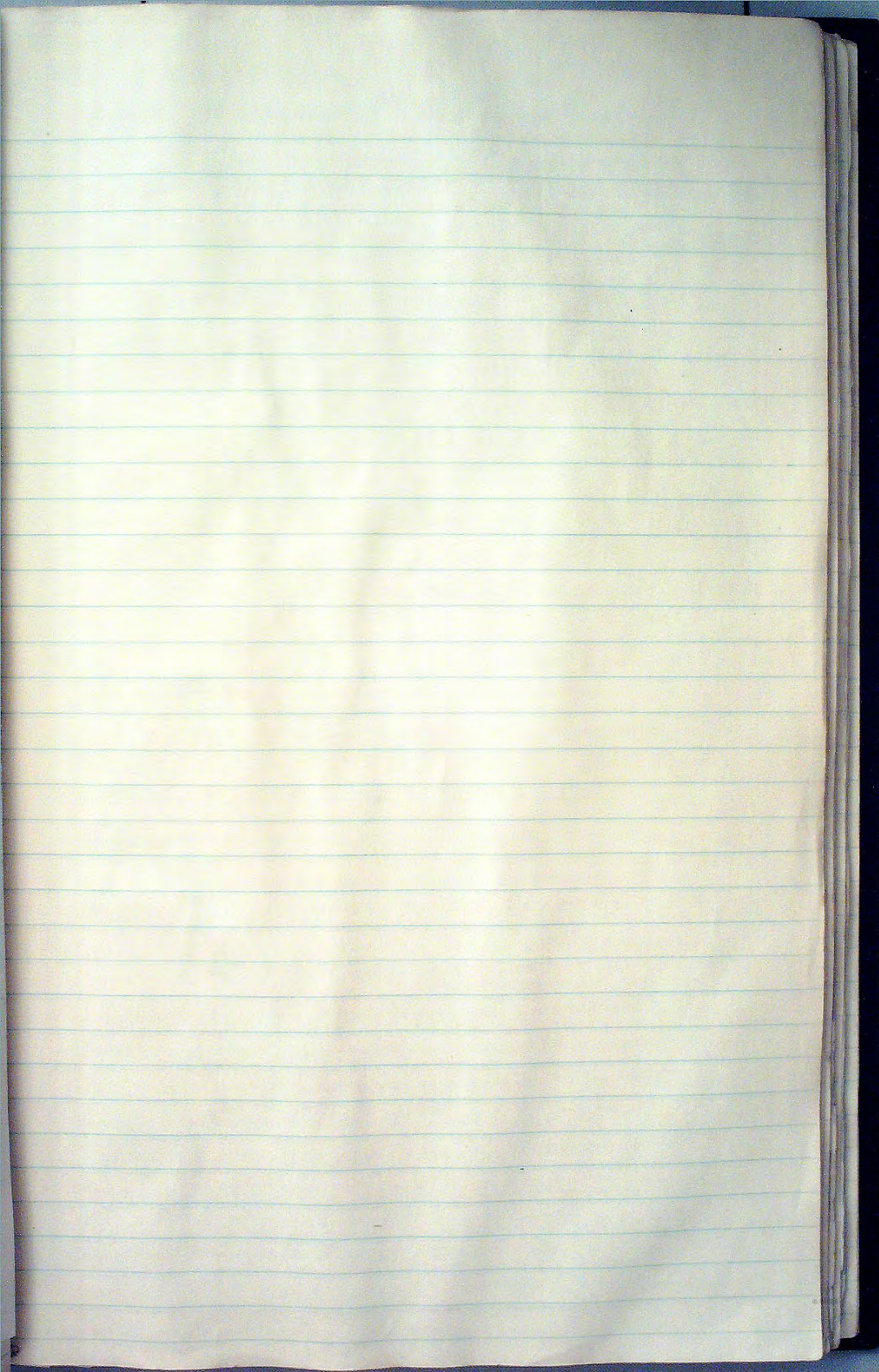
Miss Nicoll asked if she might refer a question to the Treasurer. This was in connection with minor incidents which can arise in the course of activities at a Branch and quoted the case where one of their members had damaged her spectacles and slightly injured her wrist. The Treasurer replied that if the Society had been negligent, then the Society would be liable. She suggested that the Branch arrange a Group Insurance and offered to provide details.

Gatehouse-of-Fleet

Mrs. Wadsworth said that now that so many rail routes had been discontinued, it was difficult to know what expenses to claim when attending meetings. She asked if it would not be possible to have a mileage allowance, so that members attending by car could charge on that basis. The Treasurer could offer no advice on the subject and it was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 3.55 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Yeats.

*James B. G. Brown*  
4/8/69



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in  
University Hall, St. Andrews, on Saturday, 9th August 1969 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)  
Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-President)

Miss Adams, Miss Arnott, Mr. Boode, Miss Brander,  
Miss R.A. Brown, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Miss Cunningham,  
Dr. Currie, Miss Davis, Mr. Falconer, Mr. Foss, Miss Fraser,  
Miss Gardiner-Jones, Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. Gradon, Mrs. Gudger,  
Mr. R.M. Hunter, Miss Horrocks, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane,  
Miss Lee, Mr. Lee, Mr. Leggat, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin,  
Mr. Meredith, Mrs. Moore, Miss Mowat, Miss McFeat,  
Mrs. Parker, Miss Prentice, Miss Redford, Mr. Rennie,  
Mrs. Robertson, Dr. Robertson-Wilson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage,  
Miss Sime, Mrs. Sverdlove, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Wadsworth,  
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss Allan, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Blain, Miss Collie, Miss Donoghue,  
Mr. Green, Dr. Hall, Mrs. Hedley, Mrs. Kemp, Mr. Lochhead,  
Miss McCulloch, Miss Mackenzie, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Thomson.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 3rd May 1969,  
previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS : a) Reply from BBC re use of Traditional Dances on Television  
ARISING : and Performance of Dance Music on Radio

The Secretary read a reply from the B.B.C. advising that the  
attention of producers would be drawn to our comments.

Dr. Robertson-Wilson said that he felt there had been a  
reduction in the noise complained of in the music programmes.

b) Report on C.C.P.R. Meeting re Movement and Dance Organisations

The Secretary read a letter which had accompanied the Minutes of  
the above. This requested that a representative be appointed.  
The representative should be in a position to -

i) express the views of their association;

ii) let the C.C.P.R. know in advance when their  
association would like any item placed on the  
agenda;

iii) keep their association well informed of the  
business transacted.

The Chairman invited Miss Milligan to comment on the meeting  
which she had attended in the name of the Society. While the  
meeting had been very interesting, Miss Milligan felt it possible  
did not concern the R.S.C.D.S. to any great extent. However,  
it would do no harm to be represented. After discussion, it was  
decided that Mr. Ireland, who is already the Society's  
representative to the C.C.P.R., should be appointed to represent  
the Society at any meetings of this Group. Should Mr. Ireland  
be unable to attend, Miss H. Taylor of London Branch could be  
invited to undertake the duties.

c) Branch Formation - Washington, D.C.

The Chairman invited Miss Milligan to comment on the application.  
It would appear that the local difficulties had still not been  
resolved and it was recommended that the application be set  
aside at present.

## 3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a) Publications Committee Meeting, 26th April, 1969

Before asking the Meeting to approve the Minutes, the Chairman drew attention to the items affecting the Constitution if the Executive Council approved the Minutes in the form presented. The Majority of the items had already been approved by the Society in Annual General Meeting, but two clauses were being presented for the Executive Council's consideration and, if approved, would require to be presented at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Page 4, Clause III 3 - Lines 3-5 "In making the decision regard will be given to any views submitted by neighbouring Branches."

In place of this the following might be submitted: "The appropriate Branches to be advised." No decision had been made at the meeting of the Publications Committee.

The Chairman invited comments and, after discussion, it was agreed that the clause remain unchanged.

Page 3, Clause III 3 - In lines 3-5, delete "provided there is not in their area any Branch of the Society of which the members of such body could conveniently become members."

The Chairman stated that the Society was already in breach of this clause, as affiliated groups are permitted within Branch areas. Mr. Leggat (South Wales Branch) indicated that to delete the clause would make it more difficult to form Branches.

Speaking from recent experience, he said that affiliated groups had made it very difficult for a Branch to be formed in his area, and not all groups were in favour of the R.S.C.D.S. aims and objects. The Chairman indicated that the ultimate safeguard was the Executive Council who alone could accept applications for affiliation. The clause applied only where a Branch already exists.

Dr. Currie proposed the adoption of the Minutes, subject to the constitutional amendment requiring the attention of the Society in Annual General Meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Falconer and approved.

Representation on Executive Council

The Chairman read the clause it was proposed to insert in the Constitution on the subject of representation at Executive Council Meetings. This was as follows:

"In the event of the nominated representative being unable to attend any meeting of the Executive Council, an accredited substitute shall be allowed."

The Chairman then asked that the selection of the appropriate place for the insertion of the clause be left to the Chairman, Mr. Lochhead and himself, as Vice-Chairman. This was agreed by the meeting.

b) Finance Committee, 3rd May 1969. The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Miss McFeat and seconded by Mrs. Parker and approved.

c) Finance Committee, 26th July 1969. Dr. Currie proposed the adoption of the Minutes, subject to the deletion of the words "to cover travel where no public transport is available" in Item 4. This was seconded by Mr. Ireland and approved.

The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts which showed the Society's finances were in a satisfactory state. The Treasurer then took the opportunity to remind Branches that they must be very particular in the keeping of their accounts and to observe the Constitution of the Society with regard to the handling of their finance. The Inland Revenue were taking a greater interest in the activities of smaller charitable organisations for tax purposes. It might be that in future Branch accounts would require to be certified at Headquarters.

d) South African Tour Sub-Committee, 3rd May 1969

Miss Cunningham proposed the adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting and this was seconded by Miss Milligan and approved.

The Chairman invited Miss Milligan to comment on the visit. Miss Milligan said that the visit had been most successful and that the visitors enjoyed their stay.

The Chairman expressed official thanks to all Branches for their work to make the occasion a success. Perhaps the programme had been rather tiring for the visitors, but it was obviously enjoyed.

4. ANNUAL REPORT : The Secretary read the annual report on the year's work. This was approved for publication in the Bulletin.

On behalf of the meeting, Mr. Corbett expressed appreciation to the Treasurer and Secretary for their work during the year.

5. BRANCH FORMATION : An application for Branch formation was accepted from EXETER.

## 6. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION :

Applications for affiliation were accepted from :

- a) The Darlington Thistle Club
- b) Portsmouth & District Caledonian Society
- c) The Guelph Scottish Country Dance Club, Ontario, Canada
- d) Petronella II Club, California, U.S.A.
- e) Inverness Scottish Country Dancers, California, U.S.A.
- f) Ohio, Lyndhurst Scottish Country Dance Group (Cleveland), U.S.A.
- g) Mt. Isa Scottish Country Dance Group, Queensland, Australia
- h) Yeovil and District Scottish Society

Geraldton Junior Highland Pipe Band, Western Australia

It was decided in view of the probable ages of the members, the group was not eligible to apply for affiliation. The Secretary was instructed to advise the organiser of this restriction, but to request more detail of the classes and dancing and indicate that this Society was in sympathy with the work being undertaken.

## 7. 1970 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the Perth and Perthshire Branch inviting the Society to hold the 1970 Annual General Meeting in Perth on 31st October. The invitation was warmly received by the meeting. The Chairman expressed pleasure at the prospect of re-visiting Perth.

8. ROXBURGHSHIRE BRANCH : The Secretary received a letter intimating that the Branch in future wished to be known as Roxburgh and Selkirk District Branch.

## 9. BRANCH CONSTITUTION : SOUTH WALES

South Wales Branch Constitution was approved subject to the clause on disbandment being expanded to include details of the procedure as laid down in the parent body's Constitution being incorporated therein.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS : a) Piping World

The Secretary read a letter from the Editor of a new magazine "Piping World". This invited the Society to appoint a representative to serve on the panel of editorial advisers. The Chairman proposed that the Secretary represent the Society on this Panel and this was agreed.



b) Summer School

Mrs. Wadsworth enquired if the referendum suggested at the last Executive Council Meeting on the possibility of revising the commencement date of the Summer School to Saturday instead of Monday as at present had been taken. It was stated that this had not been done and, after discussion, Mr. Meredith proposed that a formal approach be made to the University authorities while the School was in progress and this was seconded by Mr. Leggat.

The Chairman then suggested that Miss Milligan and the Secretary should have a discussion on the subject with the Warden of University Hall. In addition, the Secretary was to write formally to the Warden and any reply would be read at the next Executive Council Meeting.

c) Tape Recording - Book 24

Mr. Boode (The Hague District Branch) said that there was some dissatisfaction with the quality of the tape produced for Book 24. The Chairman noted his comments but indicated that this production had been in the nature of an experiment and had never been regarded by the producers as perfect.

## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Council should take place on 6th December 1969.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mrs. Parker.

*Judith Horne*  
6/12/69.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 6th December, 1969 at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Lochhead (In the Chair)  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Adams, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain,  
Miss Brander, Mr. Brown, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Miss Cunningham,  
Miss Davis, Mr. Drewry, Mr. Falconer, Mr. Geggie, Mrs. Gibbs,  
Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Mrs. Hedley, Miss Hewat, Mr. Ireland,  
Miss Kane, Miss Lee, Mr. Lee, Miss F. Martin, Mr. Meredith,  
Miss Nowat, Miss McCulloch, Miss Oliver, Miss Quirk, Miss Rae,  
Miss Redford, Dr. Robertson-Wilson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage,  
Miss Sime, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Miss Watt,  
Mr. Taylor.

Substitutes: Miss Galloway and Mr. Parker

Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss Milligan, Mrs. Blain, Miss Collie, Dr. Currie, Miss Donoghue,  
Mr. Dorey, Miss Fairgrieve, Mr. Foss, Miss Fraser, Mr. Green,  
Mr. Hunter, Mr. Leggat, Miss L. Martin, Mrs. Moore, Miss McFest.

The Chairman welcomed members, particularly those attending for the first time and expressed the hope that they would enjoy the work of the Council. He pointed out that apart from the business conducted on these occasions, it also gave opportunity for personal contact.

Before commencing the meeting, the Chairman invited Miss Vaughan to remind members of the rates of subsistence and travel expenses allowable. Attention was also drawn to the particulars required on the revised expenses claim form.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held at St. Andrews on 9th August, 1969, previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : Summer School

The Chairman announced that the University authorities had indicated that it was quite impossible to arrange that the 1970 Summer School commence on a Saturday, unless the Society was prepared to postpone the commencement. It was pointed out that this would be unsuitable as it would make a very late start which would not fit in with the dates of many school holidays.

After much discussion, it was agreed that a circular be sent to Branches inviting comment on the convenience to members of a Monday or Saturday start to the Summer School.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a) Publications Committee - 18th October 1969

Before approving the Minutes, Mr. Ireland enquired if the issue on Adjudicators might not more correctly have been referred to the Examinations Committee. Miss Adams thought that to some extent an Adjudicator must be allowed to use discretion when judging. It is almost impossible to eliminate some personal preferences. The Chairman announced that no letter had as yet been sent and he felt that the matter should be referred back to a meeting of the Examinations Committee for further discussion. This was agreed.

b) Finance Committee - 1st November, 1969

The adoption of the Minutes of the Finance Committee, held on 1st November 1969, was approved unanimously.

## 4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES - 1969/70

a) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman and Convener), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Mr. Aitkenhead	(N.W. Ayrshire)
Mr. Corbett	(Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Miss McFeat	(Perth and Perthshire)
Mrs. Parker	(Ayr)
Miss Rae	(Duns and District)
Mr. Taylor	(Stirlingshire)
Mrs. Thomson	(Clackmannanshire)

b) GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman and Convener), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss Collie	(Peterhead)
Mrs. Couper	(Dunfermline)
Miss Cunningham	(West Lothian)
Mr. Geggie	(Glasgow)
Dr. Hall	(Manchester)
Mr. Hunter	(Edinburgh)
Miss F. Martin	(Stirlingshire East)
Mr. Meredith	(East Lothian)
Miss McCulloch	(Lorn, Argyll)
Dr. Robertson Wilson	(Perth and Perthshire)

c) EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss Adams	(Glasgow)
Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Mr. Ireland	(London)
Mrs. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse-of-Fleet)

d) PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). As last year's committee were in the midst of preparing Book 25, the following members were re-elected en bloc, this being proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead and seconded by Mr. Meredith.

Dr. Currie	(N.W. Ayrshire)
Mr. Falconer	(Edinburgh)
Miss L. Martin	(Aberdeen)
Mr. Savage	(Dunbartonshire West)
Miss Taylor	(London)

The following members were co-opted, having been proposed and seconded:-

Mrs. Cramb	(Aberdeen)
Mrs. Corson	(Edinburgh)
Miss Brander	(Carlisle and District)
Miss M. Anderson	(Ayr)

Ad Hoc Committee

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:

Mr. Aitkenhead	(N.W. Ayrshire)
Mr. Drewry	(Aberdeen)
Miss B. Griffiths	(Southport)
Dr. Hall	(Manchester)
Mr. Ireland	(London)
Miss Lee	(Berwick-upon-Tweed)
Miss Redford	(St. Andrews)
Miss Ross	(Forres)
Miss Quirk	(Croydon and District)
Mrs. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse-of-Fleet)

(NOTE : Co-opted members are not eligible to vote at Committee Meetings)

## 5(a) APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION

An application for Branch formation was accepted from Delaware Valley, U.S.A., subject to the approval of New York Branch.

## (b) APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

There was considerable discussion on the wisdom of accepting so many applications for affiliation, particularly from groups within Branch areas with few or no individual Society members. It was pointed out that to refuse affiliation could alienate a group which would continue its activities whether or not it had the support of the Society. It was therefore felt that applications should continue to be accepted and efforts made to increase the numbers of individual RSCDS members in these groups. Applications for affiliation were accepted from:

- a) Banbury and District Caledonian Society, Oxfordshire
- b) The Glen Fockhart Group, Jersey
- c) Hodge Hill Ladies Scottish Country Dancing Group, Birmingham
- d) Thornton Scottish Country Dance Club, N.S.W., Australia
- e) Burns Scottish Country Dancing Group, A.C.T. Australia
- f) Scottish Country Dance Society of Ipswich and West Moreton, Queensland, Australia
- g) Wishaw Methodist Scottish Country Dance Group
- h) Pathhead Parish Church Scottish Country Dancing Class, Kirkcaldy
- i) Winchester Scottish Association
- j) Frodsham School of Scottish Country Dancing
- k) The Scots Kirk, Paris, Scottish Country Dance Club, France

6. SUBSCRIPTION  
COPY :

1970/71. The Chairman announced that the publication was in the course of preparation. It would be known as Book 25 and contain traditional dances.

1971/72. The Chairman invited suggestions for this subscription copy. Miss Adams proposed that a book of favourite dances, similar to 24 Favourite Scottish Country Dances from Books 1 - 5 and Sixteen Popular Scottish Country Dances from Books 6 - 16, might be of use to newer teachers and pianists. A selection from Books 17-21 might be suitable as the more recent books have not as yet had time to prove themselves.

It was suggested that Branches be invited to list the most popular dances from these books.

The proposal was seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson and approved unanimously.

7. CONSTITUTIONS: The Chairman announced that the Constitutions from Exeter and Oxfordshire Branches appeared to be in order and recommended the acceptance. The amendment to South Wales Branch Constitution was in order and accepted.

8. EAST SURREY, WEST KENT BRANCH: The Secretary had received a letter intimating that in future the Branch wished to be known as CROYDON AND DISTRICT BRANCH. This was approved by the meeting.

## 9. OPEN FORUM - 1969 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

a) Decimalisation

The Chairman reminded the meeting that a decision on the decimalisation of the subscriptions would require to be taken by the Executive Council in May 1970, in order to put a resolution before the Annual General Meeting of the Society in October 1970, as such matters must be decided by the Society in General Meeting.

In general discussion, it was agreed that members should raise the matter at their Branches and decide whether the Annual Subscription should be amended to 40P or 50P. Consideration would also require to be given to the allocation of the increase.

Several members indicated that the recent increase had damaged membership figures, but the majority present realised that decimalisation would cause an overall increase in costs and that the Society must bear this in mind.

b) Society's 50th Anniversary

General discussion indicated that members felt that very careful thought would have to be given to the type of events arranged to celebrate the jubilee of the Society in 1973. The Society would require to give financial backing to any events arranged in this connection.

## 10. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT :

The Chairman announced that several nominations had been made for the position of President and, after discussion, it was agreed that a small sub-committee, consisting of Miss Milligan (Vice-President), Mr. Lochhead (Chairman), Mr. Brown (Vice-Chairman) and Miss Grubb (Secretary), be appointed and given powers to approach Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch, an Honorary Vice-President of the Society, and offer him the Presidency. Should he decline, the sub-committee is to make enquiries which will enable the Executive Council to decide to whom the next approach is to be made.

## 11. COMMONWEALTH GAMES :

The Chairman informed members that the Games' organisers had requested that the number of teams be increased to sixteen for this event. In reply to a question, the Chairman indicated that it had been decided to restrict the attendance at this event to teams from Scottish Branches. Branches had been invited to submit the names of members who might be suitable to participate in the demonstration and should there be too many applicants, Branches will be asked to delete the names of the least suitable candidates. It was also suggested that if any further discussion was required on the matter, it might be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

## 12. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Council should take place on 2nd May, 1970.

## 13. OTHER BUSINESS :

a) Leven Branch - Disbandment

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Leven Branch which indicated that the numbers were too small for continuation of activities. The meeting regretfully decided that the request for disbandment must be accepted and the Secretary was instructed to advise the Branch Secretary of the procedure to be followed for disbandment.

b) The Hague District Branch

The Chairman advised that for some time there had been difficulty within The Hague District Branch, particularly as affecting their representation at Executive Council Meetings. The Constitution of the Society makes no provision for a change in representation on the Executive Council during the year and it was considered that perhaps this was a weakness in the Constitution, although it was felt that the recent amendment permitting the attendance of substitutes clarified the position to some extent.

The Secretary then read a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Society by the Secretary of the Branch. The Chairman then read his proposed reply and this was approved by the meeting.

c) The Central Council of Physical Recreation - Movement and Dance Committee

Members present had before them a copy of a questionnaire which had been received by Mr. Ireland, the Society's representative on the C.C.P.R. Movement and Dance Committee. The Chairman then invited Mr. Ireland to give a resume of the work of this Committee.

Mr. Ireland indicated that the body was interested in the work of teams overseas and was considering making representations to Government sources for funds to offset expenses incurred. There was also a suggestion that one-day conferences on a regional, local or national basis might be held with lecture demonstrations. The Committee had been extremely interested in the Society's examination syllabus and none of the other bodies represented thereon appeared to have such a document.

The Committee was also interested in having their work recognised for inclusion in The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Of course, this Society already has this provision. Mr. Ireland then referred to the questionnaire before members and suggested that it was an opportunity for the Society to indicate through their representative, possible accommodation requirements in the future. It was decided that the questionnaire should be referred to Branches and a request was made that the replies be submitted to Headquarters not later than 14th January 1970.

Mr. Ireland indicated that Branches conducting weekend schools or day courses should submit details as soon as these were available to Miss O. Newson, C.C.P.R. 26 Park Crescent, London, W.L. who would publicise the events.

d) Canadian Festival - 1st - 10th July, 1971

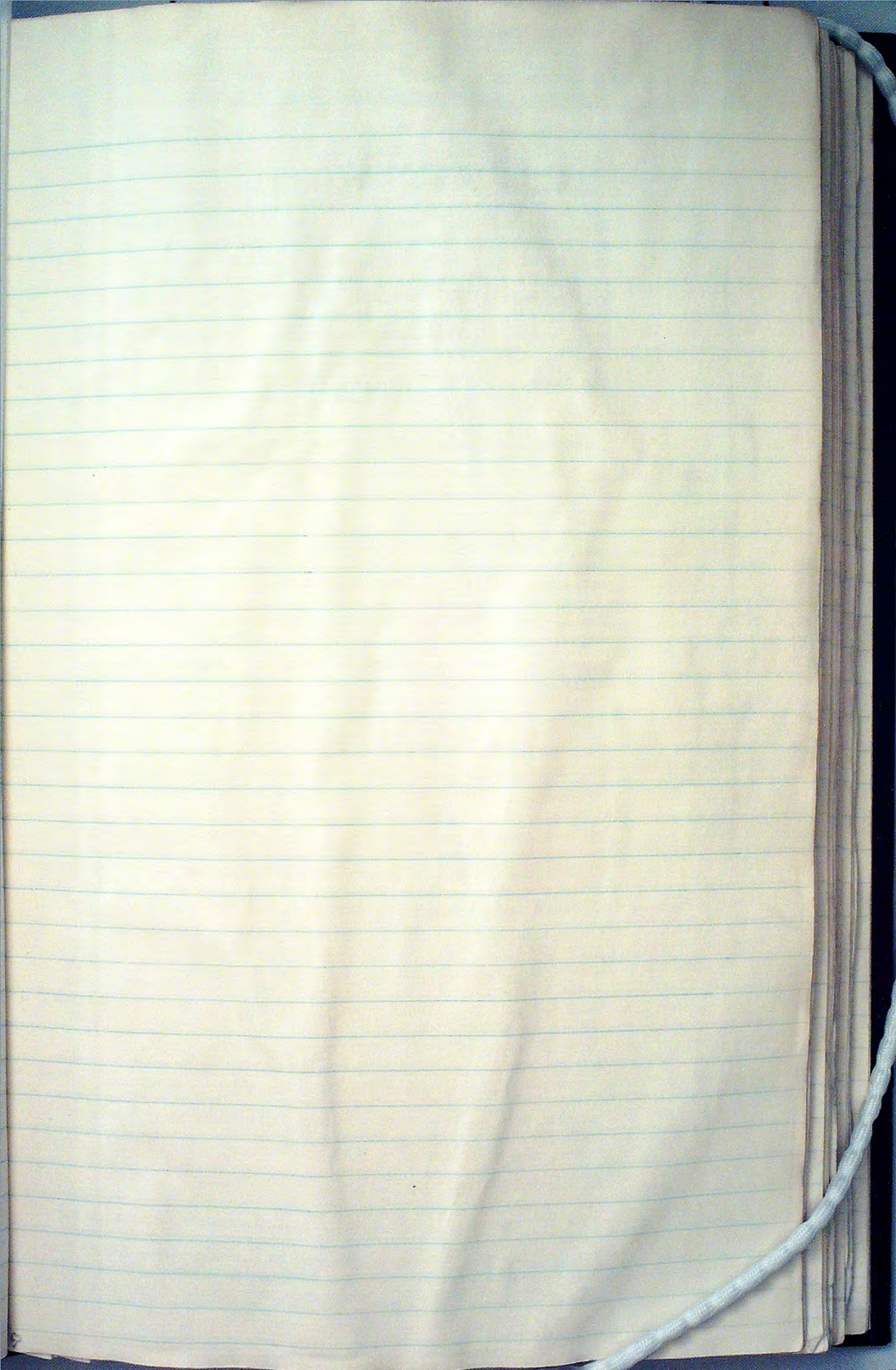
The Chairman announced that the Canadian Folk Arts Council had invited the Society to attend the Festival in Toronto from 1st - 10th July, 1971. Although the Society has discontinued the practice of sending demonstration teams, it was felt some attempt to take up the invitation should be made. Branches were therefore to be advised of the event and any interested might make application to the Society for some financial support. In answer to a question, it was indicated that the whole team would require to come from one Branch. The details so far received indicate that the team would receive hospitality while in Toronto but would be responsible for all other expenses.

e) Mr. Geggie expressed disappointment that the Bulletin and A.G.M. Notice had again been late in appearing and had given members little time to prepare for the Annual General Meeting. Also, it had been felt that the Open Forum had been restricted by the Chairman asking for questions before discussion took place.

Mr. Lochhead replied that this had not been the intention. In the past, some members felt that they had not had an opportunity to speak and he had decided to invite those with questions to make themselves known at the beginning of the Forum so that the available time could be allocated and thus prevent disappointment.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 4.35 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Corbett.

*Andrew Corbett*  
2/5/70



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 2nd May 1970 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Lochhead (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Adams, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain,  
Miss Brander, Mr. Brown, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett,  
Mr. J. Cunningham, Miss M. Cunningham, Dr. Currie,  
Miss Donoghue, Mr. Drewry, Miss Fairgrieve, Miss Fraser,  
Mr. Geggie, Mrs. Gibbs, Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall,  
Miss Hewat, Mr. Malcolm Hunter, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane,  
Miss A. Lee, Mr. A.G. Lee, Mr. Leggat, Miss F. Martin,  
Miss L. Martin, Mr. Meredith, Miss McCulloch, Miss McFeat,  
Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker, Miss Quirk, Miss Redford,  
Mrs. Robertson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Miss H. Taylor,  
Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth.

Substitutes: Miss Clark (Dunfermline), Miss Hutcheon (Elgin),  
Miss Miller (Duns & District), Dr. Short (Castle-Douglas)

Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Mrs. Blain, Mr. Falconer, Mrs. Moore, Dr. Robertson-Wilson and  
Miss Wyatt.

Before commencing the business of the meeting, the Chairman expressed pleasure that Miss Milligan was able to resume her activities after her recent illness.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 6th December 1969, were approved, subject to the following amendment:-

Item 4. Election of Committees 1969/70. Insert: "Before elections the Chairman suggested a restriction in the number of Committees on which any person might serve. This was intended to make full use of the experience of members."

2. BUSINESS ARISING :

a) Summer School - Saturday or Monday start.

The Chairman announced that the response to the circular on the subject had been poor, only seventeen replies having been received.

Miss Griffiths indicated that she understood Branches could make their report at this meeting. Representatives present were then invited to indicate their Branch preference and this showed that 21 Branches wished the Summer School to commence on a Saturday and 26 on a Monday. These views included replies sent in by overseas Branches and Branches not represented at the meeting.

It was decided that notes should be prepared setting out Miss Milligan's reasons for suggesting that the commencing date arrangements remain unchanged and the difficulties the Society might encounter with the University authorities should a change be decided upon. These notes to form the basis for conducting a referendum during the early part of the 1970 Summer School at St. Andrews.

Mr. Ireland proposed that as the matter had been under consideration for almost eighteen months, it might be appropriate to take a vote at the meeting. This was done and indicated that 24 members were in favour of a Saturday start and 20 in favour of Monday. Any change would be subject to the agreement of the University authorities.

b) Subscription copy 1971/72

The Chairman reminded the meeting that it had been agreed that a book of popular dances be prepared as the subscription copy for 1971/72. However, there had been adverse comment from several Branches on this and as an example, he read part of a letter from Stirlingshire Branch. In view of this, he asked the meeting if they wished to reconsider the matter.



After much discussion, Dr. Currie moved that the decision taken at the last meeting be rescinded and the matter referred back to the Publications Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Taylor.

A vote was taken resulting in 22 in favour of Dr. Currie's proposal and 15 supporting the status quo.

Several suggestions for the subscription copy were made and of these, Miss Milligan's suggestion of a diary was most favourably considered. The matter was remitted to the Publications Committee.

c) Conversion of subscriptions arising from decimalisation

The Chairman indicated that this matter would be fully dealt with by the Convener of the Finance Committee in his report later in the meeting.

d) Appointment of President

The Chairman said that due to the ill-health of Miss Milligan, it had not been possible to follow up this item and asked that it be continued to the next meeting.

e) Commonwealth Games

The Chairman announced that at the present time the arrangements for this event were progressing satisfactorily and asked that the remit to General Purposes Committee be continued should any further discussion be necessary.

Several members enquired about the dress to be worn at the Opening Ceremony and the Chairman then read the appropriate paragraph from a circular to Scottish Branches. This indicated that there was pressure from the T.V. authorities to present Scottish Country Dancing in full dress. Branches had been asked to indicate the position with regard to the dress for men. Mr. Brown suggested it would be appropriate to await replies from Branches on this subject, and this was agreed.

f) Canadian Festival

The Chairman said that Ayr, Glasgow and Edinburgh Branches were interested in attending the above Festival. Mr. Geggie (Glasgow) then asked that the name of Glasgow be withdrawn from the list. As there had been a very early reply from Ayr Branch on the subject, it was decided that they should be invited to represent the Society at the event.

3. MINUTES OF  
SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS :

a) Finance Committee, 17th January 1970. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by Mr. Corbett.

b) Finance Committee, 2nd May 1970. The following report was given by the Convener, Mr. Brown:-

Investments. A sum from the Pension Fund was to be transferred to an investment and arrangements made to transfer another investment due to mature in May this year.

Branch Accounts. Several Branches had not submitted their Annual Accounts. There was some concern over two Branches. Leamington Spa which appeared to be in difficulties had indicated that they were now in a healthy position and the annual accounts were awaited. Leven Branch indicated that they had disbanded, but despite the Treasurer's request for a financial statement and balance sheet, which are necessary in terms of the Constitution, no communication had been received. The Convener would be writing to the Branch for these details.

Decimalisation. In preparation for decimalisation, the Finance Committee recommended to the Executive Council that the annual subscription be increased to 40p and this to be divided equally between Society Headquarters and Branches. Headquarters would receive a slightly smaller sum and Branches would benefit to the extent of 1/- per member. It was recommended that the Life Membership be increased to £6 and this be divided equally between Society Headquarters and Branches.

Book Stocks. In view of large stocks held at Headquarters, it was recommended that a circular be sent to the Headquarters of Scouts, Guides, Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade, offering free copies of Books 6-20 on payment of postage and packing. These books would also be available to members at 1/- per copy and on sale at the Summer School and at the A.G.M. in Perth, where Miss McFeat had agreed to organise a book stall. Branches would be advised of the offer and an entry would appear in the Bulletin.

#### Office Premises

1. Heating System. It was agreed to obtain quotations for gas and oil fired heating systems to compare with an electrical system already obtained.
2. Cleaning. The Committee recommended the acceptance of an estimate of £71 for annual cleaning of office premises.
3. Furniture. It was agreed to purchase a new desk for the Secretary.

Festivals. A letter had been received from Dundee Branch asking for financial assistance in connection with a proposed tour to Greece in July 1970. At present there was no detail of financial support which this Branch might expect from the City of Dundee. Consideration would be given on receipt of further information.

Review of Salaries. It was recommended that the salaries of the three permanent members of staff be increased by just over 10%.

As the Minutes of this Meeting of the Finance Committee would not be submitted for the approval of the Executive Council until their next meeting, and an early decision was required with regard to subscriptions and salaries, the former to be a resolution from the Executive Council to the A.G.M. and the latter to take effect from the commencement of the new financial year on 1st July 1970, the Chairman asked for the formal approval of the Finance Committee report.

Mr. Aitkenhead proposed the adoption of the report and this was seconded by Miss McFeat.

c) Summer School Committee, 7th February 1970. The adoption of the Minutes of the Summer School Committee held on 7th February, 1970 was approved unanimously.

d) Publications Committee, 7th February 1970. The Chairman pointed out that the item referring to Adjudicators which appeared in the Publications Committee Minutes was being submitted to a meeting of the Examinations Committee.

The adoption of the Minutes was then proposed by Dr. Currie and seconded by Miss Brander.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION : Applications for affiliation were accepted from:
1. Eastbourne Scottish Dance Society
  2. Willingdon Scottish Country Dance Club
  3. Kidderminster & District Scottish Society
  4. Sarasota Scottish Country Dancers, Florida, U.S.A.

5. BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS : Croydon and District and Melbourne and District Branches  
The Chairman announced that the Constitutions from these Branches appeared to be in order and recommended their acceptance.

6. CORRESPONDENCE : a) Festival in Sweden - 11th to 16th August 1971

The Chairman said that Ayr, London, Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh Branches had expressed an interest in this event. The Ayr Branch application was made on the understanding that if they were entrusted with the Canadian Festival, their application for the Swedish Festival would be cancelled.

Mr. Ireland, on behalf of London Branch, said the Branch was interested but would not be disappointed if they did not participate in the event. As Dundee Branch was possibly to undertake a tour to Greece this year, it was decided not to consider them for a further tour in 1971.

The Glasgow Branch and Edinburgh Branch delegates agreed that their Branches would decide between themselves which would represent the Society at the Festival.

b) Nairobi Branch

The Chairman announced that there had been a request from Nairobi Branch for the services of an Examiner in 1971. This would be referred to the Examinations Committee.

The Chairman then asked the Secretary to read the Branch letter which requested the services of Mrs. M. Yarker as teacher and examiner. Miss Milligan commented that on these occasions it was necessary to appoint someone accustomed to working with students. There was also the question of expense involved in sending more than one examiner.

Mr. Brown stated that the Executive Council should not have to accept a name put forward as an examiner by a Branch.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in Edinburgh on 12th September 1970 at 2.30 p.m.

8. OTHER  
BUSINESS :

Annual General Meeting 1971

The Chairman announced that an invitation had been received from Aberdeen Branch to hold the 1971 Annual General Meeting in Aberdeen. The invitation was warmly received by the meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3.55 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss McCulloch.

*J. Anderson*  
12/9/70

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 12th September 1970 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Lochhead (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Adams, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain, Mr. Corbett,  
Mrs. Couper, Miss Cunningham, Dr. Currie, Miss Donoghue,  
Mr. Drewry, Mr. Falconer, Miss Fraser, Mr. Geggie, Mrs. Gibbs,  
Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Ireland,  
Miss Lee, Miss L. Martin, Mr. Meredith, Miss McCulloch,  
Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker, Miss Quirk, Miss Redford, Miss Rae,  
Mrs. Robertson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savags,  
Miss Sime, Miss H. Taylor, Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson,  
Mrs. Wadsworth.

Substitutes: Miss Grieve (Roxburgh & Selkirk District),  
Miss Hutcheon (Elgin), Mr. Murphy (Carlisle &  
Dist.), Miss Nicoll (Dundee), Mr. Parker (Hamilton  
& Clydesdale), Dr. Short (Castle-Douglas).

Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Beath, Mrs. Blain, Miss Brander, Mr. Brown,  
Miss Fairgrieve, Mr. Green, Miss Gardiner-Jones, Miss Kane,  
Mr. Lee, Mr. Leggat, Miss F. Martin, Mrs. Moore, Miss Mundie,  
and Miss McFeat.

Before commencing the business of the meeting, the Chairman pointed out that Branches appoint their representatives to the Executive Council for one year from the date of the Annual General Meeting. In 1969, the Society's Constitution was amended to permit the appointment of an accredited substitute to attend meetings on behalf of a Branch. This appointment could be for one meeting only or could continue until the completion of the Society year.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 2nd May 1970, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Summer School - Saturday or Monday start

The Chairman announced the results of the referendum held at the Summer School. During the first course 58 members preferred a Saturday start and 86 voted in favour of a Monday. During the second course, 53 members preferred a Saturday start and 67 voted in favour of Monday.

It was appreciated that the affairs of the Society were not run by referendum, but these figures could not be ignored.

There followed much discussion during which Mr. Ireland pointed out that at the previous meeting of the Executive Council his proposal to vote on the matter at that time was carried. This vote showed a preference for a Saturday start, subject to the agreement of the University Authorities. The Chairman then said that an official approach would be made to the University on the possibility of a Saturday start.

b) Appointment of President

The Chairman reported that an approach had been made to Colonel George Malcolm of Poltalloch who had appreciated the invitation but regretted he was unable to undertake the duties of President of the Society.

Miss Milligan had made enquiries about an approach to His Grace The Duke of Atholl. Mr. Corbett then proposed that a personal letter from Miss Milligan should accompany the official invitation from the Society. This was seconded by Mrs. Gudger and approved by the meeting.

Mr. Falconer commented on the fact that several Honorary Vice-Presidents did not appear to be prepared to take on the office of President when this was offered, which was rather unfortunate for the Society. He indicated that Edinburgh Branch would like to put forward the name of Sir Herbert Brechin as an Honorary Vice-President. He felt that Sir Herbert, who had recently organised the Ninth British Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, would appreciate the honour.

After discussion, it was agreed that approaches should also be made to Lieutenant Colonel Colin Mitchell, late of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders and Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, inviting them to become Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society.

c) Canadian Festival

The Chairman announced that the tour which Ayr Branch had agreed to undertake in July 1971 had now been postponed until July 1972. The Branch had been advised and had indicated a willingness to undertake the tour on the revised date.

d) Swedish Festival

This item had been referred back to the Executive Council by the Edinburgh and Glasgow Branches and it was agreed that an effort should be made to send a team from each Branch to this event.

At this point the Chairman brought forward Item 5(a) on the Agenda - Festival in Belgium, May 1971. The Secretary read out the relevant part of the organiser's letter. Miss Nicoll of Dundee Branch, who reminded the meeting that she spoke as a substitute only, indicated that in view of the cancellation of the Dundee tour to Greece this year, the Branch might be interested in undertaking the visit to Belgium. The Dundee Branch Committee meeting would not be held until 22nd September when the matter could be considered if the Executive Council agreed.

Mr. Falconer proposed that the tour be offered to Dundee Branch and this was approved.

a) Finance Committee Meetings, 2nd May and 25th July, 1970

The Adoption of the Minutes of these meetings was proposed by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by Mrs. Parker.

b) Examinations Committee Meeting - 25th July 1970

Before asking for approval of the Minutes, the Chairman announced that Miss Adams and Mr. Ireland had prepared Notes for Adjudicators. Copies of these would be sent to members of the present Examinations Committee.

The Chairman also brought to the notice of members the item concerning the request of Nairobi Branch for the services of a specified examiner and the fact that the Examinations Committee had been unable to recommend that the Executive Council accede to the Branch request. The outcome of a lengthy discussion which followed, was a proposal by Mr. Corbett that the Branch continue preparing candidates for a further twelve months and then, if necessary, the Society could send out an accredited examiner. This was seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson.

It was agreed that the whole matter be referred back to the Examinations Committee at its next meeting.

The Minutes were approved, subject to the following amendment: Item 5, paragraph 2, line 1, before "examiner" insert "specific".

The Secretary read the Annual Report on the year's work. This was approved for publication in the Bulletin.

The following wording of the resolutions to the Annual General Meeting was approved :-

"That the Annual Subscription be increased to 40p (8/-) from 1st July 1971 and that Branches should retain 20p (4/-) of this payment."

3. MINUTES OF  
SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS :

4. ANNUAL  
REPORT :

4(a) RESOLUTIONS  
TO ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING:

"That the Life Membership payment be increased to £6.00 (£6.0.0) of which Branches would retain £3.00 (£3.0.0). The increase to take effect from the date of passing the resolution."

5. CORRESPONDENCE :
- a) Festival in Belgium - May 1971. See Item 2(d)
  - b) Spain - St. Andrew's Night 1970

The Secretary read a letter from a member of the British community in Barcelona. This invited the Society to send a team to take part in their St. Andrew's Night celebrations. It was appreciated that there was not a great deal of time before the event and the Chairman enquired if London Branch might be interested in taking part.

Mr. Ireland, on behalf of London Branch, indicated that they might be interested, but it would be four weeks before the Committee concerned would meet. He enquired if the Branch could expect any financial assistance. In the absence of the Convener of the Finance Committee the Chairman indicated that any such request would be favourably received.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the organiser indicating that the Society hoped to be able to undertake the visit, although time for arranging this is short.

- c) C.C.P.R. - Meeting on Movement and Dance - 20th October 1970

The Secretary read a letter from the Central Council of Physical Recreation inviting the Society to send six representatives to an open meeting on "Movement and Dance - Its Place in Community Recreation" and "Public Relations" to be held at 26 Park Crescent, London, WIN 4AJ on 20th October 1970 at 2 p.m.

Mr. Ireland, as Society representative to the C.C.P.R., was invited to comment. He indicated that this could be a very interesting meeting. The Chairman then suggested that any member wishing to attend should give his or her name to the Secretary. Members attending would require to pay their own expenses.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION: Applications for affiliation were accepted from :

- a) St. Andrews S.C.D. Class, Drayton, Portsmouth.
- b) Shifnal Scottish Country Dance Club, Staffordshire
- c) Wisbech-District Caledonian Society, Cambridgeshire
- d) Adelaide Scottish Country Dance and Social Club, Australia
- e) The Scottish Association for Wallington, Carshalton and District
- f) Clive Scottish Country Dance Group, Shrewsbury
- g) Dar-es-Salaam Scottish Country Dancing Group, Tanzania

An application for affiliation had also been received from the St. Andrew's Society of Delft, Holland, but the attitude of The Hague District Branch had not been notified. The Chairman recommended the consideration of this application be delayed until the Branch had commented and this was agreed.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Council would be held on 12th December 1970.

8. OTHER BUSINESS : a) British Commonwealth Games

Dr. Short expressed disappointment at the display of dancing not having been shown on television as had been promised, particularly in view of the fact that members participating had been put to considerable inconvenience to appear in full dress for the sake of the colour cameras. She also enquired if it would be possible to approach the B.B.C. with a view to obtaining a copy of the film record of the event. Mrs. Wedsworth then asked if an approach should not be made to the Club of Edinburgh who had organised the Games and would probably have an official film record of the proceedings.

The Secretary was instructed to contact both bodies to enquire if films of the event could be made available for the interest of members. Mr. Ireland, while agreeing that there was disappointment at not seeing the dancers on television, asked the meeting to remember that the capacity crowd present in the Stadium had appreciated the performance.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. Lochhead, expressed appreciation to Miss Milligan, the Vice-Chairman - Mr. Brown, members on the Executive Council and staff, for their support during his term of office.

On behalf of the meeting, Miss Lee thanked Mr. Lochhead for his work as Chairman. Members now looked forward to seeing him in the body of the hall at future meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.13 p.m.

James B. Brown  
Chairman  
12/12/70

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North  
British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 12th December 1970 at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Brown (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Adams, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Corson,  
Miss M. Cunningham, Mr. J.E. Cunningham, Dr. Currie, Mr. Drewry,  
Miss Fraser, Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. Gradon, Miss Grieve, Mrs. Gudge, ~~Miss~~  
Miss Heyes, Mr. Hunter, Miss Hutcheon, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane,  
Miss Knex, Miss A.C. Lee, Mr. A.G. Lee, Mr. Lochhead,  
Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Murphy,  
Mrs. Parker, Miss Quirk, Miss Rae, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertsen,  
Miss M.L. Ross, Miss M.M. Ross, Mr. Savage, Dr. Short, Miss Sims,  
Mrs. Stoddart, Miss H. Taylor, Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson,  
Mrs. Wadsworth, Mr. Walker, Miss Wighton, Mrs. Wishart, Miss Wright.  
Substitutes: Miss Ferguson (Dumfries), Mr. Johnson (Sheffield),  
Miss Nairn (Perth).

Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

The Chairman welcomed members to the first Executive Council Meeting of the new season. He regretted that the meeting must start on a rather sad note by announcing the death on 8th December of Miss Catherine McFeat, Secretary of Perth Branch. The Society was represented at the funeral which took place on 11th December.

The meeting then observed a brief silence.

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Mrs. Blain, Miss Collie, Miss Donoghue, Miss Dunkin, Mrs. Moore,  
Miss Mundie and Dr. Hall.

1. MINUTES : The adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 12th September 1970, previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Miss Arnott and approved.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Summer School  
In a summary of a letter from the University Authorities, the Chairman indicated that the date of the preceding school - a group from America - was governed by charter flight dates in 1971 and it would therefore not be possible for the Society School to start on a Saturday. An approach would be made to the other organisation for 1972 as the University Authorities try, where possible, to give priority to this Society. A compromise had been suggested by the University that the first course commence on a Monday and finish on Saturday and the second course commence on the same Saturday. This would shorten the first course by a day and some adjustment would require to be made.

Mr. Savage then proposed that the matter be referred to the Summer School Committee for their consideration and this was agreed.

b) Appointment of President

The Chairman reminded members that at the Annual General Meeting Miss Milligan announced that the Duke of Atholl had declined the office of President. To ensure that an appointment would be made at the next Annual General Meeting, the Chairman asked that the officials be allowed to continue their enquiries. This was agreed. The Chairman indicated that names for this appointment would be appreciated.

c) British Commonwealth Games

The lack of television coverage of the Opening Ceremony had been raised with the B.B.C., but despite a reminder, no reply had been received. The Chairman recommended that further inquiry be abandoned and this was agreed.



An official film would be available but it was unlikely to contain much of the Opening Ceremony. It was known that Sir Herbert Brechin, an Honorary Vice-President, and Mr. Lochhead, Immediate Past Chairman, had private films and it was agreed that they be invited to show these at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Representatives were also asked to enquire in their own areas if there were any private films of the Opening Ceremony.

The matter would not be pursued further.

d) St. Andrew's Society of Delft

The consideration of this group's application for affiliation had been delayed until the attitude of The Hague District Branch was known. The Branch were in agreement, subject to certain provisos, but as no formal application had been received from the group, it was recommended that the matter be left in abeyance meantime; this was agreed.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

a) Finance Committee, 31st October 1970. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Lochhead and approved.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

The Chairman recommended that the following points be taken into consideration when making nominations:

- a) The talent and experience in the Executive Council should be profitably used by spreading the membership of Committees, at the same time absorbing newer members of the Executive.
- b) Members should not accept appointment to a Committee unless they are willing to undertake the work involved. This applied particularly to the Publications and Research Committee where much work requires to be done outwith the actual Committee meetings.
- c) If distance or time would prevent a member from being available to attend meetings, it would be advisable for them to decline appointment.

A) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman and Convener), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Lochhead (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:

Miss Allan	(Kilmarnock)
Mr. Corbett	(Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Mrs. Parker	(Ayr)
Miss Rae	(Duns and District)
Miss M.L. Ross	(Glasgow)
Mr. Taylor	(Stirlingshire)
Mrs. Thomson	(Clackmannanshire)

B) GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman and Convener), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Lochhead (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:

Miss Collie	(Peterhead)
Miss Cunningham	(West Lothian)
Miss Grieve	(Roxburgh and Selkirk Dist.)
Dr. Hall	(Manchester)
Mr. Hunter	(Edinburgh)
Miss F. Martin	(Stirlingshire East)
Mr. Meredith	(East Lothian)
Miss McCulloch	(Lorn, Argyll)
Miss Redford	(St. Andrews)
Mr. Walker	(Leeds)

C) EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Lochhead (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:

Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Mrs. Corson	(Edinburgh)
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Mr. Ireland	(London)
Mrs. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse-of-Fleet)

D) PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Lochhead (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:

Dr. Currie	(N.W. Ayrshire)
Mr. Gradon	(Headquarters)
Miss Knox	(Glasgow)
Miss L. Martin	(Aberdeen)
Miss Taylor	(London)

The following members were co-opted, having been proposed and seconded:

Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Miss Brander	(Carlisle & District)
Mrs. Corson	(Edinburgh)
Mrs. Cramb	(Aberdeen)

#### Ad Hoc Committee

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Lochhead (Immediate Past Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:

Mr. Drewry	(Aberdeen)
Dr. Hall	(Manchester)
Mr. Ireland	(London)
Miss Lee	(Berwick-upon-Tweed)
Mr. Murphy	(Carlisle and District)
Miss Nairn	(Perthshire)
Miss Quirk	(Croydon and District)
Miss Redford	(St. Andrews)
Miss M.L. Ross	(Glasgow)
Miss M.M. Ross	(Forres)
Mrs. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse-of-Fleet)

(NOTE: Co-opted Members are not eligible to vote at Committee Meetings)

#### 4a. 1971 MEETINGS - PROVISIONAL DATES

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : May 8th; September 4th; December 11th  
FINANCE COMMITTEE : January 23rd; May 8th; July 24th at St. Andrews; October 30th at Aberdeen.  
EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE : January 23rd.  
PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE : January 16th  
SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE : January 16th  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : October 30th at Aberdeen

Mr. Ireland expressed appreciation of the notice of meeting dates. As there had been discussion on Executive Council dates, he proposed that these should fall on the second Saturday in May and the first Saturdays in September and December. This was seconded by Mr. Corbett with the proviso that the December Meeting in 1971 should take place on the second Saturday to accommodate Glasgow Branch.

This was agreed by the meeting.

## APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation were accepted from:

- a) Foxrock Scottish Country Dance Club, Dublin
- b) The Leigh-on-Sea Caledonian Dancers, Essex
- c) Whitley & District Scottish Country Dance Society, Northumberland
- d) Clashmore Scottish Country Dance Club, Dornoch
- e) Dundee Clarendon Scottish Country Dance Class
- f) Isle of Wight Caledonian Society
- g) Geneva Scottish Country Dance Club, Switzerland
- h) Queens University Scottish Country Dance Society, Belfast.

Corby, St. Ninians Scottish Country Dance Club, Northants

This group had indicated that individual membership of the Society was not desired. In view of this, the Secretary was instructed to write and enquire the group's interest in the Society and why they sought affiliation. If the group had a genuine interest in the aims of the Society, the application would receive further consideration.

## SUBSCRIPTION

COPY :

- a) 1971/72 ; b) 1972/73.

Discussion reflected that the members were not in favour of a diary, as previously suggested. The demand for books of dances continues. The suggestion was made of a free choice of any book including Books 1 - 5. The Chairman recommended that the matter be remitted to the Publications and Finance Committees for consideration and this was agreed.

OPEN FORUM : The subjects raised at the Open Forum were considered and the following comments made:

- i. Provision of Teachers for Weekend Schools and financial assistance from Headquarters.

It was agreed that these weekends are run by Branches who approach each other for visiting teachers. It was suggested that some smaller Branches might join together to arrange a weekend. It was not usual for Headquarters to finance these Schools. Mr. Ireland recommended that details of weekends be sent to Headquarters and also to the Central Council of Physical Recreation at 26 Park Crescent, London, W1M 4AJ for inclusion in that organisation's activities list which receives a wide circulation.

- ii. Are Life Members - Branch Members ?

It was agreed that Life Members are Branch members and their non-attendance at classes does not exclude them from participation in Branch Meetings. If there is a separate Branch levy in addition to the Society annual subscription, then a Life Member would require to pay this.

The representative from Belfast Branch indicated that this was not the practice in their Branch - one was not a Branch member unless a class fee had been paid according to their Constitution. The Chairman indicated that this was not correct and requested the representative to arrange that he receive a copy of the Branch Constitution and Rules for perusal.

- iii. Affiliated Groups to make all group members - members of RSCDS.

It was agreed that groups should encourage their members to join the Society but this could not be insisted upon. Dr. Currie suggested that groups applying for affiliation should be requested to submit a copy of their Annual Report. This suggestion was welcomed.

BRANCH DISBANDMENT: It was reported that Derby and Newton Stewart Branches had been forced to disband through lack of support. This was noted with regret.

SWEDISH FESTIVAL : It had been originally suggested that Edinburgh and Glasgow Branches undertake this visit jointly. However, it had not been possible to arrange this satisfactorily. After discussion, a vote was taken 11-16 AUGUST 1971 and showed the meeting in favour of Edinburgh Branch undertaking the tour.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Festivals

- i) Israel - 29th April to 5th May 1971. Ayr Branch had indicated an interest in undertaking this tour and it was agreed that it should be offered to them.
  - ii) Holland - Warffum - 16th to 19th June 1971 : Leeds Branch
  - iii) Holland - Hoorn - 13th to 19th July 1971 : Glasgow Branch
  - iv) Holland - Leiden - 6th to 8th August 1971 : St. Andrews Branch
- Branches indicated were allocated the tours detailed above.

b) Visits to Scotlandi) South Africa - Concert Tour by Duettists

The Chairman announced that a letter to Mrs. Corson had been passed to Headquarters by Edinburgh Branch. The letter requested the Society to assist in publicising a visit by two well-known South African artistes. It also indicated that they were making a tour of Europe under the auspices of a Recording Company.

It was not felt that the Society should become involved in this. The Chairman invited Mrs. Corson to comment and she indicated that she had already replied in discouraging terms, having explained that the majority of Branches had discontinued their activities for the season by the time the visit would take place and also the extreme difficulty and expense of obtaining concert halls and theatres.

ii) Swedish Folk Dance Group - Three Days - mid-July 1971

As Edinburgh Branch are visiting Sweden in 1971, the matter was remitted to them for their consideration.

iii) Country Youth Society of Oslo

The Chairman summarised a letter received from the Country Youth Society of Oslo enquiring if it would be possible for a group of 45 members to visit the Society during a ten day trip in June 1971. The Chairman likened the proposed visit to that made by the South African Folk Dance Group and the Secretary was instructed to enquire the age group of those involved, as this would have some bearing on the Society's attitude to such a visit.

11. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING : 8th May, 1971.

## 12. OTHER BUSINESS :

a) Annual General Meeting - 1972

The Chairman announced that Ayr Branch had offered to act as host to the Annual General Meeting of the Society in 1972. The invitation was warmly received by the meeting.

b) Mrs. Thomas Bingham. The Chairman reported with regret the death of Mrs. Thomas Bingham who had started Scottish Country Dance Classes in Vancouver.

c) C.C.P.R. - Movement and Dance Committee.

Mr. Ireland reported that at a recent meeting it had been announced that a Conference of Sports Administrators would be held at Lilleshall Hall, Birmingham from 8 - 10 February 1971. The Conference would concern itself with accommodation requirements of sports and other activities and be planning ten years ahead. Mr. Ireland indicated that he himself would be unable to be present but strongly recommended that the Society should be represented. Dr. Currie supported Mr. Ireland's recommendation and it was agreed that someone should represent the Society at this Conference.

d) Overseas Tours. Miss Adams proposed that Headquarters list Branches which have represented the Society overseas, the list to contain not only invitations passed on through the Executive Council, but also those arranged independently by Branches. Branches should also indicate whether or not from their experience any centre should be visited on a future occasion. This recommendation was accepted by the Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5.07 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Rae.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North  
British Hotel, Edinburgh on Saturday, 8th May 1971 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Adams, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain, Miss Collie,  
Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Corson, Mr. J.E. Cunningham, Miss M. Cunningham,  
Dr. Currie, Mr. Drewry, Miss Fairgrieve, Miss Fraser, Mrs. Gibbs,  
Mr. Gradon, Mrs. Grainger, Miss Grieve, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall,  
Miss Heyes, Miss Hutcheon, Mr. Ireland, Miss Knox, Miss A. Lee,  
Mr. A.G. Lee, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Mr. Meredith,  
Miss Mundie, Mr. Murphy, Miss Nairn, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker,  
Mrs. Patient, Miss Quirk, Miss Rae, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson,  
Miss M.L. Ross, Miss M.M. Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Dr. Short,  
Mrs. Stoddart, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Adsworth,  
Miss Wighton, Mrs. Wishart, Miss Wright.  
Substitutes: Mr. T.J. King, Mr. T.G. Leggat, Jr.  
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss Dunkin, Mr. Green, Mr. Hunter, Miss Kane, Mr. Leggat,  
Mr. Lochhead, Miss McCulloch, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Taylor.

Before commencing the business of the meeting, the Chairman advised members that Mr. Lochhead had been re-admitted to hospital. The latest report indicated that he was progressing satisfactorily but it would be some little time before we could expect to see him participating in Society activities. It was the wish of the meeting that the Secretary express their regrets at his illness and send good wishes for a speedy recovery.

1. MINUTES : The adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 12th December 1970, previously circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Meredith and signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING :

a) Appointment of President

The Chairman regretted to advise the meeting that the approaches made had been unsuccessful. He then asked that the matter be left in the hands of the officials concerned and invited Branches to submit suitable names.

b) British Commonwealth Games

The Chairman reminded the meeting that it had been intended to show Mr. Lochhead's brief film of the dancers at the Opening Ceremony. In view of his illness, it was not considered appropriate to trouble Mrs. Lochhead to obtain this.

After further discussion with Sir Herbert Brechin, who had prepared a very comprehensive film of the whole of the Games, it was decided that the occasion of an Executive Council Meeting was not quite appropriate. The film lasted for one hour and this was preceded by a fifteen minute introduction by Sir Herbert.

c) St. Andrew's Society of Delft

This group had now presented the appropriate application form for affiliation. This appeared to be in order and it was agreed that the group be accepted as an affiliated group of the Society.

d) 1971 Meetings

The Chairman announced that it would be possible to have the December Meeting on the first Saturday of that month as had originally been intended. The previous arrangement which had been made to accommodate Glasgow Branch, was unnecessary, and the Executive Council Meeting could now take place on 4th December.

e) Visit to Scotland - Country Youth Society of Oslo

The Chairman announced that the prolonged postal strike had made it impossible to contact Branches who might be interested in this visit; consequently it had been necessary to indicate to the organisers that the Society would be unable to assist.

f) C.C.P.R. - Conference at Lillieshall

The Chairman reminded the meeting that it had been agreed that a representative attend a Conference at Lillieshall in February. Mr. R.M. Hunter of Edinburgh Branch had represented the Society. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend today but had prepared a report on the Conference which indicated it had been extremely interesting but did not have much to offer the R.S.C.D.S.

The Chairman invited comment from Mr. Ireland (Society representative to the C.C.P.R.). Mr. Ireland emphasised the need to keep in touch to ensure that accommodation requirements of the Society received consideration.

## 3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS :

a) Publications Committee Meetings, 9th January and 27th March 1971

The adoption of the Minutes of these meetings was proposed by Miss Arnot, seconded by Dr. Short and approved.

b) Summer School Committee Meeting, 16th January 1971. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Miss Quirk, seconded by Miss M.L. Ross and approved.

c) Examinations Committee Meeting, 23rd January 1971. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Miss Arnot, seconded by Dr. Short and approved.

d) Finance Committee Meeting, 23rd January 1971. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Corbett and approved.

The Chairman brought to the notice of the meeting several points in these Minutes:

Publications Committee : B.B.C. Recording. The Chairman said that the record had now been prepared and supplies would be available for sale at the Summer School. Due to the good offices of Miss Milligan, instead of the small donation originally promised by the B.B.C., the Society would now receive a small royalty on all sales and supplies for the Summer School would be available at trade price. The Society was indebted to Miss Milligan and the Publications Committee for the preparatory work and to the Glasgow Branch dancers, without whom it would have been difficult to ensure the high standard of music required by the Society.

Examinations Committee. The Chairman drew attention to the notes of Advice to Adjudicators and hoped that those involved would make use of these.

Examiners. The Chairman was pleased to announce that the proposed method of selecting potential Examiners had been accepted by those invited. It was intended that they would sit in and under-study the official Examiners at the Summer School. The Examinations Committee could then assess their potential as future Examiners.

e) Finance Committee Meeting, 8th May 1971. The Chairman intimated that he proposed to comment only on those items requiring the immediate attention and approval of the Executive Council.

Subscription Copy 1971/72. He outlined the considerable discussion which had taken place in the Finance Committee regarding the possible inclusion of Books 1-5 as subscription copies. Enquiry to Paterson's Publications Ltd. regarding purchase of copyright of these books, revealed their price as in the region of £5,000 and this was not considered acceptable.

The enquiry for better terms on bulk purchases revealed that the present terms were the best that could be offered -  $\frac{1}{3}$  off trade price plus 10% of selling price. They were also proposing to increase the price of these books from 25p to 30p. This increase in price was to be questioned. In view of this, the Finance Committee recommended to the Executive Council that the subscription copy for 1971/72 be a free choice, excluding Books 1-5.

Miss Collie formally proposed the acceptance of this recommendation and this was agreed unanimously.

Office Premises. The Chairman reported that pointerwork previously authorised, had been completed at a cost of £209. This was less than had been estimated. Consideration had been given to estimates for new floor covering in the General Office, Vestibule and Hall and the Finance Committee recommended that this work be carried out at a cost not exceeding £250.

Financial Statement from Treasurer. There was a recommendation from the Finance Committee to re-invest £2,500 with East Lothian County Council at  $7\frac{3}{4}\%$  for 5 years. This was approved.

Financial Assistance - Overseas Visits. The Chairman reported that four Branches had requested financial assistance; three had received the invitations through Headquarters and the fourth had been direct to the Branch. It was agreed after some discussion that in the case of the three official tours, the Society would support them to the extent of approximately 25% of the total cost. It was also recommended that Branches and individuals should contribute higher amounts. The following allocations were recommended:

Edinburgh	-	£150
St. Andrews	-	£ 85
London	-	£ 36

In the case of the Glasgow Branch request, no official detail had yet been received but the Finance Committee would recommend an allocation of £125 on a total cost of £500 with a maximum of £150 should the expenses exceed £600.

It would be necessary in future for estimates to include a sum for overseas tours and when this had been exhausted for any one year, further cases would be considered.

Dr. Hall proposed the acceptance of these recommendations and this was seconded by Mrs. Corson.

Reprints : Index and Constitution The reprinting of these items was necessary but it was recommended that alternative quotations be obtained.

Staff at Headquarters. The Chairman reported that despite a considerable amount of streamlining of procedure at Headquarters, circumstances necessitated additional part-time assistance. The Finance Committee had had a full report on this and recommended that part-time assistance should be obtained for 5 afternoons per week at a cost of £350 - £400 per annum, including National Insurance payments. This was approved by the meeting.

Meetings - Payment of Expenses. In view of increasing expenses and the sheer weight of money involved, the Treasurer had suggested that expenses over a certain figure should be paid by cheque and this was agreed by the meeting.

#### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation were accepted from:

- a) Edinburgh - Trinity Academy Former Pupils Scottish Country Dance
- b) Germany - Caledonian Society of Hamburg
- c) Canada - Kingston Saint Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society
- d) Nelson Scottish Country Dance Society, Lancs.
- e) Burnley - The Pendle Scottish Country Dance Group
- f) South Africa - Dunoos Scottish Dancers, Bloemfontein
- g) Canada - Regina Scottish Country Dance Group, Saskatchewan
- h) Belfast - Greenisland Ladies
- i) Eaglais Á Chnoc Group, Liverpool
- j) Oswestry Monday Club
- k) Manchester Scottish Dance Party.



5. BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS: Delaware Valley - Constitution appeared to be in order and it was recommended that this be accepted.

Mornington Peninsular - Constitution appeared to be in order, except for the clause on disbandment of the Branch. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Branch advising them of this.

Ottawa - Constitution amendments had been noted.

Belfast Branch. The Chairman reminded the meeting that a question had been raised at the Open Forum on whether a Branch was entitled, in terms of its Constitution, to restrict membership to those paying class fees. Membership should not be so restricted. The Chairman has received a copy of the Belfast Constitution and requested the permission of the meeting to take this matter up in an informal way with the Branch. If this did not succeed, the matter could then be raised formally at the next meeting when it was hoped the Branch representative would be present and this was agreed.

6. S.C.P.R. - FESTIVAL OF MOVEMENT AND DANCE

The Chairman announced that an invitation had been received from the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation to take part in the Festival of Movement and Dance. This would take place on either 17/18 or 24/25 March 1972. The proposed venue was Meadowbank Sports Centre. A probable number of teams for the area available would be four. Any Branch wishing to send a complete team should contact the Secretary within the next two months. The Society would wish to be represented at any meetings in connection with this event and it was agreed that Edinburgh Branch, which had already indicated its willingness to undertake this assignment either alone or with other Branches, be invited to attend on behalf of the Society.

7. THE SPORTS COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND - PLANNING FOR SPORT IN SCOTLAND

The Chairman indicated that this appeared to be a similar Conference to that which Mr. Hunter had attended at Lillieshall. If any Branch wished to attend one of the regional conferences, they should obtain the forms from the Secretary.

8. THE SCOTTISH OFFICIAL BOARD OF HIGHLAND DANCING

The Chairman reported that the two representatives - Captain J. Bain and Mr. J. Oliver - did not appear to be attending the meetings. The Secretary had written to them and it appeared that business had prevented Captain Bain from attending. No reply had been received from Mr. Oliver. It was agreed that the Society should continue to support the Board, but the question of representation required consideration. The meeting was in favour of representation from the Executive Council. Before accepting nominations, the Chairman reminded members that these meetings took place in Edinburgh on Sundays.

Several names were put forward and Dr. Currie then formally proposed that Mrs. Corson and Mr. W. Clement be invited to represent the Society at these meetings and that Miss V. Seddon (Edinburgh) be invited to act as a substitute if this were necessary and permissible under the rules of the Board. This was seconded by Dr. Short and approved by the meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Captain Bain and express appreciation for his work in the past.

9. OTHER BUSINESS :

a) Branch Formation - National Capital Branch (Washington, D.C., USA)

The Chairman outlined the difficulties which had beset previous endeavours to form a Branch in this area. A valid approach had been received from full members of the Society who were prepared to endeavour to form a Branch according to the requirements of the Society Constitution. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that permission should be given for an attempt to be made to form a Branch and it was to be hoped that this would lead to the coming together of the majority of members in this area.

b) A.G.M. - Letter from Dr. Short

The Secretary read an extract from Dr. Short's letter which regretted the poor quality of the bands at the past two A.G.M. Balls and the quality of the service at Supper on the same occasions. The Chairman then invited Dr. Short to comment further.

Dr. Short suggested that the A.G.M. Ball was the highlight of the Society year and that for the occasion the best bands should be engaged. Both in Dumfries and Perth, the bands in her opinion had not been equal to the occasion. Also on these occasions, the Supper had been only fair. In addition, at Perth there had been considerable delays in the service and an inadequate number of seats available for those attending. Dr. Short went on to compare this with an event in Glasgow which had been organised for the same cost.

Miss Milligan pointed out that the Glasgow Ball did not attract the large numbers who attended at the A.G.M. Ball. Also, it was usual to use the best available band in a district for this event.

During general discussion, it was suggested that the time may have come when it will be necessary to limit the events of the A.G.M. to those centres which can offer adequate facilities for the large numbers attending. Miss Nairn (Perth Branch) said that the facilities at Perth ten years ago were more than adequate for the requirements of the Society A.G.M., but last year they had been overwhelmed by the members who had applied. It appeared that easier transport had enabled members to travel greater distances for this event.

In thanking Miss Nairn, the Chairman stressed the need for Branches offering to be host to the Annual General Meeting, to ensure that adequate facilities would be available for the numbers likely to attend.

c) Annual General Meeting - 1974

The Chairman read letters from Inverness and Edinburgh Branches offering to act as hosts to the Society on this occasion. After discussion, Mr. Savage proposed that as 1974 would be the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Edinburgh Branch, the Annual General Meeting should be held there. This was agreed unanimously.

Mr. Gradon recommended that consideration be given to the Inverness Branch for 1975 and it was agreed to do so at a future meeting.

The Chairman thanked both Branches for their offers of hospitality.

d) Israel - 1973 Festival - Tel Aviv Foundation

The Chairman read extracts from a letter which indicated a possibility of a Dance Festival in Israel in 1973. Any Branch who might be interested in this event was invited to contact the Secretary before the September Meeting of the Executive Council and in the meantime the organisers would be contacted with a view to obtaining fuller details.

e) New York Branch

The Chairman intimated with regret the death of Mr. Stanley Greenberg, Chairman of the New York Branch of the Society, and read a short excerpt from the "New York Scottish Country Dancer" in appreciation of Mr. Greenberg.

f) Annual Bulletin

Mr. Corbett, on behalf of Newcastle-on-Tyne Branch, asked the meeting to give thought to providing more space in the annual Bulletin for notes on Branch activities. He enquired if it would not be possible to return to the old style of Bulletin which gave more space to this type of report and if there would be any possibility of having other interesting articles included.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Corbett and said the matter would receive the consideration of the Publications Committee.

g) B.B.C. Recording

The meeting agreed with Mr. Meredith's suggestion that a copy of the new recording be sent to Mr. Lochhead. The Secretary was instructed to despatch this as soon as it became available.

h) Summer School

Mr. Cunningham asked if he might enquire as to the method of selection in connection with the Summer School as two members of his Branch had applied, one of whom had attended for several years, but on this occasion neither had been successful.

The Chairman said that to some extent the question may have answered itself, as people who had attended for several years might expect not to be accepted. He then invited Miss Milligan to comment on the matter.

Miss Milligan outlined her method of selection and indicated that even with additional accommodation there was still a considerable waiting list, with certain weeks more popular.

The Chairman thanked Miss Milligan for her explanation.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.40 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Rae.

James B. B. Brown,  
Chairman

4/9/71

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held at the North  
British Hotel, Edinburgh on Saturday, 4th September, 1971 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Adams, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain, Miss Collie,  
Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Corson, Dr. Currie, Miss Donoghue, Mr. Drewry,  
Mrs. Gibbs, Miss Grieve, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Miss Hayes,  
Mr. Hunter, Miss Hutcheon, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane, Miss Knox,  
Miss Lee, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Mr. Meredith, Miss Handie,  
Mr. Murphy, Miss McCulloch, Miss Nairn, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker,  
Miss Rae, Miss Redford, Miss M.L. Ross, Miss M.M. Ross, Mr. Savage,  
Dr. Short, Mrs. Stoddart, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth,  
Mr. Walker, Miss Wighton, Mrs. Wishart, Miss Wright.

Substitute Members: Miss M. Barron (Renfrewshire West);  
Mr. R. Grant (Inverness & Dist.); Mr. C. Parker (Hamilton and  
Clydesdale) and Mrs. I.C. Wilson (Richmond).

Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss Fairgrieve, Miss Fraser, Mr. Gradon, Mrs. Grainger,  
Mr. Lochhead, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Patient, Miss Quirk, Miss Taylor.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

1. MINUTES : The adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 8th May, 1971,  
previously circulated, was proposed by Miss Rae, seconded by  
Miss Arnott and signed as a correct record.

2. MATTERS  
ARISING : a) Appointment of President

The Chairman said that it gave him pleasure to intimate to members  
that Lord Macdonald had accepted an invitation to become President  
of the Society. The appointment would require to be confirmed at  
the Annual General Meeting.

b) Branch Constitution - Belfast Branch

The Chairman reported that as a result of correspondence he had had  
with the Branch, their Constitution was to be amended so that the  
payment of a class fee was not a condition of membership of the Branch.

c) S.C.P.R. - Festival of Movement and Dance

Mr. Hunter (Edinburgh) reported that at the first meeting of the  
organising committee, it had been decided that the Festival should  
take place on Friday evening, 17th March and Saturday afternoon and  
evening, 18th March 1972. Four to six first class teams would be  
required for the event. The organisers offered participants bed and  
breakfast but no assistance with travel expenses.

Edinburgh Branch volunteered two teams for the Friday evening.  
Miss Ross (Glasgow) offered to enquire what assistance Glasgow Branch  
could give on Saturday, 18th March. The representatives from  
Stirlingshire East, Dunfermline and Dundee thought their Branches  
might be able to assist.

The Chairman asked that Headquarters be advised in the near future  
and in any case not later than the date of the Annual General Meeting,  
what assistance Branches were prepared to offer.

d) The Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing

The Chairman advised the meeting that Mrs. M. Corson and Mr. W. Clelland  
had agreed to represent the Society at meetings of The Scottish  
Official Board of Highland Dancing. He had also authorised that  
expenses incurred attending these meetings could be re-claimed  
according to the scale used for meetings of the Executive Council.  
This was agreed.

Miss V. Seddon had declined the offer to act as substitute at these  
meetings.

e) Branch Formation - National Capital Branch, Washington, D.C.

The Chairman reminded members that at the last Executive Council Meeting, permission had been given to endeavour to form a Branch in the Washington, D.C. area. The subsequent procedure was carried out in such a way that two justifiable complaints had been received from the two affiliated groups in the area, namely The St. Colomba's Scottish Country Dance Group and The Scottish Country Dance Society of Washington, D.C.

The General Purposes Committee had discussed the matter in detail and recommended to the Executive Council that:

1. The parties concerned be cabled to cancel their organisational meeting due to be held on 10th September 1971;
2. A letter be sent indicating that the Society was dissatisfied with the way procedure had been carried out since permission was granted to endeavour to form a Branch;
3. The calling of a meeting to consider the formation of a Branch be re-advertised in the press, giving adequate notice of not less than two weeks;
4. The two affiliated groups in the area be advised of the meeting;
5. At the meeting, if enough people agree to the formation of a Branch, an interim committee be appointed from those who wish to become Branch members and that that interim committee remain in office until the first Branch Annual General Meeting;
6. The interim Committee draw up a Constitution for the approval of members and submit it to the Executive Council for ratification.

On behalf of the meeting, Miss Ross said she had much pleasure in proposing acceptance of the recommendation. This was seconded by Mr. Meredith and agreed by the Council.

f) Annual General Meeting 1975

It was agreed to defer consideration of the Inverness & District Branch offer to accommodate the 1975 Annual General Meeting until greater details of the facilities available were provided by the Branch.

MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a) Finance Committee Meeting, 8th May 1971. The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Thomson and approved.

Finance Committee, 23rd July 1971. The Chairman drew several items to the notice of the meeting:

1. No.3 - Financial Statements - Cost of Executive Council Meetings  
This had been remitted to the General Purposes Committee for fuller discussion.
2. Affiliation Fee. The Finance Committee recommended that this be increased to £1.50. This was approved by the meeting.
3. Headquarters Property. The Finance Committee had recommended that the Society dispense with the services of the Caretaker, giving reasonable notice and engaging a cleaner and that the General Purposes Committee consider the future of the property. This was approved.
4. Lochaber Branch. It was regrettable that this Branch would have to disband but it did not appear that the Society could do anything to prevent this. It was hoped that members would join other Branches of the Society.

The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Taylor and approved.

b) General Purposes Committee Meeting, 4th September 1971. The Chairman reported on the meeting as follows:-

1. Headquarters Property. After some discussion the General Purposes Committee had inspected the property and had considered the future use of the basement flat when vacant, either for sale or lease. The Committee then approved the following recommendations for submission to the Executive Council:

- i. The General Purposes Committee endorse the recommendation of the Finance Committee to dispense with the services of the Caretaker and engage a cleaner;
- ii. Obtain vacant possession of the flat on 30th November 1971. Meantime, an ad hoc committee, comprising Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hunter, be appointed to consider various suggestions regarding future use of the basement flat for Society purposes. Pending recommendations from the ad hoc committee, such parts of the basement not in use might be let on a short term basis.

Mr. Corbett (Newcastle) said he hoped that the ad hoc committee would be able to make more specific proposals to the General Purposes Committee before the expiry of the three months' notice to the caretaker.

The recommendations were approved.

2. Meetings of Executive Council. The Finance Committee felt that the time had come to reduce the number of meetings of the Executive Council in the year. The matter had then been discussed by the General Purposes Committee who felt greater and more effective use should be made of the sub-committees. It was appreciated that Executive Council Meetings provided Branches with the opportunity to comment on Society affairs but the General Purposes Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that the Constitution of the Society be amended to read :-

"The Executive Council shall hold at least two Ordinary Meetings in each year " (Page 5,(2)(a).

Discussion took place on this recommendation and it was decided that in the coming year meetings should be held in December, March and September, thereafter the Executive Council would meet in March and September. The sub-committees would then be appointed in March of each year, but the office bearers would continue to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Meredith proposed the amendment to the Constitution; this was seconded by Dr. Currie and the Council agreed to submit a Resolution to this effect at the Annual General Meeting on 30th October 1971.

3. San Francisco Branch. The Chairman advised the meeting that the amendments to the Branch Constitution suggested by the San Francisco Branch required further investigation and he asked that the matter be continued until the next meeting.

4. Office Equipment and Supplies. The Chairman reported that the General Purposes Committee had agreed to the purchase of new office equipment and supplies, subject to the agreement of the Finance Committee.

4. ANNUAL REPORT : The Secretary read the annual report on the Society's work and this was approved for publication in the Bulletin.

5. APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION

An application to endeavour to form a Branch in NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE was accepted.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation were accepted from:

- a) Knutsford Scottish Country Dance Group
- b) The St. Andrew Society of Denmark

7. BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS: Inverness and District Branch Constitution was accepted, subject to minor amendments.

Oxfordshire Branch - minor amendments to existing Constitution were approved.

8. OTHER  
BUSINESS :a) S.C.P.R. - Re-organisation of The Sports Council for Scotland

The Secretary read a letter from The Scottish Council of Physical Recreation which indicated that a new Executive Scottish Sports Council was to be formed and inviting interested organisations to nominate individuals for consideration by The Secretary of State for Scotland with a view to service on this new Council.

The meeting decided there should be no nomination by the Society.

b) Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet

The Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet and pointed out that the overall picture was not very good. At present the proportion of Life Members in the Society was rather high. Subscription rates might have to be re-considered and new annual members were required.

c) Whitehead Branch

The Belfast Branch representative sought the assurance of the Executive Council that the Whitehead Branch would not lose its Branch status during the present difficulties in Northern Ireland which prevented her, as a qualified teacher, from conducting the classes in that Branch.

The Chairman assured her that the Executive Council would be satisfied with whatever arrangements could be made in the present situation and that the status of the Branch at Whitehead would not be affected.

d) Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch

The Chairman offered congratulations to the Newcastle Branch on their 21st Birthday and expressed good wishes for their continued future success.

Congratulations were also due to Southport and Birmingham Branches, both of which had been in existence for 25 years.

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman said that as this was the last meeting of the present Executive Council, he wished to thank the members for their contribution to the conduct of the Society's affairs during the past year - his first as Chairman. He also thanked officials, Miss Vaughan, Miss Grubb and Mrs. Park for their work.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mrs. Parker.

James B. G. Brown  
Chairman

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