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Scottish Country Dance Society



5<sup>th</sup> November 1938.

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1938, within the City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, at 11.45 a.m.

Present.

Mrs Hamilton Mickle (Chairman), Mrs Stewart, Miss Milligan, Miss Dow, Miss Anderson, Miss Gillespie, Miss Hillar, Miss Kidd, Mrs Coupland, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Cullen, Mrs Stark, Mrs Grant, Miss Macmillan, Mrs Rankin, Mrs McDavid, Miss Esson, Miss Henderson, Miss Forbes-Sempill, Mrs Bruce, Miss Crichton, Miss Purdon, Miss Murray, Miss Brown, Miss Gray, Miss Allan, Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr Drummond, Mr Duncan, Mr Tennas (Treasurer) and Mrs Brown (Secretary).

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Mrs Law, Mrs Liddell, Miss E. B. Henderson, Miss Slater, Mrs Pinkerton and Mr Duthie.

Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated amongst the members, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business arising.

Miss Milligan told the Council that the Society had been given the honour of demonstrating during the last two days at the Empire Exhibition, and had given the closing performances at the National Fitness Pavilion.

Financial Report.

The financial statement and report which had been printed in leaflet form & had been circulated amongst the members, was taken as read.

Since the end of the financial year, Mr Tennas reported that the expense of the September demonstrations at the Empire Exhibition was £24.18.3 and deducting the National

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Fitness Council's grant of £10, this made a net cash of £14.18.3d. Adding this to the net cash of the June demonstrations, the total expenses for this venture was £30—9d. this being the amount passed by the Executive Council for the purpose.

The Treasurer reported that Ayr Branch had repaid the grant of £5 given to them in 1933, and that Renfrewshire Branch had repaid £5 of their original grant of £10.

The account for the October Bulletin which was £51.10.6 was passed for payment. It was pointed out that the increase in cost was due to 500 extra copies being printed, increased Branch reports, extra engraving, and Treasurer's financial statement being also additional.

Mr Terras brought to the notice of the Council that several Branches had discontinued sending him their Branch list of members each year, and it had become difficult for him to give members information when they enquired about life membership and the number of years they had subscribed. It was agreed that in future Branches should keep a record of their members.

### Insurance.

Owing to the condition of the floor at the British Medical Association Hall, Edinburgh, Insurance policies had been taken out to guard against Personal accident & legal liability. The premiums for both amounted to £2.57.

Mr Terras reported that he had an offer from the Insurance Co. to insure members against personal accident



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at classes, rehearsals, demonstrations and dancing at Summer and Autumn Schools. Provided a large number of members could be obtained for this purpose, the yearly premium would only be 6d. per member and it was suggested that members themselves should pay this amount. It was agreed that the proposal be taken to Branches and considered after circulars explaining the scheme had been sent.

The Treasurer recommended that a legal liability policy be taken out by the Society to guard them against any claims made by an insured member.

It was decided to put the matter of Insurance on the agenda for the next meeting of the Executive Council.

### Life Membership

There was a great deal of discussion on the question of life membership. Miss Milligan proposed and Mrs Stewart seconded the proposal that all original members who had paid a subscription for the first financial year, 1923-24, and for every succeeding year up to the present time, 1938, should be allowed to become life members of the Society. The Council agreed to this proposal. After further discussion on the matter of Honorary Life membership, and at Mrs Hamilton Meikle's suggestion, it was decided to put the question on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Report from Publications Committee It was reported from the Publications Committee meeting that the following dances should be issued in leaflet form with the next two Bulletins.

March Bulletin - Lorryburn Lassies & Margies of Huntly's Highlanders.

October Bulletin - The Rock and the wee pickle Tow and The Duke of Hamilton's Reel.

It was also reported that the next publication would be a book containing 24 of the most popular dances that had already been issued in leaflet form.

New Branches. The Chairman welcomed the representatives from the two new Branches - Mrs Cullen of the Carlisle Branch and Miss Henderson of the Lanark Branch.

The representatives gave a short statement of the start of their Branches.

Bulletins. The Secretary asked if Branch Secretaries could give a more accurate estimate of the number of Bulletins required and said it would be a great help if Secretaries notified her of any change in numbers before the Bulletin was published in October and March. It was felt that Bulletins served as a useful reminder that subscriptions were due, but Branch Secretaries are requested to allow for this demand in their estimate.

Office Equipment The Council passed the following requests:-

1. Chest of Drawers - Treasurer
2. Desk & Typewriter - Secretary

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Correspondence. A letter was read from Dr. Gibson of Buckie inviting the Society to hold their Annual General Meeting there in 1941. The Council greatly appreciated the invitation, but felt that no definite answer could yet be given. This ended the business.

John Smith Mackie.

29th April 1939 A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday, 29th April 1939, within the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh at 3 p.m.

Present. Mrs Hamilton Meikle (Chairman), Miss Allen, Miss Anderson, Miss Brown, Mrs Bruce, Miss Crichton, Mrs Cullen, Mr Drummond, Mr Duthie, Mr Duncan, Mrs Grant, Miss Henderson, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss King, Mrs Siddell, Miss Miller, Miss Milligan, Miss Macmillan, Mrs McDavid, Lord James Stewart Murray, Mrs Pinkerton, Miss Purdon, Mrs Rankin, Mr Reid, Mrs Robertson, Miss Forbes-Sempill, Mrs Stark, Mr Terras (Treasurer) and Mrs Brown (Secretary).

Apologies Apologies were received from Miss Dow, Miss Gray, Miss Halley, Miss E. Murray, Mrs Stewart, Miss Slater.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on Nov. 5th 1938, having been circulated amongst the members, were taken as read, approved & signed. Mrs Siddell moved the signing of the minutes, Mr Duncan seconded.

## Financial Report

Mr Terras reported that there was a surplus of £9.18.3 from the Autumn School held in November in Edinburgh; that the following donations had been received since the last meeting: - Glasgow Branch £12, Mrs Milligan's Circle £9, <sup>that</sup> Renfrewshire Branch had now paid back the remainder of the Grant of £10 allotted to them in 1926.

Members Insurance. In regard to Members Insurance, most Branches had replied to a letter sent to them by the Treasurer explaining the whole matter. In almost every case the feeling was that the members did not wish to take advantage of the benefits of the scheme. As this insurance was for the benefit of the members only & did not affect the Society in any way, the Treasurer suggested that the matter be dropped meantime. The meeting agreed.

## Insurance

Mr Terras reported that a legal liability Policy had been taken out to protect the Society against claims in case of accident etc. He was asked to find out if this Policy also covered claims by paid officials of the Society (Office bearers, Teachers, Pianists etc.) of Headquarters and all Branches, and to report on same at the next meeting.

## Life Memberships ("Original Members")

The Treasurer read out a list of names, 19 in number who had paid a subscription for the first financial year, 1923-24, & for every succeeding year up to 1938 and who were eligible for Honorary life memberships. This was passed by the Council. It was decided

not to send out their life membership cards until after the Annual General meeting as the Constitution & Rules of the Society might require to be altered.

The Treasurer then reported that income from various sources would be again increased and that he hoped to be able to show another increase in the funds by the end of the financial year.

After giving his reports Mr Terras was asked to withdraw from the meeting. Miss Anderson then brought up the question of Mr Terras' bonus, pointing out that at a previous meeting it was stated that this bonus should fluctuate according to the finances of the Society. The meeting expressed satisfaction with the Financial Statement & there was a unanimous feeling that the bonus should be increased. Mrs Bruce proposed that Mr Terras' bonus should be increased by £10, from £25 - £35. Miss Kidd seconded Mrs Bruce's proposal which was carried unanimously.

2) Report from:

Publications Committee.

leaflet dances: - The Secretary reported that dissatisfaction had been expressed with the music of "The Marquis of Huntly's Highlanders", in that the dance is described as a strathspey and the music written as a reel. It was also thought that the melody of "Tommyburn Lassie" had been lost by the introduction in the leaflet music of extra notes. The Publications meeting reported that a

corrected copy of "The Marquis of Huntly's Highlanders" would be sent to members with the October Bulletin.

As regards the new publication it had been decided that it would take the form of a Book of 24 of the most popular dances already published in leaflet form & that the price would be 2/6.

The following is a list of the selected dances:—

Circassian Circle	Marquis of Huntly's Highlanders
Corn Riggs	Petronella
Dashing White Sergeant	Scottish Rumble.
Duke of Hamilton's Reel	Scottish Reform
Duke of Perth	Speed the Plough
Dumbarton's Drums	The Eightsome Reel
Flowers of Edinburgh	The Merry Dancers
Glasgow Highlanders	The Punch Bowl
Groig's Pipes	The Wally Country Dance
Haugh's o' Cromdale	The White Cockade
Jenny's Bowbee	Teviot Brig
Lady Susan Stewart's Reel	Triumph.

### Summer School.

The Secretary reported very briefly on the arrangements for the Summer School, stating that the number of applications was quite satisfactory for the present date and that the staff and pianists had been booked.

## Stockholm Festival

The Secretary reported that it was hoped that a team representing the Society would demonstrate Scottish Country dancing at the International Folk Dance Festival to be held at Stockholm from August 1st to 6th. It was explained that all the members of the team would be included in the Sing Association women's gymnastic team and the Scottish men's gymnastic team in order to facilitate accommodation arrangements in Sweden. No final decision had been reached as to the inclusion of this team in the programme but Miss Milligan was arranging practices with the men and women, so that they would be ready if called upon to dance.

Miss Milligan reported on correspondence that she had had with Mr Douglas Kennedy of the English Folk Dance & Song Society, and explained why definite arrangements had not already been made regarding the inclusion of a Scottish Country Dance team at the Festival. Miss Milligan explained that Mr Kennedy would like the help of the Society as regards the sending of a Piper and a Highland Dancer to Sweden. The question of a Piper presented no difficulty as one was included in the team being sent from Jordanhill College. Regarding the Highland Dancer Mrs Brown had been instructed to approach Mr James Stuart Hon. Secretary of the Royal Scottish Piper's Society to see if he could suggest someone suitable.

The question of travelling expenses was then discussed

and Mrs Hamilton Keikle said that she hoped that the Executive would endorse the proposal from the Publication Committee, namely, that the Society would help to meet the travelling expenses of the Highland Dancer. Mr Duthie proposed that the Society should meet the expenses of the Highland Dancer - Mr Drummond seconded the proposal and the meeting agreed.

Gramophone Records. Regarding the making of gramophone records, it was reported that provisional arrangements had been made with Mr Davie of Aberdeen and his quartette and that Miss Milligan was to see Mr Walker of the Beltona Co. regarding this matter. The representatives of the Aberdeen-Ship Branch kindly offered to give any advice and help that they could, regarding the personnel of the quartette.

Any other

Competent Invitations A letter was read from Mr Watson of Arbroath inviting the Society to hold their Annual General Meeting there in 1941. The Council greatly appreciated the invitation but felt that no definite answer could yet be given.

A letter was read from Mrs Stewart suggesting that Books 1 to 12 should be made in to a bound volume and presented to Queen Elizabeth on her next visit to Scotland. The Council agreed to this suggestion and considered it an excellent idea.

The next Executive meeting was fixed for November.

This ended the business.

John Smith Mather



16<sup>th</sup> November 1940

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 1940. in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh.

Present

Mrs Hamilton-Meikle (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Allan, Miss Brown, Miss Crichton, Miss Cullen, Mr Duthie, Mr Duncan, Mrs Grant, Miss Gray, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss Macmillan, Miss Miller, Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Purdon, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Stark, Mrs Brown (Secretary) and Mr Terras (Treasurer).

Mrs Hamilton-Meikle welcomed the representatives of the various Branches to the first meeting that had been held since war was declared, and told the members that the Publications and Management Committee of the Society had followed the course taken by other national bodies and were continuing to carry on with the present Office-Bearers & Executive Committee. The meeting signified full approval.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Bruce, Miss Dow, Miss Halley, Miss Henderson, Miss Milligan, Miss Murray, Hon. E. Forbes-Sempill, Mrs Stewart.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1939 were read. Miss Anderson proposed the adoption of the minutes and Miss Kenyon seconded the proposal. The meeting agreed.

Business arising.

Mr Terras reported that the question of Insurance for the Society has been satisfactorily completed.

He also stated that the bound volume of Books 1-12 for future presentation to The Queen, had been placed in safe keeping.

Paterson's Publication. Mrs Hamilton-Meikle explained that since the last meeting there had been a great deal of correspondence between Paterson's Publications and the Society. Paterson's Publications contended that the publication of leaflets of dances contained in Books 1-5 and the publication of the Book of 24 Favourite Scottish Country Dances was contrary to the conditions stated in the agreement between Paterson's Publications & the Society. Mrs Hamilton-Meikle proposed to give to the meeting a brief history of the dispute up to the present time. She stated that the Society had consulted their lawyer, Mr Mackenzie Shaw, who did not consider that Paterson's had any satisfactory grounds of complaint. During the explanation the following points were brought out:-

- 1, That the music for the leaflets & the books of 24 Dances was not the same as in Books 1-5, the setting of the music in the first case being arranged by Herbert Wiseman, and in the second, by Mr Michael Dick.
- 2, That the letterpress had been considerably altered except in the case of Petronella.
- 3, That the Society had paid for all such alterations, that new plates had to be made which the Society

had paid for and which in that case, surely belonged to the Society.

4. That Paterson's Publications have been aware for years of the issuing by the Society of leaflets of new settings and descriptions of dances in Books 1-5 and when re-prints of these books had been made, the letterpress of the leaflets of which Paterson's now complain had been sent.

5. The Society believe that they are entitled to issue better arrangements of letterpress than that of 10 years ago with new musical arrangements - a great deal of time, thought and money had been expended in which Paterson's have had no part.

The agreement between Paterson's Publications and the Society was read also letters: -

1. Mr Michael Diack (Jr.) to the Secretary
2. Mr Mackenzie Shaw to Mr Michael Diack.
3. Mr Bisset to the Secretary and other correspondence.

The Chairman then told the Council of the meeting that had taken place between representatives of the Publications Committee and Paterson's Publications as a result of which the following proposals were put forward by Mr Bisset of Paterson's Publications.

1. That the S.C.D.S. pay to Paterson's Publications 3' per copy on "24 Favorite Scottish Country Dances," on all sales future & retrospective.

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2. That the Society should supply "247 Favourite Scottish Country Dances" to Paterson's Publications on the same terms as Books 6-12.
3. That the price for foreign sales should be reconsidered - 9s per copy suggested instead of 11s.
4. That Paterson's Publications should act as sole distributors for the Society's publications at home and abroad. i.e. that all orders for say more than six copies should be dealt with by Paterson's Publications.
5. Mr Bisset also wanted it to be noted that the Company is refraining from making any claim for payment for the use of its plates without permission, for the printing of the Society's own publications.

The Publications Committee had discussed the proposals and their unanimous decision was that no consideration should be given to them till the Royalties owed by Paterson's Publications to the Society, were paid.

Mr Terras pointed out that Paterson's Publications had paid approximately £800 in Royalties since 1924 and that therefore they must have made quite a satisfactory profit from the books. He also stated that it was very greatly to the advantage of the finances of the Society that it

Should be its own publisher and have the printing done by Aird & Coghill.

Mr Duncan, speaking on behalf of the Council expressed confidence in the actions taken by the Publication Committee and agreement with their decisions. The meeting heartily endorsed Mr Duncan's statement.

Summer School. The Council agreed to make a provisional booking for University Hall, St. Andrews for the first fortnight of August.

Future Publications The Secretary gave a report from the Publications Committee regarding a proposed booklet of instruction. She read an excerpt from the Minutes of 1954 which stated that the Council approved that there should be a booklet of instruction published when Miss Milligan's Festival Booklet was set out. This had now happened so the Council agreed that the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Publications Committee.

Financial Statement. Mr Lewis pointed out that an error had been made in the recently printed Financial Statement, namely the impression given that payment of royalties had been made, whereas the footnote explained that no royalties had been received. - The printer should have left the space blank.

S.C.D.S. and

New Youth Movement.

Mr Terras reported that there was general dissatisfaction in the Ayr Branch about the teaching of Scottish Country Dancing in some of the new classes that had been formed under the Juvenile Welfare Scheme. Teachers not qualified in Scottish Country Dancing and in some cases not knowing very much about it, were being employed, in spite of the fact that well qualified teachers were available. Some of these teachers were themselves attending 1<sup>st</sup> or night classes in order to receive instruction. The Council agreed with the recommendation of the Publications Committee that the Society should protest against the lowering of the standard of Scottish Country Dancing, at the same time expressing willingness to co-operate with the Government scheme to increase recreational facilities for youth.

The Secretary was asked to arrange an interview with Dr. Jardine of the Scottish Education Department.

This ended the business.

Wm. Smith - Clerk  
3.8.45.

2nd August 1945 A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Thursday, 2nd August 1945 at 3 p.m. at University Hall, St. Andrews.

Present Mrs Hamilton-Mitche, Chairman, Miss Allan, Miss Anderson, Miss Browne, Miss Brighton, Miss Cuthell, Miss Dow, Mr Garvie, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Liddell, Miss Martin, Miss Milligan, Miss Miller, Miss Macpherson, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Stewart (Vice-President), Mrs Stark, Miss McPhellan (Treasurer) and Mrs Brown (Hon. Secretary).

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Bruce, Mr Duthie, Miss Gray, Dr Forbes-Sempill.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1940 were read, approved & signed.

Report from Management Committee The Council unanimously approved and adopted the following two proposals of the Management Committee

- :- (1) That no leaflet dances should be issued to Members this year, owing to paper shortage.
- (2) That examination candidates as well as being Members of the Society should pay an examination fee of 5/-.

Paterson's Publications.

Miss Milligan gave a short account of the disagreement regarding copyright between Paterson's Publications and the S.C.B.S. In order to adjust difficulties a new agreement had been drawn up by Paterson's Publications for the consideration of the Council. The points of this agreement (appended after) were discussed and the agreement was found generally acceptable. The Council

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Therefore decided to accept the terms of the agreement subject to the approval of an independent lawyer. Mrs Hamilton-Meikle thanked Miss Mulligan very warmly for all the work she had done on behalf of the Society, in this dispute with Paterson's Publications.

Annual Report. The Secretary read the Annual Report. Mr Garvie moved the adoption of the Report for publication, Mr Stark seconded the proposal. The meeting unanimously agreed.

Financial Statement. Miss McNeillan, Treasurer, reported on the financial statement. She said that all sources of income showed a substantial increase over last year's figures. Up to date there had been an increase of £42.10.9 over the previous year ending 31st. Sept. 1944 in members' subscriptions. There was also an increase of £36.5/- in Branch subscriptions. The sale of books & leaflets had also increased and was the highest received since 1938. £10.8.7 had been received for Broadcasting fees and royalties on Gramophone records as against nothing received last year.

On the expenditure side, the printing & Stationery accounts to date amounted to £57.2.11 which is a decrease of £5/- over last year. The postage, travelling and examination fees showed an increase of about £40 - the largest proportion of this being increases in travelling expenses - more meetings had been held. The amount at credit of the Society at present was £1061.6/- which showed a profit of £186.6/- on the ten months working and it was estimated that sums amounting to between £70 - £80 would



be received before the end of the current year.

The Committee expressed satisfaction that the finances of the Society were in a sound condition.

Miss Mulligan reported on the proposals regarding salaries which had been approved by the Management Committee, namely: - (1) That the salary of the Secretary be raised

from £3.3/- per week to £4.4/- per week

(2) That the salary of the Treasurer be raised from £1 per week to £1.10/- per week

(3) That the Secretary and the Treasurer should each receive an honorarium of £20 clear (free of Income tax) -

(4) That the increase of salaries date from 1st August 1945.

The Council unanimously agreed to all the proposals.

Examination Fees.

The proposal from the Management Committee that candidates for the examinations should, as well as being Members of the Society, pay a fee of 5/- was accepted & the Council agreed.

Festival Booklet

Instead of ordering a reprint of the Festival Booklet, it was agreed to ask the Management Committee to publish a new book giving hints on technique and formations with historical notes if possible.

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Autumn School. It was agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting and Autumn School in Glasgow in the late Autumn.

Presentation of Book

Mrs Hamilton-Meikle gave a short account of the presentation of the bound book containing Books 1-12 to Her Majesty the Queen at Holyrood House, on 21st September 1944.

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Mrs Stewart, Mrs Hamilton-Meikle and Miss Hadden were presented to The Queen and Princess Elizabeth who showed great interest and appreciation of the work of the Society.

Miss Anderson proposed a vote of Thanks to the Chairman.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Janet Lomax Mackay

3rd November 1945

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1945, at 11.45 a.m. in the Boys High School, Glasgow.

Present.

Mrs Hamilton-Meikle (Chairman), Miss Allan, Miss Browne, Mrs Bruce, Miss Corrihoun, Mr Drummond, Miss Eason, Miss Gray, Mrs Hutcheson, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss Macmillan, Miss Milligan, Miss Miller, Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Purdon, Miss Ramsbottom, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Stait.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Anderson, Miss Dow, Mrs Liddell, Miss Macpherson, Dr Forbes-Sempall, Mrs Stewart and Miss Whellan (Treasurer).

Business arising.

The Chairman read a letter from Miss Hadden thanking the Committee for their expressions of sympathy in her present illness and for the increase in salary <sup>as Secretary</sup>. It was pointed out that Miss Hadden's appointment was on a war time basis. Miss Kenyon proposed that this

appointment should now be made permanent. Miss Brown seconded this proposal. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Report from Management Committee

The Secretary reported that the Management Committee had agreed to (a) reprint Books 3, 7 and 12 and pocket edition 4, 5 & 6 (b) to draw up a panel of teachers for use at Headquarters. The Council unanimously endorsed the action of the Management Committee.

Future of Management Committee — The Chairman reminded the Council that for the war period the Publications Committee had been empowered to act as a Management Committee. The Committee felt that with the war over, the necessity for this arrangement was at an end. After some discussion it was decided (a) That the Publications Committee should carry on as before and be responsible for reprints of books, drawing up of new publications etc. (b) That the Publications Committee should retain its power of management until the next meeting of the Executive Council (c) That any member of the Publications Committee not represented on the Executive Council should be entitled to attend meetings of the Council, (d) That the question of a small Management Committee should be brought up at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Financial Statement

Miss Brown reported on the Financial Statement which was submitted by Miss Whellan and which was prefaced by a message of thanks to the Council for her recent bonus & increase of salary. The Committee expressed appreciation

of the satisfactory state of the finances of the Society and of Miss McShellan's services as Treasurer.

### English Branches

A letter was read from Mrs Liddell enclosing a resolution from the Manchester Branch which stated that it was impossible for the Branch to pay more to Headquarters than was already being paid. It was pointed out to the Council that Manchester & London Branches received 5/- from members - 2/6 was retained by the Branch and 2/6 was sent to Headquarters. For this 2/6 the Society supplied Bulletins when published and a copy of a book costing 3/-. The position was that the Branch in no way supported the Society financially. The Committee while expressing sympathy with the difficulties of the English Branches felt that the present arrangement was unbusinesslike. The following proposal was moved from the Chair and unanimously agreed to by the Council - namely - (1) That the English Branches retain 2/6 of their members' subscription and that 2/6 be sent to Headquarters who would be responsible for sending to the Branch, Bulletins & any general information but not a subscription copy of a dance book. The Society would pay two thirds travelling expenses of Branch Representatives to Executive & Annual meetings. (2) That if any English Branch prefers to be on the same basis as the Scottish Branches (Rochdale is at present on this basis) i.e. 5/- received from member, 6/- retained by Branch & 4/6 sent to Headquarters, it may do so.

Gramophone Records.

Miss Milligan gave a satisfactory statement on the future position as regards gramophone records.

Central Council of Physical Recreation

The Secretary reported on a letter received from the General Secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation regarding representation on the Scottish section of the Council. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman of the Executive Council should be the appointed representative.

Annual General Meeting

The Council accepted with pleasure the invitation from the Dundee Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Dundee in November 1946.

Branch Funds.

The Council expressed the view that if money was paid to a Branch as S.C.D.S. funds, the money should be reserved for S.C.D.S. purposes and not given to outside charities. If a Branch did not wish to retain too big a surplus, the money could be paid to Headquarters or spent in propaganda for Scottish Country dancing.

Miss Milligan proposed a very warm vote of thanks to Mrs Hamilton-Meikle who had served as Chairman of the Executive Council since 1937.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jean Milligan

6<sup>th</sup> August 1946

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 1946 at 3p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

Present.

Miss Milligan (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Barron, Mr Bazalgette, Miss Browne, Mrs Brown, Miss Brighton, Miss Dow, Mr Drummond, Miss Esson, Mrs Gudgeon, Mrs Hutcheon, Miss Jarvis, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss Kirk, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Liddell, Miss Macintosh, Miss Macmillan, Miss Miller, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Stewart & Miss Hadden (Secretary).

Apologies

Apologies were intimated from Miss Allen, Mr Duthie, Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, Mrs Robertson and Miss McHellan (Treasurer).

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Business arising.

It was decided after some discussion to rescind the decision made at a previous meeting that London & Manchester Branches should not receive books on payment of subscriptions.

Mr Bazalgette (London) and Mrs Liddell (Manchester) thanked the Committee for making it possible for their Branches to continue as before. The Committee suggested that these Branches took every opportunity of getting help from Education Authorities in the matter of accommodation for classes in schools.

The Committee agreed that at a future date the

matter should again be brought up for consideration.

**Financial Report.** Mrs Brown read the financial report submitted by Miss McHellan which was received by the Committee and passed for publication.

On the recommendation of the Management Committee it was decided to invest £500 in  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  Defence Bonds, being £250 which had been repaid by the Government and £250 which was at present invested in a Lanark County Council loan at a low rate of interest.

It was also decided that the affiliation fee for Clubs, Societies etc. should be increased from 5/- to £1-1/- per annum.

**Annual Report:** The Secretary read the Annual Report the adoption of which was proposed by Miss Keayn & seconded by Miss Browne and passed for publication.

**Report from Management Committee.** Mrs Brown told the Executive Council that the Management Committee were correcting Book 8 for reprinting. The Management Committee suggested that a new book be prepared for 1947. Correspondence was read from the International Festival of Music and Drama and the Anthropological Folklore Society asking for help & co-operation from the Society in a Festival & Congress to be held in

Edinburgh in 1947 & 1948. The Executive Council agreed to give all possible help and to lend any interesting manuscripts.

The matter of nominating a new Management Committee and revising the Publications Committee was suggested and it was recommended that these new members be elected from the Representatives on the Executive Council. After some discussion it was agreed to retain the Publications Committee in its present form with its original members and that additional members with musical ability, be co-opted when necessary - this Committee to deal entirely with the technical side of the Society's work. The Executive Council proceeded to elect members of the Management Committee as follows:-

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, & Office-Bearers <sup>the</sup> following:-  
Miss A. Anderson proposed & seconded by Miss Kirk & Miss Browne  
Miss Browne proposed & seconded by Mrs Stewart & Miss Dow  
Mr Drummond proposed & seconded by Miss Crichton & Miss Keay  
Mr Duthie proposed & seconded by Mr Drummond & Miss Dow  
Miss Keay proposed & seconded by Mrs Rankine & Miss Gudgeon  
Miss Kirk proposed & seconded by Miss Crichton & Mr Drummond  
Mrs Leslie proposed & seconded by Miss Crichton & Miss Miller

The quorum for this Committee was fixed at 5.



It was reported that if possible the Reel of the 51st Div. would be published in leaflet form in time for the Autumn Bulletin.

The Committee was told that the Princess Elizabeth had accepted copies of the Victory book sent by the Society and Miss Leslie gave an interesting account of the evening spent at Holyrood House when members of the Edinburgh Branch danced with the Royal Family.

A. G. M.

It was reported that the date of the Annual General Meeting had been fixed for 9th November and that arrangements were being made for the Autumn School in Dundee.

After some discussion about a standard ruling for adjudicators at Festivals it was agreed to leave the matter to be discussed by the Publication Committee when it met.

Ayr Branch.

It was reported that no reply had been received from the Treasurer of the Ayr Branch to a letter sent asking why no subscriptions had been sent in since 1942. The Committee decided that a letter be sent requesting that if necessary a Branch meeting be called & the present Treasurer be asked to resign unless a satisfactory explanation was received.

This ended the business of the meeting. Jean Chubb  
9.11.46

9th November 1946

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday 9th November 1946 in the Training College, Park Road, Dundee at 11.30 a.m.

Present:

Miss Milligan, (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Barron, Mrs Brown, Miss Browne, Miss Crighton, Mr Drummond, Mrs Hutchison, Mrs Jones, Miss Kidd, Miss Kirk, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Liddell, Miss Miller, Lord James Stewart Murray, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Robertson, Dr Forbes-Sempill, Mrs Stewart, Miss Whellan (Treasurer) & Miss Hadden (Secretary).

Apologies

Apologies were intimated from Mr Borzalgette, Mrs Harris Hunter, Miss Mackie, Miss Macmillan, Miss Ramsbottom & Mrs Wilson.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved & signed.

Business arising

Arising out of the Minutes it was reported that Ayr Branch had paid the Subscriptions due and that a new Treasurer had been appointed.

Re-wording of Paragraph 4 of Constitution & Rules.

After discussion it was decided that no alteration other than that already suggested, could be made to the Constitution but it was agreed to re-word Paragraph 3 at a future meeting so that it would be in order for the next Annual General Meeting.

Financial Statement:

Miss Whellan submitted a Financial Statement which showed that there had been a profit of £467.4.8 on the year's working & the balance in hand was now

£1580 - £500 had been invested in Defence Bonds.  
Miss Milligan congratulated Miss Whellan on the very clear and satisfactory report.

Gramophone Records. The Committee was told that owing to the great demand for Gramophone records, the Decca Co. had been approached to see if they would consider making pressings of twelve of the most popular records - no reply had so far been received. Miss Milligan told the Committee that H.M.V. Co. had recorded four dances but the records would not be available for some time.

New Branches. The Chairman announced that three new Branches had been formed - Belfast, Wolverhampton & Southport.

Correspondence. A letter was read from Dr. Atholl Robertson, Oban, protesting against the noise from the dancers who broadcast S.C. dances and asking that official action should be taken. There was quite a lot of discussion & it was decided that Mr. Duniddie should be asked for an interview with Lord James in Edinburgh or Miss Milligan in Glasgow so that the Society's point of view could be given & some arrangement made regarding the organisation of "hovers" in nets etc.

Correspondence was read from the Scottish Tourist Board who were in touch with the Thistle Guildry Incorporation, New York & who suggested that the Society should send a complete set of books to them to help in the formation of a Scottish Dance Club. It was agreed to send the books when available.

Any other competent business The Chairman told the Committee that there would be no

voting for the election of Office-Bearers as the exact number of nominations had been received for the vacancies. The nominations were as follows:- Chairman, Miss Mulligan. Vice Chairman, Mrs Hamilton-Mickle, Members:- Miss Barron, Mr Drummond, Miss Kirk, Mrs Leslie, D Forbes-Sempill & Miss Slater.

### Patroness

Mrs Stewart suggested that H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth should be asked to be a Patroness of the Society - the Committee unanimously agreed & the Secretary was asked to write to the Lady-in-Waiting.

Miss Mulligan told the Committee that the Auditor's fee would be increased this year to £7-7/- - this was accepted & passed by the Committee.

The Secretary & Treasurer having been asked to leave the room the matter of increase in salaries was considered. It was explained that in previous years a bonus had been given to bring the salaries up to a certain amount annually but it was now decided that salaries should be on a rising scale until a maximum was reached & the position to be again reviewed. The Committee decided that the Secretary's salary should be increased from £4-4/- per week to £5-5/- per week from 1st November 1946 and an annual increase of 5/- per week to be given until the salary was £6 per week. It was decided that the Treasurer's salary should be increased

from £1-10/- per week to £2-2/- per week with an annual increase of 5/- per week until the salary was £2-17/- per week.

Mrs Liddell, Manchester Branch told the Committee of a proposed Easter Course to be run by that Branch and asked what help the Society could give them.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Management Committee & Mrs Liddell was asked to send a letter to the Secretary giving particulars for the Committee's consideration.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jean Chelligan  
8. 8. 47

8th August 1947

A meeting of the Executive Council was held on 8th August 1947 at 3 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews

Present.

Miss Millegan (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Barron, Mrs Brown, Miss Browne, Mr Drummond, Mrs Gudgeon, Mrs Harris Hunter, Mrs Hutcheson, Mrs Jones, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kirk, Miss Kidd, Mrs Liddell, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Locke, Miss Macmillan, Miss Macintosh, Miss Miller, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Robertson, Miss Shaw, Miss Slater, Mrs Stewart, Dr. Roberton Wilson, Mrs Wilson and the Secretary.

Apologies

were received from Miss E. M. Campbell, <sup>Miss Crighton,</sup> Mrs Hamilton-Muckle and Dr. Forbes-Sempill.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated amongst the members were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business arising.

The Secretary told the Committee that H. R. H. The Princess Elizabeth had accepted the invitation to be Patroness of the Society. It was reported that the proposed Manchester Branch week end Course had not taken place.

Report from

Management Committee. Mrs Brown gave the report from the Management Committee beginning by telling the members of the present position regarding reprints of books. She reported that Books 4, 5, 7, 8, & 12 were out of print with stocks of The Victory book running low, also that there was no early prospect of re-prints being ready as

The printers were concentrating on the new book.

The matter of Accident Insurance was next brought up & the recommendation from the Management Committee that the premium be increased to £8.16.3 annually was accepted and passed by the Committee.

The suggestion that a bound volume of Books 1-14 be presented to H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her marriage was enthusiastically received & agreed upon and Miss Milligan was empowered to order the book from Robert Macheose & Co. if possible in white & gold.

If necessary, the Committee decided they might ask for contributions towards the cost of the book from Branches.

International Festival of Music & Drama — It was reported that the Edinburgh Branch hoped to demonstrate three times a week during the Festival.

Gramophone Records — There was much discussion on the question of the re-making of gramophone records. The report from the Management Committee suggesting that both His Masters Voice and Decca Co. be contacted with a view to working with both. A sub. Committee had been formed to give auditions to various well known orchestras — this sub. Committee consisting of Miss Milligan, Miss Leslie, Mr Herbert Morrison, Lord James Stewart-Murray, the Duchess of Atholl & the Secretary with powers to co-opt any members of musical ability and opinion. It was suggested that the following orchestra be heard — Scottish Country Dance

Tim Wright's Band, Angus Occasionals, Miss Shand Scott's Orchestra, and any other suitable one recommended. Later in the discussion Mrs Wilson suggested going to H.M.V. Co. instead of Decca as the latter had been very unsatisfactory - the matter was left over until Miss Milligan had interviewed Mr Walker of the Decca Co. Mrs Wilson also asked if 12" records instead of 10" records could be made. The question of the choice of dances to be recorded was raised and it was decided that Miss Milligan should discuss the matter with the staff of the Summer School & draw up a list.

International Folk Dance Council - A letter was read from the International Folk Dance Council inviting the Society to send a representative to a Conference to be held in London from 22nd - 27th September. The Management Committee had recommended that Mrs Leslie and the Secretary should both attend the Conference representing the Society and the Executive Council agreed to this suggestion.

Financial Report. Mrs Brown read the Financial Statement submitted by the Treasurer, the adoption of which was proposed & seconded by Miss Anderson & Mrs Wilson. The Chairman while expressing satisfaction at the large increase in subscriptions during the year, deplored the decrease in the sale of books caused by the lack of reprints.



**Annual Report.** The Annual report was read by the Secretary and with one small addition regarding dancing at Hollywoodhouse was adopted having been proposed by Miss Keay and seconded by Miss Brown.

**Annual General Meeting** The Annual General Meeting date was fixed for November 15<sup>th</sup> in Edinburgh.

**Propositions & Rules.** Paragraph 3 was re-worded as follows "Members shall be persons interested in the objects of the Society & firms, Companies, Societies, Clubs or other bodies equally interested may join as affiliated groups."

Mrs Brown proposed this recommendation to the Annual General Meeting & Mrs Stewart seconded the proposal.

**Any other Competent Business.** The matter of sending a team to Czechoslovakia next Summer under the auspices of the British Council was discussed & it was agreed that the best possible team should be chosen & that plans should be made soon so that everything could be ready in good time.

It was reported that a large representation of Boy Scouts had danced at a Tambour in France & that the instructions issued for the 16'some Reel had been entirely inaccurate & quite unacceptable to the Society. Mrs Wilson suggested that a strong letter of protest be sent from the Society to the Boy Scouts Association to be laid before their Executive Council and it was also suggested that before any such events took place, the Society should be consulted in plenty of time.

Festival Adjudication Mrs Anderson suggested that a list of adjudicators of Scottish Country dancing should be available for Festival Committees & also that a fee should be fixed.

It was decided to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

Mrs Harris Hunter asked if there was a fixed fee for Scottish Country dance Teachers under the Education Authority but was told that the Society did not have a standard fee also that the minimum fee suggested for pianists was 5/- per hour.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jean C. McMillan  
15. 11. 47

15 Nov. 1947 A meeting of the Executive Council was held in the Wellington Rooms, Tollcross, Edinburgh on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1947 at 12 o'clock

Present Miss Melligan (Chairman) Miss Allan, Miss A. Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Barrow, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne, Rev. R. J. V. Clark, Miss Collie, Miss Crichton, Mr. Drummond, Miss Gordon, Mr. Harris Hunter, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Jones, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss Kirk, Mr. Leslie, Miss Macmillan, Mr. Hamilton-Meikle, Miss Miller, Miss Mowat, Miss Ramsbottom, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Robertson, S. Forbes-Sempill, Miss Slater, Mr. Laird Smith, Mr. Wilson, S. Robertson Wilson, Miss McFellan (Treasurer) & Miss Hadden (Secretary)

Apologies Apologies were intimated from Miss Campbell, Mr. Diddell, Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Ockenden, Mr. Stewart & Miss Shaw

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated amongst the members were taken as read, approved & signed

Business Arising The Secretary reported that the book which was sent to H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth had been beautifully bound in blue and gold by MacFellie & Co. Glasgow and a letter of thanks signed by the Princess was read. A letter was read from the Boy Scouts Association stating that in future in the organization of any large events, the Association would ask advice chiefly from the Scottish Country Dance Society

Report from Management Committee  
Mr. Brown gave the report from the Management Committee as follows: - Miss Milligan and Miss Hadden were going to St. James' Palace to represent the Society at an afternoon party to see the Royal wedding presents - the invitation had been sent to Lord James Stewart Murray

Gramophone Records  
Mr. Brown reported that neither the Duchess of Atholl nor Mr. Wiseman could accept the invitation to be members of a small sub-committee to hear auditions of orchestras for making gramophone records that Mr. Hamilton-Meikle had been chosen to replace the Duchess of Atholl. Mr. Wiseman had intimated his willingness to give any help or advice

The Management Committee had decided to ask for terms from His Master's Voice Co. & the Decca Co. with a view to having 12 records made by each firm. If records were made by Decca orchestras would have to travel to London, but H.M.V. Co. would send their recording van anywhere in Scotland

Festival Adjudications  
The Management Committee had formed a sub-committee of three members, Miss Milligan, Mr. Brown & Mr. Leslie to compile a panel of adjudicators to find out about fees charged in various parts of the country so that a report could be given at the next meeting. It had also been decided that the Society should assist small Festivals wherever possible

Financial Report. Miss McFellon read her financial statement the

outstanding features being that there had been an increase in subscriptions of £295-17-3 over the previous year; surplus from Summer School £85-10; Examination Fees £18 there was a decrease of £243-2-11 on sale of books, this being because of the small number of books available. The profit over the year's working amounted to £375-19-10. The Chairman congratulated Miss McFellan on her Financial Statement.

New Branches It was reported that five new Branches had been formed since the last meeting at Blair Athol, Demerara, Dumfries, Leven & Peterhead and representatives from four of the Branches were welcomed by the Chairman.

International Folk Music Council Mr Leslie gave a report of the Conference attended by the Secretary & herself in London in September. Delegates from 28 countries had been present & the Council had been formed to promote a practical interest in the Arts such as by exchange of gramophone records, holding of Festivals & a Bureau of Information etc. The Council had made an appeal for help in financing the first year's expenses & the Management Committee had suggested that £100 be sent as a donation from the Society. Miss Milligan proposed that after the first year Branches should be asked to send a small donation to the International Folk Music Council. Miss Anderson seconded this proposal & the Council agreed to the recommendation to send £100.

to the International Folk Music Council and to Miss Milligan's proposal.

A letter was read by a member of the Society objecting to the use of the accordion in the B.B.C. broadcasts of Scottish Country Dance music. There was a lively discussion on the subject & it was agreed that where this instrument was used in an orchestra Skathspeys were usually played as jigs; also that the accordion was not tuned to the same pitch as the other instruments.

A letter was read from the Shanghai Reel Club asking for re-affiliation to the Society for a supply of books & gramophone records as all theirs had been lost during the war. The letter had come as an outcome of "Take Note" in which Miss Milligan writes an article on a Scottish Country Dance each month. The Committee decided that if any Branches had records to spare they might send them to the Secretary to be forwarded to the Shanghai Reel Club.

Set of Books  
for Pianists

A letter was submitted by B. Robertson Wilson, Southport & seconded by Miss Rawson Bolton, Rochdale to the effect "That in future approved new Branches should on formation be supplied free of charge with a full set of dance books for the use of the Branch's pianist." There was considerable discussion on this matter. Mrs. Bran moved an amendment stating that she considered a Branch should be responsible for its own arrangements regarding books for pianists.

Mr. Wilson then submitted an amendment to the effect that the Society should consider advancing books to a new Branch if necessary, repayment to be made later.

After hearing Mr. Wilson's amendment, Mr. Brown withdrew hers. Voting took place & there was an overwhelming majority in favour of Mr. Wilson's amendment.

Mr. Drummond put forward some further suggestions & these were ruled out of order. The Chairman asked if the meeting would allow the matter to be reopened & Mr. Wilson changed her amendment, incorporating part of Mr. Drummond's suggestions namely "That the Society should consider advancing books to a new Branch if necessary for the use of pianists, no money of application to be given by recognized Branch and each Branch to be considered individually, books to be lent with repayment to be made, or books returned. This was unanimously carried by the meeting.

Mr. Harris Hunter (Perth) asked the Committee if it were right that a member of the Branch should, on gaining the first Certificate, start a class for his or her own benefit. The Committee regretted that such things happened but felt there was nothing to be done in the matter.

A discussion arose on the question of Education Authorities' payment of teachers who had their S.C.T.S. Certificate. Mr. Rankin stating that in some cases

only 4/6 per hour was paid. Mr. Drummond said the  
remedy was in their own hands & that teachers  
should not be sent to such classes. He felt that this  
matter would come right when a National Scale was  
in force.

Miss Milligan asked the Branches if they would  
kindly contribute a small donation towards the  
cost of H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth's wedding present  
which was to cost about £40

Mr. Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Milligan  
and this ended the business of the meeting.

Jan C. Milligan  
6. 8. 48



6<sup>th</sup> August 1948 A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 1948 in University Hall, St. Andrews at 3 p.m.

Apologies Apologies were intimated from Mr Duthie, Mr Drummond, Mrs Jones, Mrs Robertson and Dr. Robertson Wilson.

Present Miss Milligan (Chairman), Miss Anderson, Miss Barron, Miss Cairns Bowie, Mrs Brown, Miss Browne, Miss Campbell, Miss Collie, Mrs Donaldson, Mrs Fraser, Miss Gray, Mrs Gudgeon, Mrs Harris Hunter, Mrs Hutcheson, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss Kirk, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Liddell, Mrs Locke, Miss Macmillan, Mrs Hamilton-Mickle, Miss Miller, Miss Ockenden, Mrs Rankin, Miss Ramsbottom, Dr Forbes-Sempill, Miss Slater, Miss Shaw, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Wilson, Miss McMillan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read, approved & signed.

Business arising Gramophone Records. Miss Milligan told the Council that the records made by Tim Wright for Decca Co. were very successful and it was arranged for members to hear them played after the meeting. It was also reported that Mr John Robertson had agreed to orchestrate the dances chosen to be made by His Masters Voice Co. and that the Society would pay Mr Robertson a fee of approximately £100 for the arrangements of the tunes and would then own the copyright so that all the royalties

would be paid to the Society.

List of Adjudicators It was noted that a panel of Adjudicators had been drawn up and had been sent to the Festival Committee. The Secretary was asked to send the list to Branch Secretaries for their information.

International Folk Music Council It was reported that Miss Mulligan would represent the Society at a Conference to be held in Basle and that her expenses would be paid by the Society.

Financial Report Miss McDellan read her Financial Report and was congratulated by the Chairman for the very clear statement. An increase in subscriptions and in sale of books were the main items, also in Royalties - the profit of 10 months being £468.4/- and the funds at the credit of the Society being £2415.15.5.

Annual Report The Annual Report was read by the Secretary and was passed for publication having been proposed by Mrs Liddell and seconded by Mrs Wilson.

Report from Management Committee Mrs Brown gave the report from the Management Committee which had just met. A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Folk Music Council thanking the Society for the generous help given during the Festival held in Edinburgh in July. Mrs Hamilton-Merrick told the meeting that the Guide Gift book promised to be very interesting and attractive.

and that the cost would be approximately 7/6. The Committee had received a letter of thanks from the Galashiels Music Festival Committee acknowledging the grant of £10 which had been made.

It was reported that a suggestion had been made that dances composed on traditional tunes should be published but the Council unanimously decided to continue to publish traditional dances only.

Several set dances had been given to the Society by Mrs MacNab from Vancouver who had been at the Summer School & which she had collected from an old lady in Vancouver who originally came from Scotland.

It was proposed by Mrs Hutchison (Falkirk) and seconded by Mrs Stewart, that four of these dances should be published in a pamphlet if possible by the Autumn. Miss Milligan agreed to do this from the notes she had received.

Competent business.

A letter was read from a Folk Dance Group in Amsterdam asking if a team of dancers could be sent from Scotland in exchange for one from Holland next summer - hospitality and expenses to be arranged. After some discussion it was decided to accept the invitation and to invite the Dutch team to come to Scotland during the Summer School.

It was suggested that the team might dance in Prince's Street Gardens during their visit also at

a Demonstration in St. Andrews in the Younger Hall.  
A letter was read from an Association in Queensland asking for particulars re. affiliation and expressing the wish to have the exclusive right to affiliation in Queensland. The Committee agreed that this could not be given & the Secretary was asked to write to the Association.

Miss Liddell, Secretary, Manchester Branch, handed the Chairman a Cheque for £5 as a donation from her Branch to the funds of the Society. Although no conditions were attached to the gift Miss Liddell said that her Committee expressed the wish that someone should be asked from the Society to travel round the Branches giving help with teaching and training of Scottish Country dancing and that a fund might be started for this purpose. Dr. Forbes-Sempill suggested that Miss Millegan who was now retired from her professional work, might be asked to undertake work of this nature. Miss Millegan agreed that she would be pleased to do so.

It was decided that a change should be made in the list of dances chosen for examinations and the matter was left until another meeting.

Miss Gray (Kirkcaldy) brought up the matter of uncertificated Teachers taking Evening Continuation Classes where Certificated Teachers were available.

The Secretary was asked to notify Education Authorities of the Department's recognition of the Society's Certificate and to ask them where possible to appoint Teachers who held this Certificate.

An invitation to hold the Annual General Meeting in 1949 in Aberdeen was extended by Miss Browne and was accepted by the Committee.

Miss Anderson moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman and this ended the business of the meeting.

Jean C. Mellis  
30.10.48

30 October 1948 A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 1948 at 10.45 a.m. in the North British Station Hotel, Glasgow

Apologies Apologies were read from Miss Campbell, Mr. Drummond, Miss Duncan, Mr. Duthie, Mr. Fraser, Miss Kirk, Lord James Stewart-Murray, Miss Ramsbottom & Mr. Forbes-Tempill

Present Miss Milligan (Chairman), Mr. Adam, Mrs. Allen, Miss A. Anderson, Miss Barrow, Miss Braine, Mr. M.K. Brown, Miss Clark, Miss Collie, Miss Crighton, Miss Gordon, Miss Gray, Mr. Judger, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr. Hunter, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Fiddell, Mr. Locke, Miss Mackie, Miss Macmillan, Miss Macpherson, Mr. Hamilton-Meikle, Miss Miller, Miss Mowat, Miss O'Riordan, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Robertson, Miss Shaw, Miss Slater, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Thomson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss McFellau (Treasurer) & Miss Hadden (Secretary)

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were taken as read, approved and signed

Business Arising International Folk Music Council - Miss Milligan told some of her experiences during her visit to Basle. The Society had been asked to send a team of dancers to Rome for the next Conference in 1949. The International Folk Music Council had again expressed their gratitude for the gift of £100 sent by the S.C.D.S. last year. Most of the money so far had been raised in Great Britain

owing to exchange difficulties but it had been decided that each delegate should now pay an annual sum of £20. The Council agreed to send this sum.

#### Correspondence from Directors of Education

Letters were read in reply to one sent from the Secretary to Directors of Education regarding the employment of fully-qualified teachers. It was again emphasized that the Society could only suggest fees to be paid by its own Branches and could not interfere with those paid by Education Authorities. Branch Secretaries were asked to send lists of teachers willing to teach in Continuation Classes to Directors of Education in their own county, + a duplicate list to the Secretary. The Secretary was asked to send the names of those taking Certificates at the Summer School to the Branch Secretaries.

Various questions arising <sup>out</sup> of this were asked Miss Milligan said that people with only one Certificate certainly could teach classes but must aim at taking their Second Certificate.

#### Financial Report

The Treasurer reported that the total income for the year amounted to £2,293-12-0 which was an increase of £861-14-10 over the previous year. There was an increase in expenditure of

£740. 17. 8. The surplus for the year amounted to £496. 17. 0.

Miss M. Lellan was congratulated by the Chairman on her balance sheet

Miss Milligan asked at this point if she might speak on a resolution sent in from the Southport Branch to the effect "that the Southport Branch would like to know whether the large credit balances of the Society are being accumulated with any definite objects in view, and if so, what these objects are. It is felt that the resolution at last Autumn meeting re provision of music to new Branches is not in accordance with the spirit of Aim B in the Constitution of the Society".

Miss Milligan suggested that new Branches, such as Southport did not realize how the funds of the Society had been raised in the early days - many of the older Branches had been most generous in their support. She mentioned the payments still outstanding for the year - cost of Bulletin £150 & cost of arrangement of music for gramophone records £140. 16. 0. Now that the Society was recognized internationally, teams would have to be sent abroad by the Society & this was costly. Various office items were needed, new filing cabinets etc. The Chairman also spoke of



the small amount paid in present office expenses  
She mentioned that no new Branch had ever applied  
to the Society for a loan without being given one.

Mr. Robertson Wilson (Southport) expressed his  
satisfaction with the facts stated, & asked if this  
might be published in the next Bulletin. It was  
agreed to do so.

Report from Management  
Committee

Mr. Brown gave the report from the  
Management Committee which had just met.

H.M.V. Records

A letter was read from Mr. Robertson enclosing  
the account for arranging the music for the 24  
tunes for the new records - £140.16.0 & stating  
certain terms re copyright. The account had  
been passed for payment by the Management  
Committee and the Council agreed to the terms of  
the letter.

There had been a further hold-up in the sale of  
records which had been re-pressed by Decca.  
Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications had inter-  
vened in the sale of these, no facsimile stamps  
having been put on the labels. It was  
decided to take no action at present.

Examination Dances. It was recommended that six dances should  
be added to the twelve chosen for Certificate I  
so that teachers might get some variety in their  
Certificate work. The additional dances are

The Machine Without Hoses, Tenor Brig,  
The Punch Bowl, Merry Dancers,  
The Rock & the wee pickle Tow, Light & Airy.  
Mr. Liddell proposed that the addition should  
be made & this Collier seconded

Non-Traditional }  
Dances } The Management Committee had discussed a  
suggestion sent in by Mr. Rankin regarding  
dances sent in to be scrutinized by the Society, so  
that they could be kept on traditional lines. The  
Committee had said that this was done already  
& that unless for a special occasion, should not  
be encouraged. The dance "The Duke & Duchess of  
Edinburgh" was in a different category having  
been written for a special occasion - although it  
could not be published by the Society it certainly  
could be danced & recognized

A letter suggesting that a card of membership  
should be issued had also been discussed  
but as the practical difficulties outweighed  
the benefits the idea had been rejected.

In reply to a question sent in by Mr. Liddell  
(Manchester) asking for advice on payment  
to teachers & pianists the Chairman said that  
the Society had no say in the fees paid by the

Education Authorities but that it had been suggested for Branch classes that a fully qualified teacher with both certificates should not be paid less than 10/6 per hour, & that the scale should be a rising one by 1/- per hour annually to a maximum decided by the Branch Keeping in touch if possible with local Education Authorities. Teachers with only one certificate to be paid less & to be encouraged to gain the second certificate.

The suggested rate for pianists was 5/- - 7/- per hour, again Keeping in line as far as possible with fees paid by local Education Authorities.

The following amounts were passed for payment by the Executive Council :- Secretary's and Treasurer's salaries to be increased from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1948 to maximum stated at Dundee in 1946 Secretary's to £6 per week, Treasurer's to £2.17.0 per week; £20 to International Folk Music Council, £20 to Central Council of Physical Education National Development Fund, £25 to Miss Jackson for help given during Secretary's illness £25 to Saltire Society towards publication of W. Campbell's book, £12 per annum to be paid to the Secretary for office lighting & heating from October 1947

The Secretary + Treasurer were authorised to purchase necessary filing cabinets & the Secretary was also instructed to employ clerical help when necessary.

Ms. Hamblet-Meikle proposed that Miss Milligan be paid for travelling expenses and subsistence when undertaking work on behalf of the Society with an honorarium to be given at the end of the year. The Committee agreed.

Miss Anderson proposed & Miss Keyon seconded that branches who visited Miss Milligan's help should contribute towards the expense of such visits. It was stated that £5 given for Manchester Branch would be used for this purpose. Ms. Brax said she expected

Educational Authorities in Caithness and other places to visit Miss Milligan, in which case they would pay expenses.

It was reported that two Branches had re-started - Clackmannanshire and Lanark & that two new ones had been formed - Annan and Stonehaven.

This ended the business of the meeting.  
John Hamblet-Meikle

11 August 1949 A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 3 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews

Apologies Miss A. Allan, Mr. Allan, Mr. Brown, Miss Campbell Mr. Drummond, Miss Mackie, Mr. Stachan Mr. Forbes - Seepill

Present Mr. Hamilton - Meikle (Chairman) Mr. Adam, Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Arndt, Miss Barron Miss Braune, Mr. Chester, Miss Collie Miss Cughton Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Fergusson, Mr. Judges Mr. Hutchison, Miss Frances Jones, Miss Kidd, Miss Kenyon Mr. Leslie, Mr. Liddell, Miss Macmillan, Mr. McKell Miss McKelvie, Miss McFeat, Mr. MacKitchie Miss Milligan, Miss Miller Mr. Murray, Miss Ockenden Mr. Rankin, Miss Robertson, Miss Stafford Mr. Stewart Miss Thomson, Mr. Robertson Wilson, Miss McFellan (Treasurer) and the Secretary

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were taken as read, approved and signed

Business Arising Arising out of the Minutes a question was asked about Gramophone Records. It was reported that all records recently made were now on sale

Financial Report. Miss McFellan is submitting the Financial Report

Financial Report

stated that the total income of the Society for the present financial year amounted to £3003.5.6. Subscriptions showed a substantial increase and also sales of books. On the expenditure side the heaviest items were printing and stationery bills + cost of Books 1-5. The profit on the ten months working to July 31<sup>st</sup> amounted to £317.18.3. The Chairman congratulated the Treasurer on his very excellent report.

Annual Report

The Secretary read the Annual Report which was passed for publication, proposed by Miss Kidd and seconded by Miss A. Anderson.

Report from Management Committee

Venice Team. Miss Dilligren is giving the report from the Management Committee outlined the arrangements made for the team who will go to Venice. The sum of £384.2.0 had been received in Branch donations for the Publicity Fund. A proposal that a minimum sum of £50 annually, from the year's surplus should be allocated to the Publicity Fund was submitted and agreed to by the Executive Council.

Paterson's Publications.

It was reported that as no royalties nor copyright fees had been received from Paterson's Publications since they undertook to collect these for the Society the Secretary had been instructed to write to Mr. Diack asking for an explanation and intimating that an alternative arrangement would have to be made if satisfaction was not obtained.

The Management Committee recommended that after the present stock of examination leaflets was finished new lists should be drawn up from dances in Book 6 upwards which would obviate the need to print leaflets from the books owned by Patersons. Miss Milligan and Miss Anderson had been asked to prepare the new lists. The Executive Council agreed.

Increase in Price of Books. It had been decided that no increase should be made in the price of books but that in future members on payment of subscription would receive a copy of a book from No 6 upwards and that Books I-V would have to be bought. The Executive Council agreed with this decision.

Films

It was reported that the Management Committee had agreed to pay a sum of £500 towards the cost of a series of films to be made by the Scottish Education Department in co-operation with the Scottish Country Dance Society with a promise of more if necessary. The Executive Council agreed with this decision.

Motion

A motion to the effect that "Applications for an examiner should be made through the Branch Secretary" had been accepted by the Management Committee. This was endorsed by the Executive Council, having been proposed by Miss A. Anderson and seconded by Miss Kenyon.

Competent Business. Mr. McKell (Kiri Kandi) asked that the date greprints should be printed on books and this was agreed

N Festival Booklet. A question was asked regarding the reprinting of the Festival booklet. It was stated that this work would not be reprinted but Miss Milligan hoped that the book on technique etc which she and Miss Anderson were writing would be finished this year

This ended the business

Jean Milligan  
19-11-49



19 November 1949 A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1949 in the Music Hall, Aberdeen at 11.15 a.m.

### Apologies

Mr. Hamilton-Meikle (Chairman) Mr. M.K. Bram, Miss Campbell, Miss Crighton, Mr. Chester Mr. Drummond, Mr. Fergusson, Mr. Liddell, Mr. Locke, Mr. M. Adie Mrs Ramsbottom, Miss Robertson, Miss Stafford. Mr. Stewart

### Present

Miss Milligan (in the Chair) Mr. J. Allan, Mr. J.S. Allan Mrs A. Allan Mrs A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss N.J. Arnott Mrs Y.G. Barron, Mrs J.G. Branne, Mr. J.W. Clark, Miss M. Collie, Mr. J.H. Duncan, Mr. H. Hutcheson Miss Mrs. Kenyon Mrs E.A. Kidd Mr. F.D. Jesslie, Miss Macmillan, Miss J.W. MacKintosh, Mr. D.A. MacKitchie Mrs C.A. McFeat, Mrs J.H. Miller, Miss C.I. Mowat Mr. W. Murray, Miss T. Ockenden, Mr. E.S. Rankin, Mr. E.A. Robertson, Dr. E. Forbes-Sempill, Mr. J. Thomson, Dr. C. Robertson Wilson, Miss J.W. McFellau (Treasurer) & Mrs Hadden (Secretary)

### Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting having been circulated amongst the members were taken as read, approved & signed

Financial Statement. Miss McFellau in referring to various items in the recently published Balance Sheet spoke of the increase in subscriptions during the past year

£651.2.2, increase in books sold £530.2.2,  
and a new item - royalties on gramophone records -  
amounting to £31.11.8. It was pointed out that  
the increase in Summer School surplus was mainly  
due to the large number of non-residents and to  
registration fees.

The Chairman is thanking Miss McLellan for her  
work congratulated her on the excellent Balance Sheet.

Report from  
Management  
Committee

Mr. Leslie submitted the report from the Management  
Committee

Performing Rights Society. The matter of copyright  
fees from this society had been satisfactorily settled  
Parker's Publications having agreed to collect them.

Examination Dances. A list of dances  
selected from Book 6 upwards for the examinations  
was read. It is as follows:-

Certificate I General Stuarts Reel, The New Rigged Ship  
Mr. McLeod of Raasay, The River Cree, The Gates of Edinburgh  
The Deil among the Tailors, The Machine Without Horses  
Montgomery's Rant, Miss Mary Douglas, My Mother's  
Coming in, Miss Nancy Frowns, Lamb Skinnet

Certificate II Money musk, There's Nae Luck about the  
Hoose, Tulloch Gorm Dalkeith's Shallopey, Earl of Home  
The Theekit Hoose, Jimmy's Fancy, Shallops Hoose  
Dul of Perth, Madge Wildfire's Shallopey, I'll gang nae

main tae yon Toon, Mr. Stewart's Stalksby

It was decided that as the supply of leaflets in the existing list was finished new ones could be substituted from the new list.

Film Unit. It was reported that correspondence had been received from Mr. Frizell, Director of Education for Edinburgh regarding the proposed film unit of Scottish Country Dancing. The Secretary was making arrangements for three members of the Management Committee to meet members of the Production Committee to begin its work. Mr. Frizell had said how much his Committee had appreciated the promise of financial & technical help from the S.C.D.S. Examination Entrance Fees and Examiners' Fees.

The Executive Council agreed to the recommendation that the examination entrance fee should be increased from 5/- to 10/- and that fees of examiners should be increased to 15/- per hour from this date - the matter of entrance fee increase to be on the Agenda of the next A.G.M. as an alteration in the Constitution & Rules would be necessary.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that at the meeting held in November last year a suggested scale of fees for Branch Teachers & Examiners was made & she advised the Branches to abide by this recommendation.

Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer. The Management Committee recommended and the proposal of Miss Brown & seconded by Miss Anderson that the Secretary's salary should be increased to £375 from 1<sup>st</sup> November 1949 rising by £25 annually to a maximum of £500 - the Treasurer's salary to be increased to £3.30 per week from the same date - 1<sup>st</sup> November 1949. The Executive Council unanimously agreed to this recommendation.

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lacking real Knowledge of Scottish Country Dancing was also mentioned. The Secretary informed the meeting that the Directors of Education had all been <sup>notified</sup> and that the matter was now one for the Branches to keep a list of suitable teachers to offer to the Directors or in any other way to interest them in the work of the Society.

Children's Classes. Miss Collie (Peterhead) asked for a ruling as to the position of children's classes - did they come under the jurisdiction of a Branch? The Committee discussed this matter carefully & unanimously decided that as the Society was an adult organization children's classes must be entirely outside its jurisdiction & that of its Branches.

Report on Manchester Branch Publicity Meeting  
A report by Mr. Brown was read regarding a Publicity Meeting held in Manchester on October 15 at which she represented the S.C.D.S. & at Professor Oliver's request took charge of the dance & gave a short talk on the aims of the Society. There was an attendance of approximately 350 which included members from the surrounding Branches, Rochdale Southport etc as well as representatives from forty associations. Following this meeting there had been an increase in membership in the Branch.



### Executive Council Meetings

Mr. Murray

(Glasgow) asked if it were possible to arrange more frequent meetings of the Executive Council. It was decided to refer this matter to the next Management Committee meeting.

### Summer School Allocations

Mr. Thomson

(Blackburnianshire) asked if Summer School allocations should not be made according to the size of Branches, but the Chairman pointed out this would mean that the large Branches would score. She explained to the meeting how Summer School allocations were made & pointed out that the utmost care was taken to give equal representation to all Branches.

Annual General Meeting 1950 and 1951

The Executive Council accepted an invitation from the Edinburgh Branch to hold the Autumn School in Edinburgh in 1950. An invitation from the Perthshire Branch was accepted for 1951.

Mr. Robertson (Angus) in thanking Miss Milligan for presiding at the meeting in the regretted absence of Mr. Hamilton. Meikle expressed the appreciation of the Society to Miss Milligan for all the work she had undertaken on its behalf during the past year & spoke of her herculean task.

This ended the business of the meeting.

John Stuart Meikle 10.8.50

10<sup>th</sup> August 1950 A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 1950 at 3 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

Present:

Mrs Hamilton-Meikle (In the Chair) Mr J.C. Adam, Miss A. Anderson, Miss N.J. Annett, Mrs M.K. Brown, Miss L. Browne, Miss E.M. Campbell, Miss M. Collic, Miss H.F. Crichton, Mr J. Drummond, Mr J.H. Duncan, Mrs M. Hutchison, Miss L. Kane, Miss M. Kennedy, Miss E. Kidd, Mrs F.D. Jeskie, Mr W.S. Macadie, Miss C.A. McFeat, Mr W. McKell, Miss B. Macmillan, Miss G.H. Miller, Miss J.C. Milligan, Miss Howat, Mr W. Murray, Miss T. Ockenden, Mrs C.S. Rankin, Mrs E.A. Robertson, Miss E.A. Robertson, Dr G.C. Seager, Dr E. Forbes-Sempill, Mr W. Strachan, Miss M. Stuart, Mrs J. Thomson, Miss E.W. Tod, Mrs E.M. West, Dr C. Robinson, Miss J.W. McCallan (Treasurer) & Miss M.F. Hadden (Secretary).

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs Allan, Miss Allan, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Locke, Miss McLeunan, Dr McCallum and Mrs Stewart.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 1949, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

Financial Report:

The Financial Statement was submitted by Miss McCallan, Treasurer, showing that the amount received in subscriptions - £2,340.4.4d., was an increase of £436.5.8d over the previous year. The total income amounted to £3,925.4.6d and expenditure was £2,882.15.2d. making the surplus £1,042.6.5d. for nine months to 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Chairman congratulated Miss McCallan on her excellent balance sheet.

Report from Mrs M.K. Brown submitted the report from the  
Management Committee. Management Committee.

Composition of Executive Council and Management Committee.

Following discussion on the composition of the Executive Council and Management Committee and the frequency of the meetings, it was decided that the Management Committee should co-opt the four members who had been elected to the Executive Council in November 1949, and who were ~~not~~ already serving on the Management Committee. It was also decided to recommend for the consideration of the Executive Council: -

- (1) That in future six elected members to the Executive Council should automatically become members of the Management Committee;
- (2) That no member of the Management Committee should remain on it for longer than three years without being re-elected.
- (3) That nominations for the Executive Council should go to the Secretary through the Branch Secretaries, and that all Branches should be asked not to nominate more than two members from each Branch.

The Management Committee decided, therefore, to recommend to the Executive Council that the composition of the Management Committee should consist of the office-bearers, the six elected members to the Executive Council, and any co-opted members which the Committee might wish to appoint.

It was decided that this matter would be discussed under "Proposed alterations to Paragraph 7 of the Constitution and Rules" on the Agenda.

Teachers' Certificate It was unanimously agreed by the Management Committee that Branches should be asked to insert the following notice when sending out lists of examination classes - "These classes are held for people who have had at least one year's experience of general dancing and who are taking the class with the intention of teaching and who will be willing to give their services in the Branch". It was also decided that application forms for examination classes should be printed.

Summer School The Management Committee agreed, on the proposal of Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, that something should be done to discourage the large number of spectators and visitors during the evening dancing. It was decided therefore, that visitors should only be allowed during one evening each week and only by ticket, and that a notice should be put in the local paper to this effect. Also, that only members of the school should be allowed to join in the evenings' dancing and that no one under 16 should be allowed to take part.

Publications The following books have been revised and corrected for re-printing:

Book 7 - Proofs corrected

Book 12 - Border Reel omitted and Laird of Drumhidykes  
Favourite Reel Substituted.

Victory Book, Books 14 & 15 - Prepared for pocket edition  
Pocket edition 1-3 - Proofs corrected.

Book on Reel Steps - Decision to postpone preparation  
of this until further discussion by the Management  
Committee, who also decided this was not an opportune  
time for the publication of such a book by the S.C.D.S.  
particularly in view of the formation of a Board of Control  
for Highland Dancing. It was suggested that the  
matter should be re-considered in one year's time.  
Lord James suggested that a book of Popular Dances  
should be published, and Miss Kenyon proposed  
that a book of simple dances from Book 6 upwards  
might be published for use in Youth Clubs etc.  
It was agreed, however, to remit this question to  
the next meeting of the Publications Committee.

Subscription Copy of Books - Following a question  
from Miss Anderson asking if there was any  
feeling about the subscription copies of books,  
it was agreed, after discussion that the matter  
of choice should be left to the Branches but that,  
wherever possible, members should be encouraged  
to take publications of the current year.

Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing

Lord James Stewart Murray and Mrs M. G. Brown

were appointed to represent the S.C.D.S. on the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.

It was agreed that the Society should pay the annual subscription decided by the Official Board.

Scottish Girls Training Corps. Mrs Hamilton-Meskil was appointed to represent the Society at the Annual General Meeting of the S.G.T.C. on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1950.

Selection Committee Meeting Following the meeting of the Selection Committee, the following were chosen for teams for demonstration purposes:—

Miss J. Grant	Mr J. Dunbar
Miss M. Hornall	Mr H. Glen
Miss J. Craig	Mr W. Murray
Mrs Macfarlane	Mr T. McClure
Miss S. Robertson	Mr J. Robertson
Miss M. Suttie	Mr Primrose
Miss S. Gilchrist	Mr J. Johnston
Miss D. Robertson	Mr J. Campbell
Miss N. Eadie	Mr W. McKell
Miss M. Moir	Mr A. Patterson

### Festival of Britain 1951

It was decided to accept the invitation from the English Folk Dance & Song Society to send a team to take part in the demonstrations arranged to take place in the Albert Hall during the Festival.

Letter from East Stirlingshire A letter had been received from the Branch Secretary, Secretary of East Stirlingshire Branch drawing attention to a newspaper cutting stating that a party of 24 members of S.C.D. Classes, which had been held under the Adult Education Scheme in School, proceeded to Edinburgh to endeavour to qualify for the Bronze medal for Scottish Country dancing of the United Kingdom Professional Dance Teachers' Association and that all candidates had been successful.

The Management Committee were rather distressed about this as they did not look kindly upon the question of that particular ~~form~~ kind of competition. It was felt that the situation should be thoroughly investigated, but that at present a letter should go from Miss Hadden to the East Stirlingshire Branch Secretary stating that the Society does not approve of such competitions and certainly does not recognize such awards.

North British Ballroom Association The North British Ballrooms Association are holding a competition in Edinburgh on 15<sup>th</sup> September and five Adjudicators have been appointed from the Society to attend this competition.

Miss A. Anderson, Mrs M.K. Brown, Mrs F. D. Leslie,  
Miss J.C. Milligan and Mr W. Murray.

New Branches New Branches have been formed at Carlisle, Newcastle & District, Peebles, Boston (Mass.) & Elgin.

Executive Council Meeting It was recommended by the Chairman that a meeting of the Executive Council should not be held on the morning of the Annual General Meeting this year

but that the meeting should take place two to three months later. The Management Committee supported this recommendation Index to Scottish Country Dances. A booklet giving an Index of Scottish Country Dances which had been brought forward by a member from the Perth Branch was submitted to the Society for approval. The Management Committee agreed that this would serve a useful purpose and that the booklet should be published by the Society, and sold at 6d. per copy. The meeting agreed.

Letter from London Branch A letter had been received from the London Branch making various recommendations regarding examinations. It was felt that this letter had too much in it to be considered by the Management Committee at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August. A small Sub-Committee had been appointed to go into the question of not only the letter from the London Branch but the whole question of examinations; members of the Executive Council would be sent shortly a copy of the letter from London.

Visual Film Unit The question of films had been discussed and the Secretary read a letter which had been received from Mr Elliot of the Scottish Film Council stating that good progress was being made with the Scottish Country Dance films. There was to be a preliminary showing of the films in September and no difficulty was anticipated in having copies available for the Annual General Meeting.

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Autumn School. Miss Anderson reported on the arrangements made for the Annual General Meeting week-end in Edinburgh and wished the approval of the Executive Council for the suggestion that no classes be held this year. It had also been agreed that there should not be a meeting of the Executive Council until two to three months after the A.G.M. so that newly elected members might be able to take part.

Bonus to Secretary. The question of a bonus to the Secretary had been raised at the Management Committee and it had been agreed that this matter should be considered annually and a bonus be given according to the funds of the Society. It had been recommended that the bonus for 1950 should be £100.

At the conclusion of the Management Report, the Executive Council agreed that it was not necessary to provide tuition at the A.G.M. week-end.

Proposed Alterations The following proposals for the alteration of Paragraph 7 of the Constitution & Rules were submitted from the Dundee and the Angus Branches: -

(a) from Dundee Branch.

The Executive Council shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, members nominated by Branches - each Branch shall be entitled to nominate one member to represent it on the Executive Council - and six other members elected by the Society and only in the event of insufficient nominations shall more than one member of the same Branch be eligible for election to one of these six places. The President & Vice President of the Society shall be *ex officio*, members of the Executive Council.

(b) from Angus Branch.

That Branch representation on the Executive Council of the Scottish Country Dance Society should bear a definite relationship to the numerical strength of the Branch, and that the quota be one representative for each 500 members or fraction of 500 members."

There was considerable discussion on the proposals including the recommendation from the Management Committee - it was finally decided to submit two recommendations to the Annual General Meeting as follows: - 1. "The Executive Council shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, six members elected by the Society and one nominated from each Branch. The nominations of the six members elected by the Society shall go through the Branch Secretary and only two nominations shall be sent in from each Branch. The President and Vice-President of the Society shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Executive Council."

2. "The Executive Council shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and one member nominated from each Branch. The Executive Council then shall have powers to appoint its own Sub-Committees from its members."

Report from  
Miss Millegan

Miss Millegan reported on her work for the Society during the past year. She stated that she had visited Durham & whilst there had taught lessons in a new centre every evening and had an average of 150-250 in each class. She had returned to Durham some months later and had helped to form a new Branch which is now the Newcastle & District Branch. Miss Millegan said she had visited Aberdeen, Inverness, London, Birmingham,

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Peterhead, Arbroath, Greenock, Carlisle & many other centres throughout the country during the year. She had helped the Red Cross Society to prepare for their demonstration at the Albert Hall & had attended many other functions. One of these was an industrial Conference at North Berwick, run by the Central Council of Physical Recreation, which had been very profitable and was of good propaganda value to the S.C.D.S. Miss Hillegan said the year's work had culminated in the visit to Nice which had been very successful and the team had received a tremendous welcome.

The outcome of this visit was an invitation to return to France to take part in a "Scottish Week" to be held in a village outside Paris next year, and an invitation to visit Spain.

In thanking Miss Hillegan for her report, and for all the work that she had done during the year, Miss Hamilton-Miller said that the Society would like her to accept some tangible token of their gratitude.

Resolutions Submitted Miss Hadden read two resolutions which had been submitted by the Edinburgh Branch for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

(a) In view of the very large annual additions to the funds of the Parent Society and in the absence of any declaration of future financial policy, the Edinburgh Branch is of the opinion that the time has arrived when a larger proportion than 10 per cent of the members' annual subscriptions should be retained by

the Branches for their own activities."

(b) "That subscriptions for juveniles between the ages of 15-17 inclusive should be 2/6 of which subscription a Branch should retain 1/6d."

Miss Milligan spoke of the early work of those who started the Society and stressed the point that after 27 years the sum of £4000 only had been achieved. It was hoped that in the future it would be possible to have an office and eventually a building such as the Cecil Sharp House but that in her view this was not the time to be able to judge whether the present satisfactory state of the Society's finances would continue. Miss Todd (Edinburgh) reported that the Committee of Edinburgh Branch would like the Executive Council to state at the Annual General Meeting in November what they intended to do with the funds of the Society.

Annual Report. The Chairman stated that she and Miss Milligan had passed the Annual Report for publication in the Bulletin as there was so much in the Agenda for the Executive meeting that time did not permit its being read.

Honorary Secretary. Miss Hamilton-Meikle said that she would like to make Miss Brown's position as Honorary Secretary clear to the Executive Council. She stated that Miss Brown was Secretary to the S.P.D.S. and when she resigned and Miss Hadden was appointed, the Committee invited Miss Brown to remain as an Honorary Secretary and a member of the Management

Committee so that the Society would still have the benefit of her technical knowledge and advice.

Representation of  
the Central Council  
of Physical Recreation.

The Chairman stated that Miss Millegan was at present the Representative of the Society on the Central Council of Physical Recreation but as she was on so many Committees and could not always attend meetings in London, it was suggested that Miss J. McKenna, one of the London Branch members, be appointed as Representative.

Miss Kidd proposed and Mrs Hutchison seconded the Chairman's suggestion to which the meeting agreed.

Correspondence.

The Secretary read a letter which had been placed on the table from Mrs Jean Kemp and two others asking permission to form a West Edinburgh Branch of the Scottish Country Dance Society. It was stated in the letter that it was felt there was a need for another Branch in Edinburgh as the Branch had grown too unwieldy because of its large membership, to cater for certain districts. There was some discussion about the letter and it was decided that a letter should be sent in reply stating that the Executive Council did not consider there was any necessity for the formation of another Branch in Edinburgh at present.

Arising out of this matter Miss Tod brought up the question of Mrs Kemp having failed in a Certificate 2 examination and had afterwards brought an accusation against one of the Society's examiners. It was further reported that the decision

9 four examiners had been questioned at different periods. No letter had been received from Mrs Kemp but the Secretary was instructed to insert a notice in the Bulletin stating that any candidate who enters for an examination of the Scottish Country Dance Society must accept the decision of the Examiners which is absolutely final - a letter to this effect must also be sent to Mrs Kemp.

Management Committee Minutes. Mr McKell (Kirkcubright) suggested that reports from the Management Committee meetings might be sent from time to time instead of being read at the meeting - it was agreed that this should be done.

Mrs Brown proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the meeting adjourned at 4.40 p.m.

John McKell  
10.2.51

10<sup>th</sup> February 1951 A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 1951 at 2.15 p.m. in the North British Station Hotel, Edinburgh

Present Mr. Hameter Meikle (in the chair) Mr. Adam, Miss Allan, Miss Arnold, Miss C.W. Beaton, Mr. M.K. Brown, Miss J. Brown, Mr. Clark, Miss Collie, Mr. Dow, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hutchison, Miss Kane, Miss Keenan, Miss Kidd, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Locke, Miss Mulligan, Miss Mackie, Miss MacFie, Mr. McKel, Miss MacLagan, D. McLellan, Miss MacLennan, Miss Macmillan, Miss Miller, Mr. Murray, Miss Park, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. A.J. Stewart, Mr. W. Stachan, Miss Stuart, Mr. J. Thomson, Miss Weir, D. B. Wilson, Mr. W.R. Wilson, Miss Hadden (secretary).

Before beginning the business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed the new members to the Committee and said that she hoped they would enjoy the work.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1950 having been circulated were taken as read, approved and signed.

Business Arising

a) Subscription Copy of Books

Mr. McKel (Kincaidnight) stated that at an Executive Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1949 it had been decided that subscription copies should be chosen from Book VI onwards. The Secretary explained that in a year there was not a new book the members have a choice from Book VI onwards but when a new book is published.

members are encouraged to take it

- b) Letter from London Branch. Mr. McKell (Kirkcudbright) drew attention to the fact that members of the Executive Council had not yet received a copy of the letter from Londa. Mr. Hamilton-Mackie in reply said that the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the whole question of examinations had not finished their work and that it had been decided to hold back the circularization of the Londa Branch letter until the findings of the Committee were complete.

- c) Correspondence from Mrs. Jean Kemp. Mr. McKell asked the Chairman if there had been any further communication from Mrs. Kemp. The Chairman asked Mr. Brown to reply as his matter was to be included in the Report from the Management Committee. Mr. Brown stated that no letter had been received from Mrs. Kemp but that information had been received that she hoped to take her examination at Stirling.

The Management Committee had discussed this & it was their feeling that no application should be received for examination from an outside Branch without recommendation from the Branch to which the member belongs. It was also felt that under the circumstances Mrs. Kemp should not be allowed to take her examination anywhere. Mr. Dow (Inverness) proposed that the Management Committee's



decision be accepted. In seconding Mr Davis proposal Mr Lindsay Stewart (Edinburgh) mentioned that disciplinary powers would be made clear in the new Constitution Mr. Brown made it clear that no action would be taken by the Management Committee until Mr. Kemp had applied to re-sit the examination

Correspondence

a) Apologies for absence were received from:-  
Mr. Allan, Miss Crighton, Mr. W. Adie, Miss McFellau, (Treasurer) S. McCallum, Miss Mowat, Miss Ramsbottom & Mr. Thebes.

b) Ayr Branch Invitation for Annual General Meeting 1953  
The Executive Council accepted the invitation from Ayr Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Ayr in 1953

Financial Report

Before the Secretary submitted the Financial Report sent from Miss McFellau the Chairman informed the meeting that the Treasurer, Miss McFellau had been very ill the meeting unanimously agreed to join with the Management Committee in sending a letter to Miss McFellau wishing her a speedy recovery

Miss Hadden stated that the amount received in subscriptions - £1008.18.4 was about half the amount received last year but that many branches had still sent in subscriptions. The total income from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1950 was £2039.6.5 while expenditure for the same period amounted to £2171.19.3

The Chairman stated that at the last meeting it was

proposed that a small Finance Committee should be formed. At the Management Committee meeting it had been agreed to form an Interim Committee to act until the new Constitution came into operation composed of the four officebearers as ex officio members, two members of the Executive Council & a financial expert outside the Society, co-opted to give financial advice. The motion was moved by Mr. Duncan (Banff) & seconded by Mr. McKell (Kirkcudbright). The following were appointed :- Mr. John Duncan (Banff) proposed by Mr. Wilson (Elgin) seconded by Miss Kidd (W. Renfrewshire); Mr. Adam (Stirling) proposed by Mr. Hutchison (Dundee) seconded by Mr. Murray (Glasgow). The Chairman stated that the name of Miss D.M. Vaughan who was a qualified Chartered Accountant and had a great deal of experience of this kind had been proposed as the co-opted member of the Committee. This was unanimously agreed to by the Executive Council.

Report from  
Management Ctee

Mr. M.K. Brown submitted the report from the  
Management Committee

a) International Folk Music Festival

A letter had been received from the International Folk Music Festival thanking the Society for a donation of £20 & drawing attention to a conference to be held in Yugoslavia in September.

b) Invitations received for Demonstration Teams

Mr. Brown reported fully on the invitations that had

been received for demonstration teams & stated that the following decisions had been taken by the Management Committee

- i Belgium 13-14 May or during June It had been decided to decline this invitation as it would be difficult to get suitable people who were free at that time
- ii From the Secretary of the Netherlands Folk Dance Society To be held at Rotterdam, the last two days spent in Amsterdam July 8-15. It had been decided to accept this invitation for ten dancers to choose the ten from the twenty dancers chosen for teams for demonstration purposes
- iii English Folk Dance Song Society. Festival of Britain June 21-24: It had been decided to accept this invitation & to ascertain whether five or six members of Tim Wright's band would be available to accompany the dancers to London - the Society to pay musician's fees & travelling expenses of the team
- iv Highland Games, Murrayfield, Edinburgh August 18 It had been decided to accept the invitation. It was suggested that the Edinburgh Branch should undertake this, supplemented by teams from the Summer School, if necessary
- v France 18-28 August. This invitation had been received through W. Iain Robertson of the Management

Committee felt that the expenses were too great to send a team but that if Mr. Robertson himself liked to organize a team they could go to represent the Society but would not get financial support.

Mr. Dow (Drovers) proposed that the Management Committee's decisions be accepted this was seconded by Mr. Robertson Wilson (Southport).

c. Elgin Scottish Country Dance Club

A newspaper cutting had been received from the Secretary of Elgin Branch drawing attention to two classified advertisements appearing in the local press regarding Scottish Country Dancing. One was the advertisement of the Elgin Branch & the other the "Elgin Scottish Country Dance Club" which also stated "Please note that the above Club is in no way connected with the Elgin Scottish Country Dance Branch but is affiliated to the Scottish Country Dance Society. Mr. Wilson (Elgin) stated that affiliated clubs in the more remote country districts were causing some concern to the Branches ~~as they were taking away members from the Society's classes~~ & asked if some by-laws could be introduced where affiliations are granted.

The Chairman stated that this question had been brought up by the Committee who were drawing up the new Constitution & that consideration would be given to suggestions. Mr. Murray (Glasgow)

proposed that when the new draft constitution was considered affiliations should only be granted to groups or bodies within Scotland. This was seconded by Mr. Stachan (Strelavew)

d) Publications

Mr. Brown stated that a letter had been received from Messrs Paterson's Publications urging the Society to raise the price of their publications. The Management Committee considered that they had no choice in the matter and suggested that books should be increased to 3/6 and pocket editions to 2/6 each. This had raised the question as to whether members should continue to receive a subscription copy of publications but it had been considered that this should be continued.

The Management Committee felt that in view of the rising costs subscriptions should be increased from 5/- to 7/6

The Executive Council agreed that the subscription should be increased accordingly

e) Summer School

Mr. Brown reported that the Summer School would be held at St. Andrews from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> August 1951 & that the cost would be £6-6-0 per week plus 5/- registration fee. Members of the Management Committee had put forward the suggestion that there should be a printed syllabus with less concentration on practical work. A small sub-

Committee consisting of Miss A. Anderson, Mr. F. Leslie, Miss J. Melligan & Mr. R. Brown had been appointed to go in to this question. Mr. Brown asked representatives to report to their Secretaries & submit any suggestions regarding the proposed syllabus to the Secretary as soon as possible.

The meeting of the Executive Council at the Summer School would be held on 9<sup>th</sup> August

- f) Fees for Examiners. A recommendation had been made that the fee for Examiners should be increased to 25/- per hour. Mr. A. Lindsay Stewart (Edin) proposed that examiners fees should be increased to 25/- per hour. This was seconded by Mr. Duncan (Baird) & agreed to by the Executive Council.

It was recommended by Mr. Lindsay Stewart that teachers of certificate classes be present during examinations & that fees, to be fixed by the Management Committee should be paid & charged as part of examination expenses. The meeting agreed to this recommendation.

(g) Examination Sub. Committee

A report had been made to the Management Committee by Miss Anderson, but this was not a full report as the findings of the Sub. Committee were not yet complete. At present it was suggested that Certificate I should consist of six simple verbs & six simple statements & Certificate II of six more difficult verbs & six more

difficult strathspeys. It was also proposed that each candidate must have attended a Branch class & have had experience. The only exception would be that of a student at Training College who would be taking a course in Scottish Country Dancing & not necessarily attending a Branch class. Mr. Burns stated that a fuller report would be given at the next meeting.

#### (h) Visual Film Unit

Miss Milligan reported on the progress of the films & gave a complete list of film loops which could now be bought at approximately 7/6 each from the Scottish Film Council 16-17 Woodside Terrace Glasgow C.3. The dance "Roses of Glasgow" had been completed but it had been found necessary to remake "The River Cree" whilst this was being done it was decided to film "Mr. McLeod". Mr. Roberts & Miss Wilson moved the adoption of the Report from the Management Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Wilson (Elgin) & the Report was adopted by the Executive Council.

#### Royal Charter

Miss Milligan reported that owing to inclement weather & illness it had not been easy to arrange meetings for this Committee but a meeting had been held & it had been left to Mr. Inzell & Mr. Lindsay Stewart to go over the draft & then have further meetings.

#### Annual General Meeting

It was confirmed that no Annual General

Meeting would be held in Perth on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1951

Other Business a) Violin Scores

St. Roberts & Dixon (Strathpat) suggested that a violin score might be prepared for the Scottish Country Dance Books. It was decided to remit this suggestion to the Management Committee for their consideration.

b) Gramophone Records for Book 15

Miss Milligan reported that she had been approached by the Decca Company regarding recordings for Book 15 but that this company did not wish to have the records made by Mr. Tim Wright. The Committee had decided that Miss Milligan should get into touch with "H.M.V." Company with a view to getting records made by them but that these must be made by Mr. Tim Wright who had arranged the music for the Book & had presented the copyright to the Society.

After Mr. Duncan (Banff) had proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting finished at 4 p.m.

John H. D. Mackie  
9.8.51



Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held at University Hall, S. Andrews on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1951 at 2.45 p.m.

Present Mrs. Hamilton-Meikle (in the chair), Miss N. Arnott, Miss J. Banks, Miss A. Booth, Mrs. M.K. Brown, Miss Coelle, Mr. C.F. Craigie, Mr. J.H. Duncaw, Miss Scott Ferguson, Mrs. S.W. Gray, Mrs. Judger, Mr. J. Hastings, Mrs. A. Hutchison, Miss M. Hutchison, Miss L. Kane, Miss M.W. Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Mrs. Leslie, Miss Inchoke, Miss McBride, Mr. W. McKel, Miss McLaughan, Dr. McFellau, Miss A. McFellau, Miss J. Millar, Miss G.H. Miller, Miss J.C. Meligau, Mr. W. Murray, Mr. Rantier, Mr. Robertson, Dr. Seager, Miss Stafford, Mr. W. Steinhause, Mr. W. Strachan, Mr. J. Thomson, Miss S. Tod, Miss Weir, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Roberton Wilson, Mr. W.R. Wilson, Miss D.M. Vaughan, Miss J. McFellau  
Treasurer & the Secretary

Apologies Apologies for absence were intimated from:- Mrs. Anderson, Miss Allan, Miss L. Braine, Miss Brown, Miss Clavering, Miss Crighton, Mr. Dow, Miss Macmillan, Miss McFeat, Miss Mavak, Mr. Stewart.

Before commencing the business of the meeting the Chairman introduced Miss Vaughan to the members.

Minutes The Minutes of the last meeting held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1951, having been circulated to the members were approved & signed subject to the words "as they were talking members away from the Society's classes" on page 3(c) being deleted.

Business Arising a) Correspondence from Mrs. Kemp

The Secretary stated that, as instructed by the Executive Council she had written to Mrs. Kemp on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1951 regarding the Council's decision that she should not be allowed to sit a further examination & read a letter that had been received from Mrs. Kemp asking that her case should be heard saying that at no time had she questioned an examiner's decision. A letter from Miss Milligan to Mrs. Kemp was also read, explaining that the Executive Council's decision to refuse her to sit further examinations was to protect the Society's examiners. Miss Kenya proposed & Mr. Keel seconded the motion that a letter should be sent to Mrs. Kemp stating that the matter had been considered by the Executive Council and was now closed.

b) Letter from Clackmannan Shire Branch

A letter dated 17 April 1951 from the Clackmannan Shire Branch was read by the Secretary, stating that at the Branch A.G.M. a protest had been registered against the Executive Council's decision to raise the Society's annual subscription from 5/- to 7/6. The Chairman stated that this had been the only protest received.

c) Letter from London Branch

Mrs. McKeel (Mrs. K. Cudbright) again drew attention to the fact that a copy of the letter from the London Branch had not yet been circulated to members of the Executive Council.

In reply, Miss Milligan stated that the points raised in the letter had been fully discussed by the Examinations Sub-Committee who were of the opinion that as the awards suggested in the letter would take a number of years to obtain the all-round standard of the Society's examinations should be raised. In this connection proposals for the revision of S.C.D.S. examinations had been drawn up for discussion by the Executive Council and in the circumstances it was not now considered necessary to circulate the London Branch letter.

Examination  
Sub-Committee

The suggestions regarding the revision of the S.C.D.S. Examinations put forward by the Examinations Sub-Committee for the consideration of the Executive Council (previously circulated) were considered & after certain alterations had been made, approved.

Annual Report

Mr. Brown read the Annual Report which was unanimously passed by the Committee for publication in the Bulletin.

Finance Comtee  
Report

Before giving the report of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 1951 Miss Vaughan thanked the Committee for their kind letter sent to her during her recent illness.

Copyright of S.C.D. Books

Miss Vaughan had stated that she had taken advice on this matter & recommended that no value should be

shown in the balance sheet for the copyright of the dance music published but that a note to this effect should be placed at the foot of the balance sheet and not in the auditor's report

### Investment of Surplus Funds

Miss McFellau reported that she had invested funds at the credit of the Society as follows:-

3% Defence Bonds	£1,000
2½% " "	500
Scottish Amicable Building Soc.	£1,000
National Savings Certificate	£375
Post Office Savings Bank	£500

### Financial Report

The Treasurer reported that the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1951 had been financially satisfactory. The Society's income had totalled £5,933 made up as follows -

Subscriptions £2,944; Sale of Books £2,150; Royalties £299; Examination fees £347; Surplus from Summer School £158; Donations & interest £35.

Expenditure <sup>had</sup> totalled £4,408 of which the principal items were - Printing & stationery £1,912; Purchase of Books (for resale) £270; Salaries £696; Organising expenses £254; Grants £390; Examination expenses £456; Deficit on Publicity Fund £297; Other items £133

## Balance Sheet

A provisional balance sheet dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 1951 showed assets totalling £7,489 made up of - Furniture & Office equipment £85; Stock & Publications £1417; Investments £3375. Cash at bank in hand £2612. Liabilities totalled £304; Creditors £6, Summer School fees in advance £243 & the Capital Fund stood at £7184.

Miss McFellau also read a detailed account of the Demonstration Teams' expenses & stated that the audited accounts would be published in the Bulletin.

Mr. McKel complimented Miss McFellau on her statement and Miss Milligan expressed her thanks to the Committee for the present she had received from the Society.

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Report from  
Management  
Committee

Mr. M. K. Brown submitted the report from the Management Committee

a) Clau Gathering, Murrayfield, Highland Games 18.8.51

It had been reported that arrangements for the Clau Gathering were going ahead satisfactorily that it was hoped to send four teams from the Summer School to join up with teams from Edinburgh, Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy Perth and Dundee

b) Advertisements for Bulletin

Mr. Brown reported that, so far, only two firms had been willing to take advertising space - Messrs W. Anderson Edinburgh £15 & Messrs Norwells, Perth, £15. Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications had offered to insert an advertisement of Miss Milligan's new book for £10, to which offer the Management Committee had agreed.

c) S. C. D. S. Films

A letter had been received from the Scottish Country Dance Association of East Africa, an affiliated group regarding the hiring of films which had been forwarded to Mr. Elliot of the Scottish Film Council.

The reply received had been to the effect that copies of "The Rakes of Glasgow" could be purchased for £12.10.0 or hired at the cost of 6/- per day & 2/- for each day thereafter, or 15/- per week. These rates would also apply to the new films. Any loop film could be hired for 1/6, but it was not possible to hire films overseas.



Mr. Brown also reported that the Management Committee had agreed that Mr. R.A.N. Smith of the Scottish Instructional Films should be allowed to make loop films of children dancing. Mr. Smith had intimated that he would bear all the expenses of making the films and that the Society would receive a royalty on these loop films, which would sell for 7/6

d) "Won't You Join the Dance"

Mr. Brown stated that a letter had been received from Paterson's Publications offering 6/3<sup>d</sup>, for Miss Milligan's book which would now sell at 7/6 instead of 8/6 and also that it was hoped that the book would be ready for publication in the autumn

e) Autumn School Arrangements

Mr. Brown told the meeting of the arrangements made for the A.G.M. weekend in Perth on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1951 and that it had been agreed that again this year there should only be a Management Committee Meeting on the day of the A.G.M. & that the Executive Council should meet at a later date

f) Petition for Royal Charter

A letter had been received from the lawyers stating that the draft constitution had been forwarded to the Home Office, but that they were of the opinion that the petition would not go through without a great deal of delay and recommended that, in the meantime, the Society

should apply for the word "Royal" to be added to the title, and that it had been agreed that this should be done.

g) Violin Score

The Management Committee had considered the suggestion which had been remitted from the Executive Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1951, that a violin score might be prepared for S.C.L. Bortko, and considered that, in view of the expense, this was unnecessary.

h) Letter from Concerts Adviser, Royal Albert Hall.

A letter had been received from the Concerts Adviser Royal Albert Hall, offering advertising space in the September programme, and it had been agreed to insert a half page advertisement in the programme at the rate of £12. 10.0

Mr. Hamilton - Meikle stated that the following financial items had been discussed by the Management Committee and recommended for the approval of the Executive Council :-

Gift to Miss Milligan

It had been decided to recommend that Miss Milligan should be given a present of £50 to show the Society's appreciation for all the work she has done.

Bonus to Secretary

Mr. Hamilton. Meikle reminded the Committee that it had been agreed last year that an annual bonus should be

granted to the Secretary dependent on the state of the Society's funds & stated that it had been recommended that the yearly bonus given should, when practicable bring his salary up to the rate of £600 per annum which would mean that for the year 1951 the bonus to be given would be £175

#### Treasurer's Salary

It had been recommended that Miss McFellau's salary should be raised from £3.3.0 to £5.5.0 per week.

#### Office Accommodation

The question of office accommodation had been raised and it was felt that the Society was not yet in a strong enough financial position to set up an office in Edinburgh with a clerical staff, but it had been recommended that in the meantime efforts should be made to rent a room near the Secretary's house in Corstorphine which could be used as an office and store & to secure the services of a whole-time assistant.

The Management Committee recommended that the sum of £400 should be set aside to cover the rent of a room, lighting, heating etc and the salary of a typist also that a further £200 be earmarked to cover office furnishings.

#### Gift to Miss Jackson

It had been recommended that a gift in the form of £25 should be given to Miss Jackson for all the help

she has given and continues to give - to the Society  
The Executive Council unanimously approved the  
recommendations made by the Management Committee  
and the Report was adopted by the Executive Council

Any Competent  
Business

The meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m. for tea.  
During tea the majority of the members present  
agreed that the Tartan cape shown to the members  
of the Executive Council should be adopted as suitable  
for the members of the S.C.D.S. It was agreed  
that any decision on the dress should be left to  
a further meeting

Jean Chapple  
23. 2. 52.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Council held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1952 at 2 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh

Before the business of the meeting the Chairman asked the members to stand in silence for one minute in memory of His late Majesty King George VI

The Chairman told the meeting that the Secretary had sent a telegram of sympathy to H.M. the Queen on behalf of the Executive Council and members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and had received an acknowledgment

#### Present

Miss J. C. Milligan (in the Chair) Mr. Adam  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Mr. Anderson, Miss  
Arndt, Miss Banks, Miss Browne, Mr. Brown Mr.  
Chester, Miss Collie, Miss Corie Mr. Drummond  
Mr. Duncan, Mr. Fyfe, Miss Gordon, Mr. Judger.  
Mr. Hardie, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Hutchison, Miss Kane,  
Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Mr. Lee, Miss Macmillan,  
Miss McBride, Miss McFeat, Mr. McKel, Miss Miller  
Miss Mowat, Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr. Murray  
Miss Ockenhead, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Robertson, Miss  
Stafford, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Thomson  
Miss Tod, Miss Weir, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Robert Wilson  
Miss McFellau (treasurer) Miss Hadden (secretary).

#### Apologies

Apologies were intimated from Mr. Allan, Miss  
Clavering, Miss Crighton, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Locke, Miss MacLennan

Apologies c<sup>d</sup> D. McCallum, D. McFellau, W<sup>o</sup>. Melville, W<sup>o</sup>. Jessie  
W<sup>o</sup>. Stenhouse, W<sup>o</sup>. Stewart.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August  
1951. (previously circulated) were confirmed & signed

Business Arising The Chairman reported that in November 1951 the  
President had received a letter from the Secretary of State  
for Scotland intimating that His Majesty King George  
VI had graciously granted permission to the Society  
to use the word "Royal" in its title

Finance Committee Miss McFellau reported on the meetings of the  
Report Finance Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1951 and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
February 1952. She stated that at the December meeting  
it had been agreed to recommend to the Management Committee  
that Branches should be asked to send in their money as  
soon as possible, & in any case on or before the  
following dates 31<sup>st</sup> December, 31<sup>st</sup> March & 30<sup>th</sup> June  
to enable the Finance Committee to budget for expenditure

At the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February financial state-  
ments for the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1951 were  
considered and, on examination it was found that  
the budget that had been prepared had corresponded  
very closely to the actual expenditure. The result of  
the appeal to Branches for subscriptions had been  
very satisfactory & the Society showed a balance at the  
present time of £1400. Printers' estimates amounting  
to £1200 for Books VI, X & XI were examined & accepted

The reprinting of Book XVI which is at present at  
of print was considered & an estimate was being  
obtained. An estimate for the reprinting of the Index  
was also passed. A provisional estimate for the  
new book "Sixteen Popular Dances" was received  
& it was agreed to order 20,000 copies of the book.

The Chairman thanked Miss McKellan for her report  
from the Finance Committee.

Mr. McKel suggested that at future Annual General  
Meetings it was not advisable that the Treasurer be  
asked to report on the financial state of the Society.

Mr. Brown proposed & Miss Kenya seconded the  
proposal that Mr. Duncan submit the report from the  
Finance Committee. The meeting agreed.

Management  
Committee  
Report

Miss Milligan submitted the report from the  
Management Committee

a) Royal Patronage. It was reported that as  
H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth had now become Queen it  
could not be taken for granted that Her Majesty would  
continue her patronage. Application would require to  
be made to ascertain if such an honor to the Society  
would be continued and, for obvious reasons this could  
not be done in the meantime. Miss Milligan stated  
that the name of A.R.H. Princess Elizabeth should be  
deleted from the Society notepaper.

b) Films. Miss Milligan gave a brief outline

of the meetings she had had with Mr. Triggall & Mr. Elliot of the Joint Production Committee. It had been found that the money that had been spent on the production of the S.C.D. films had not come up to the specified amount to enable the Committee to receive a certificate from the Board of Trade. It was agreed that any money accruing from the showing of the films should be ploughed back into the production of more. Miss Mulligan stated that the Film Council had kindly agreed to give the Society the use of a film free of charge for any official showing by Branches. The film would be looked after & serviced by the Film Council, & it was hoped that Branches would make full use of the film and teaching strips. The Management Committee had agreed that a short statement should be inserted in the Autumn Bulletin to this effect.

c) Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing

Captain J. Bain had kindly consented to act as the Society's representative in place of Mr. Brown who intimated his resignation in December.

d) New Book

It had been decided to publish a book of favourite dances for Books VI-XVI for this year's new book. The original suggestion for a book of 24 dances had proved to be too expensive for a subscription book & it was recommended that sixteen dances should be included in the new publication. The Management



had passed the estimates submitted by the printers for the book of sixteen dances and the price would remain the same.

e) International Folk Music Council: The Secretary, on instructions from the Management Committee had bought 20 copies of "Handbook for Folk Music Collectors" & these were now on sale to the Committee at a cost of 1/6 each.

f) Formation of new Branches: Miss Melligan stated that applications for the formation of new branches had been received for the following:-

Winchester; Richmond (Yorks); Portrush; Sydney (Australia); South Lancashire and also for the renewal of West Dorsetshire. Mr. Duncan proposed & Miss Arnold seconded the proposal that these applications should be accepted.

g) Demonstration Teams: It was reported that the Management Committee proposed that an audition be held on 5<sup>th</sup> April when candidates for the demonstration teams would be selected.

It was suggested that five new members be elected to the Selection Committee to take the place of those no longer on the Executive Council. The following were elected:- Miss J. Browne, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Jessie, & Mr. McKell. The members continuing to serve on this Committee were Mr. Brown, Miss Melligan, Miss Anderson & Miss Kenyon. Four provisional invitations had been received - from

Le Mans, France; Schwemmungen am Neckar and Stuttgart, Germany; Rome. Miss Milligan suggested that it might be possible to combine the visit to France which was at the end of September, with one to Rome.

The Management Committee had recommended that the details of the proposed visits should be left to a small committee made up of those who were in close touch with the people concerned. It had also been recommended that the invitation for Schwemmungen should be offered to London Branch. Mr. Judger proposed & Mr. Wilson seconded this last proposal. Mr. Hutchinson proposed & Mr. Judger seconded that the final arrangements be left to a small committee composed of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Secretary.

- h) Summer School: The Management Committee recommended the proposal from the Finance Committee that the fees be raised to £6-10 per week. Mr. McKel proposed this increase seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead
- i) London Branch Ball. The Management Committee had unanimously agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that the London Branch Ball, arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> May should be postponed until after the period of Lent mourning. Mr. Brown proposed that a letter be written to London Branch suggesting that the Ball be postponed. This was unanimously agreed by the Council. It was also agreed that the cancellation of other functions connected with the Society

should be left to the discretion of the Branch concerned. The Chairman stated that the Loda Branch had also written asking for permission for some of the dances in their Ball programme to be described. The Executive Council gave this permission as the matter of copyright was not involved.

j) Memberships of Society: Miss Milligan reported that a case had been brought to the notice of the Management Committee where a lady who wished to transfer her membership from one Branch to another was not admitted to membership of the second Branch until she had paid certain dues levied by that Branch, over & above the annual subscription. The Chairman had pointed out to the Committee that this was not constitutional. After S. Robertson Wilson had explained why Southport Branch had to charge their members more than the accepted subscription there was discussion on the matter. It was agreed that Branches must accept members who paid the Society's subscription of 5/- without an extra charge for Branch dues.

#### 5 Draft Constitution

Miss Milligan handed over this item on the agenda to Mr. Lindsay Stewart who had been invited to attend the meeting of the Executive Council. Mr. Stewart discussed the recommendations of the small committee on the amendments submitted by the various Branches, and

explained some of the decisions. There were questions asked by some representatives & the amendments were discussed but no alterations were made.

Miss Milligan informed the Council that arrangements had been made for the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in the Lyric Theatre Glasgow on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, commencing at 11.30 a.m.

The Executive Council unanimously agreed to Miss Milligan's suggestion that the business of the Extraordinary General Meeting should be managed by the small Committee who had drawn up the Constitution

#### 6 Any Competent Business

a) B.B.C. Scottish Variety Orchestra : A letter was read from Edinburgh Branch asking that the Executive Council send a protest to the B.B.C. regarding the playing of Scottish Country Dance Music by the Scottish Variety Orchestra. There was some discussion on the matter, & it was unanimously agreed that a letter should be sent to the Director of Music B.B.C. pointing out that it was not possible to dance to the tempo of this particular orchestra. Individuals were also encouraged to write regarding criticism or otherwise to the B.B.C.

b) Transference of Members : Mr. Lee (Carlisle Branch) asked for a ruling on the question of members transferring from one Branch to another in the near vicinity. There

was considerable discussion and the Chairman upheld that it was hoped the ruling under the new Constitution regarding this matter would clarify the position.

The meeting ended at 4.35 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Murray, to Messrs Fitzell & Lindsay Stewart for their work on the Constitution, proposed by Mr. Brown.

Jean C. Melligan

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held on 30th July, 1952, at University Hall, St. Andrews, at 2.45 p.m.

Present: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
Mrs. Anderson, Mr. J. W. Anderson, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Angus,  
Miss Annett, Miss Banks, Mrs. Brown, Miss Colbie, Miss  
Carmichael, Miss Cunningham, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Duncan, Mrs.  
Gray, Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Irvine, Mr. Ireland,  
Miss Kane, Miss Kidd, Miss McBride, Mr. McKell, Dr.  
McKellan, Miss Miller, Miss Nowat, Mr. Murray, Mrs.  
Robertson, Mr. Strachan, Miss Smith, Mr. Kennedy-Smith,  
Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss  
Waddell, Miss Vaughan, Miss Hadden (Secretary.)

Apologies: These were indicated from Mr. Adam, Miss Clavin,  
Mrs. Clark, Miss Crighton, Miss Brander, Mr. Farrell, Mrs.  
Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Miss Mackie, Miss McLean, Mr.  
Ross, Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Weir, Mr. Wallace,  
Mrs. West, Mr. Wilson.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February, 1952,  
having been circulated, were taken as read,  
approved and signed.

Business Arising:

a) Films: Miss Milligan reported that Mr. Elliot of

The Joint Production Committee, Scottish Film Council, had suggested that a film should be made which would meet the quota requirements of the Board of Trade. He proposed a 35 mm film, about 1,000 ft. in length, which would run for approximately 11 minutes. The film was estimated to cost £500, and it was thought that within two years this amount would be refunded. As the Council at present held £150 in trust for the Society £350 only would have to be provided. Both the Finance & Management Committees had agreed that this money should be made available for the production of a film, but that some arrangement should be reached with the J.P.C. whereby the Society would receive a percentage of the film hire charges after the receipts had first repaid the initial outlay.

U. Nicoll proposed that this suggestion be carried by the Council, and the members unanimously agreed.

2. a) B.B.C. Variety Orchestra: Arising from the protest put forward by the Edinburgh Branch regarding the playing of S.C.D. music by the B.B.C. Variety Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Keith Stephens, it was reported that

Three representatives from Glasgow Branch had met & discussed the matter with Mr Stephens and B.B.C. Officials. Mr Stephens was very anxious to co-operate with the Society, & the representatives felt sure that members would find a favourable difference in future broadcasts.

Miss Milligan gave a report of a meeting she had had with Mr Calder of the B.B.C. Mr Calder expressed a desire to be given an invitation to attend the next Executive Council meeting when members could question him regarding broadcasts. It was suggested that in the meantime a Committee be formed to listen to and make helpful criticisms of the bands used for the S.C.D. programmes, and that these should be forwarded to the B.B.C. Mr Brown proposed that the big cities should first do this work, and accordingly Aberdeen Branch was elected to deal with the broadcasts in September and Paisley Branch was made responsible for those in October. It was agreed that each Branch select its own small committee to draw up the criticisms.



## Report from Finance Committee:

This Vaughan presented a report of this Committee's meeting earlier in the morning.

This Vaughan gave a brief resumé of the accounts which were in the hands of the Auditors. He reported that he had made a draft estimate of expenditure for the coming year which had been passed by the Finance Committee after some alterations had been made. Mr. Nickell proposed that members of the Executive Council should have details of the proposed estimates before the meeting, and it was agreed that in future the Finance Committee meeting would have to take place about a week before the Council meeting so that the estimates could be circulated.

Delegates' Expenses: This Vaughan reported the recommendation from the Finance Committee that the expenses of Branch delegates to the A.G.M. should be the responsibility of the Branch. The Council passed this recommendation.

Branch Accounts: The draft forms drawn up by This Vaughan were shown to the members, and it was agreed that these

should be circulated to Branches. Miss Vaughan said that any criticisms from Branches would be welcome.

After the estimates had been studied Mr. Nickell moved approval of them. Mr. Aitkenhead seconded this motion, and the meeting agreed.

Mr. Duncan stated that the Finance Committee had passed the proposal that an honorarium of £50 be given to Miss Phillips. He stressed that this sum was to be quite outwith the expenses of travelling and services rendered in teaching. It had been agreed that the Secretaries of such Branches which Miss Phillips might be visiting should notify the Secretary of the visit, and Miss Hadden would in due course submit an account for expenses to that Branch.

The Council agreed unanimously to the honorarium & to the proposal that Miss Phillips's expenses be the responsibility of the Branch concerned.

#### Report from Management Committee:

Miss Brown presented the report from this

Committee.

Royal Patronage: As the Patronage of H.M. The Queen could not be taken for granted, a letter had been sent to the Keeper of the King's Purse requesting Her Majesty's Patronage. A reply had not yet been received.

Demonstration Team: The team was to visit the Plains, France, in September. The invitation from Italy had been declined as the dates coincided exactly with those of the French festival. It was reported that the French authorities had agreed to pay all expenses of the team from London to the Plains and back.

Francis Day & Hunter: Mrs Brown reported that Miss Anderson had received a letter from this firm requesting permission to use "stills" from the Society's films for use on the covers of certain dances which they were publishing in pamphlet form. This letter was passed to Mr. Elliot who contacted the Society. The Management Committee recommended that no pictures be given to this firm and that the approval of the Society should

be withheld from the project. It was suggested that legal advice might be taken on the matter and a solicitor be appointed to watch the Society's interests.

The Council agreed unanimously.

Mrs Brown gave a short statement regarding the Greenfield Dancers Dundee, who had advertised in the press their team which was to "represent Scotland" in a demonstration in Paris. Mr. Black had taken the matter up with the Greenfield Dancers, and the Dundee Violet Football Club that had inserted the advertisement.

It was felt that this would not occur again.  
Records from Book 16: The Secretary had heard from the H.M.V. Gramophone Co. that their budget included provision for making six Scottish Country Dance records this year. It was agreed that Fin Wright's band be used. Mrs Milligan was to arrange dates of recording with Fin Wright.

Applications for Branch formation & affiliation:  
Applications for Branch formation from Adelaide, Australia, and affiliations from The Manchester Scottish Country Dance Party, & The Bridlington & District Caledonian

Society were accepted.

United Nations Student Association: It was ~~reported~~ agreed that a team should be sent to represent the Society at the Folk Dance Festival to be organised by this Association in London on 23rd & 24th October.

Mrs Grant's Dances: Mrs Tillman reported that she had received a letter from Mrs Grant suggesting that the Society should publish the dances she had collected. Mrs Grant indicated that she wished to give her dances to the Society and also the copyright. It was pointed out that there may not be a large turnover for these dances, but the Council unanimously agreed to accept Mrs Grant's kind offer.

### Annual Report:

The Secretary read the Annual Report to be published in The Autumn Bulletin. The Report was passed unanimously for publication and presentation to The A.G.M. having been moved by Mr. Murray and seconded by Dr. McKellan.

## Any Competent Business:

- a) Change of Constitution: This Willian reported that the Management Committee recommended that a change of 6d be made for the Constitution & Rules booklet. This recommendation was passed by the Council.
- b) Branch Responsibility in Examinations: The Chairman stated that the chief service a Branch could perform for a District was to train prospective teachers by holding examination classes. The rule that Branch members cannot take Certificate classes at the Summer School had to be adhered to because of the excessive number of candidates in previous years, & even if the running of examination classes involved a financial loss Branches must be prepared to undertake this responsibility.

After some discussion it was agreed that Branches should undertake to run examination classes to benefit their members.

- c) Circulation of Summer School notices for 1953: It was agreed that, in order to economise in printing, a notice be put in the Autumn Bulletin to the effect that members wishing to obtain Summer School

application forms should apply to the Secretary by a certain date.

- d) Mrs. McNab: Miss Milligan reported that Mrs. McNab of Vancouver had sent her four more traditional dances which had been published in pamphlet form, price 2/6d each. These pamphlets were to be sold by Miss Milligan & the proceeds would be sent to Mrs. McNab.
- e) Annual General Meeting: It was noted that the Annual General Meeting would be held in Glasgow on Saturday, 1st November, 1952.

Jean C. Milligan  
29. 11. 52

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on 29th November, 1952, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)

Miss Anderson, Mr. Adam, Miss Arnott, Mr. Aitkenhead, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Christie, Miss Collie, Miss Crichton, Miss Cumming, Miss Donaldson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mr. Irvine, Miss Kane, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss McBride, Miss McFeat, Miss Mackie, Mr. Macleod, Miss Macmillan, Miss MacLagan, Miss Miller, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Robertson, Dr. Seager, Miss Stafford, Mr. Strachan, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Wallace, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan, Miss McLellan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary.)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated from Mrs. Anderson, Miss Armstrong, Miss Banks, Mrs. Clerk, Mr. McKell, Mr. Ross, Mr. Stenhouse, Mrs. Stephen, Miss Weir.

Before the business of the meeting Miss Milligan announced that Lord James Stewart Murray had received a letter from the Keeper of the Privy Purse informing him that Her Majesty The Queen had been graciously pleased to grant her Patronage to the Society. The members expressed their appreciation of the honour.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th July, 1952, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

a) Charge for Constitution & Rules Booklet: The Secretary read a letter from Edinburgh Branch strongly protesting against the charge of 6d per copy being made for this booklet. It was agreed unanimously by the Council that as this item had been passed at the last Executive meeting the letter from Edinburgh Branch be left on the table.

b) B.B.C. Programmes: Mr. Calder of the B.B.C. was present at the meeting to receive reports and take part in discussions arising from the Scottish country dance band broadcasts. Miss Cumming presented the report from Aberdeen Branch, and Mrs. Robertson presented that from Angus Branch. Mr. Calder said how grateful he was for these private criticisms and how helpful they proved, and it was decided that this method of monthly reports given by Branches should be continued. It was agreed that the following Branches be made responsible for the reports for the next four months: - Ayr (December), North-West Ayrshire (January), Banffshire (February), Clackmannanshire (March). It was emphasised that Branches should send these reports to Mr. Calder marked "personal".

Miss Milligan moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Calder for his attendance at the meeting, and for the co-operation of the B.B.C. with the Society in this matter.

3. REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Miss McLellan gave a report on the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 1st November/



November, 1952. She stated that apart from the routine business of passing accounts the following items were noted.

Income & Expenditure Account: The comparative estimate for income and expenditure was received and examined. This showed a net deficit of £292. 5. 6., largely because subscriptions were not paid in until the second quarter of the year. Owing to re-stocking of publications £417 had been needed to pay accounts. It was noted that the Publications Account was now being kept separate, and that much of the Society's capital was locked up in this item.

It was reported that owing to exchange difficulties the money, 150,000 francs, which the French authorities had agreed to pay towards the expenses of the team's visit to Le Mans, had not yet been received.

On the Summer School account a surplus of £278.10. 4. was noted. An amount of £304.10. 1. had been received from non-residents.

Resolutions from Branches (A.G.M.): The financial implications of the Edinburgh Branch resolution were discussed by the Finance Committee, and it was agreed that Mr. Adam should move an amendment at the Annual General Meeting to the effect that the matter be referred to the Executive Council for consideration.

Publication of Highland Solo Dances: A rough estimate of £80.15. 6. for 2,000 copies of this proposed book had been received, and it was agreed to order this amount and to fix the selling price of the book at 3/- per copy.

Donations to King George VI National Memorial Fund: The Committee recommended that a first donation of £50 should be sent to this fund, and that Branches should be invited to send in further donations by the end of January.

Pocket Editions: A reprint of 12,000 copies of each pocket editions 10 - 12 and 13 - 15 had been ordered.

Following this report Miss McLellan was able to inform the members that £151.16. 0. had just been received from Le Mans, and this was being transferred to the bank in Galston. The meeting approved the Financial Report.

#### REPORT FROM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Brown gave a report of this Committee's meeting on 1st November, 1952.

Cramophone Records: It had been reported that H.M.V. could not send the recording unit to Scotland until February or March, 1953.

Question of Copyright: The Secretary had consulted Mr. Black of Warden, Bruce & Co., regarding the publications issued by Francis, Day & Hunter, but in his opinion Mr. Black said there was no room for action as this firm had been careful to alter the arrangement of instructions and music. It had been suggested that contact might be made with the Phonographic Rights Society.

United Nations Student Association: A team from London Branch attended the Festival organised by this body, and gave a very creditable performance.

Applications for Affiliation: The following groups were given permission to affiliate with the Society: -

Cambridge University Strathspey & Reel Club  
Harrogate St. Andrew's Society  
The Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club  
Scarborough/

Scarborough Caledonian Society  
 Dunedin Burns Club  
 Hastings Scottish Country Dance Club, N.Z.  
 Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society  
 Weston-super-Mare Strathspey & Reel Club

International Folk Music Council: An acknowledgement had been received for the donation of £20. The dates for the Conference, to be held at Biarritz-Pamplona, from 9th - 15th July, 1953, were noted. The Committee agreed that Miss Milligan should continue to represent the Society at this Conference.

Application for Coronation Seats: Following correspondence from the London Branch regarding application for seats on the Coronation procession route, the Committee agreed to apply for these and it was decided that in the event of an allocation being made half the seats would be offered to members of the Executive Council and the remainder sent to London Branch. If none were required by the Executive the seats would be given to London Branch who would be responsible for payment.

Volkspelle Dancers from South Africa: An enquiry had been received to find out if the Society were willing to give financial backing and practical help to 100 of these dancers who were to visit Scotland in June 1953. The Committee decided that although all practical help would be given, financial backing could not be considered.

Collins Sons & Co. Ltd.: Miss Milligan reported on a meeting she had had with Mr. Young of the above firm regarding the publication of a book containing 80 - 100 dances. After discussion the Committee had agreed to approach Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications Ltd. regarding the use of material in Books 1 - 5.

The Council approved the report from the Management Committee.

Arising from the above report Miss Milligan explained that Messrs. Collins Sons & Co. Ltd., proposed publishing a book containing instructions for dances only, and that the Management Committee had decided that the sale of the Society's pocket editions would not be greatly affected. The Secretary read Mr. Young's proposals and reported that she had written to Mr. Diack and had received a very unfavourable reply. The feeling of the Council was that it would be useful to have correct instructions given for the dances, but Mr. Robertson (Angus) suggested that the Society's legal advisor be asked to keep in close contact with the firm concerned in order to guard the Society's interests. The Council agreed.

#### 5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES:

Miss Collie (Peterhead) proposed that members who had served on the various Committees the previous year and who, as members of the Executive Council, were eligible for re-election should automatically be re-elected. Mrs. Hutchison (Dundee) seconded the proposal to which the members gave approval.

General Purposes Committee: Miss Anderson, Miss Kenyon, Mrs. Hutchison and Mr. Murray were automatically re-elected to serve on this Committee. Seven nominations were received for the five places and the following were elected: - Miss Arnott, Miss Collie, Mr. Macleod, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Robertson.

Finance Committee: Mr. Duncan and Mr. Adam were re-elected, and Mr. Duncan appointed Convener. The following five members were nominated and elected: - Mr. Hardie, Miss McFeat, Mr. McKell, Mr. Strachan, Mrs. Thomson.

Examinations Committee: Miss Anderson was re-elected and appointed Convener of this Committee./

Committee. Seven candidates were nominated for election and the following four elected: - Mrs. Guder, Miss Kenyon, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Murray.

Publications & Research Committee: It was agreed that Lord James Stewart Murray be co-opted to this Committee. Miss Anderson was re-elected and Miss Milligan appointed Convener. Six nominations were received and the following four members elected: - Miss Arnott, Miss Crighton, Miss MacLagan, Mr. Murray.

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Wolverhampton Branch: The Secretary read a letter from Wolverhampton Branch requesting that the General Proviso in the Constitution & Rules (8), page 15, be invoked for the following reason.

The Branch Committee at present consists of the secretary, treasurer, the representative to the Executive Council, three adult members and one junior member. It was not thought necessary for a Branch of approximately 40 members to have a larger committee as set out in the Rules III 2(a), and any change would necessitate the holding of a special general meeting.

The Council unanimously agreed to grant this request.

- b) Capetown & Adelaide Branches: Teacher's certificates for overseas Branches - the Secretary reported on letters received from the above Branches asking if some arrangement could be made whereby the present fully qualified teacher in the Branch could train and examine promising members who would be available to take classes, the idea being that an interim or temporary certificate could be granted to successful candidates.

There was considerable discussion on this matter and it was decided that such provisional certificates should be endorsed by the Society provided the training given was according to the examination syllabus set by the Society, and that the holders should be given every encouragement to return to the U.K. to be examined according to the Society's rules. It was emphasised that examination classes must be taught by a fully certificated teacher.

Mr. Macleod suggested that it might be profitable to contact the organisation dealing with exchange of teachers' scheme in order to find out if any fully qualified R.S.C.D.S. teachers might be going to the Dominions and would be willing to assist if necessary in the training of members overseas for a provisional certificate.

Dr. Seager suggested that it might be advisable for the Society to send teaching films to overseas Branches. Miss Milligan proposed that this matter should be investigated by the Finance Committee and the Council agreed.

#### 7. ANY COMPETENT BUSINESS:

- a) Miss Milligan reported that Mrs. Bird Matthew, Dundee, had compiled a book of alternative tunes for dances from Books 8 - 16, comparable to the late Mrs. Shand's which dealt with dances from Books 1 - 7. Mrs. Bird Matthew was anxious for the Society to undertake the publishing of this book, but it was agreed that the matter be fully discussed with her beforehand. Miss Milligan said in reply to a question from Mrs. Robertson (Angus) that in the event of the Society publishing the book it could be given to members as a subscription copy/

copy provided the cost did not exceed that of the Society's books. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Publications Committee.

- b) Mr. Robertson (Angus) stated that he had seen a report in the press regarding the inclusion in the Society's team which took part in a Birmingham Dance Festival recently, of a 17 year old girl from Perth. It was explained that the age of the girl in question was not known until after she had been included in the team of 10 dancers chosen as reserves for the international team. It was agreed that in future care would be taken to ensure that no one under the age of 18 would be allowed to take part in the audition for the international team.

Mr. Ferguson (London) moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 1:30 p.m.

*Jean C. Mulligan*

CHAIRMAN.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 14th March, 1953, at 1.30 p.m., in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)

Mr. Adam, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Bain, Miss Banks, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Clark, Miss Clive, Miss Crichton, Miss Cumming, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Irvine, Miss Kane, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss Macmillan, Mr. Macleod, Miss McBride, Miss McFeat, Miss Miller, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Stephen, Mr. Strachan, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Walker, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan, Miss McLellan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Miss Armstrong, Mrs. Brown, Miss Burns, Miss Collie, Miss Clavering, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Howell, Miss Howarth, Miss MacLagan, Dr. McCallum, Mr. McKell, Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr. Ross, Miss Stafford, Mr. Scott, Mr. Stenhouse, Mr. Wallace.

1. MINUTES:

Those of the last meeting held on 29th November, 1952, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

a) B.B.C. Programmes: The Secretary gave a resume of the circular letter sent by the B.B.C. to the bands broadcasting Scottish dance music.

The Council agreed that the following Branches would be responsible for the confidential reports to be sent to Mr. Calder during the next four months: - Dundee (April), Dunfermline (May), Dumfries (June), East Lothian (July).

b) Coronation Seats: Miss Milligan reported that a letter had been received from the Ministry of Works regretting that it was not possible to allocate any seats on the Coronation route to the Society.

c) Collins & Sons Ltd: The Secretary reported that Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications Ltd. would not allow this firm to use any material out of books 1 - 5 for the proposed book. Miss Milligan said that she had recently interviewed Mr. Diack who had been adamant in the matter, but had said he would not interfere with any arrangements which the Society might make regarding material in Books 6 - 16. Miss Milligan said she hoped to see Mr. Young of Collins to discuss the position.

3. MINUTES:

a) Finance Committee: The minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held on 7th February, having been circulated, were passed for approval having been proposed by Mrs. Hutchison and seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson.

Miss McLellan gave a report on a meeting of the Finance Committee which had just taken place.

1. Biarritz: It had been found necessary to increase the estimate passed at the/

the last meeting, and the Committee recommended that £275 be authorised towards the expenses of this visit.

2. Invitation to Amelie les Bains: The Committee agreed that no further expense could be met in connection with sending a team to this town at the end of August, but the Secretary was instructed to write for fuller information. It was decided that £50 in reserve for the proposed visit to Cannes could be used towards the expenses of sending a team to Amelie les Bains if necessary, but this amount could not be exceeded.
3. Edinburgh Branch: a) Research Committee (composed of professors from Edinburgh University and members of Edinburgh Branch): The Finance Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that if required the Society would pay 50%, which in any case would not exceed £50, of any expenses incurred by this newly formed committee. A proviso had been made that a representative from the Society's Publications & Research Committee should be co-opted to the committee.  
b) Murrayfield: - It was decided that a sum not exceeding £50 should be made to the Edinburgh Branch towards the expenses of the visiting teams for this display, if this were required.
4. Book 17: An approximate estimate for 30,000 copies of Book 17, amounting to £821. 3. 6. had been received.
5. Miss Todd's Salary: A recommendation for an increase had been passed, and it was agreed to bring Miss Todd's salary into line with that paid to shorthand typists in government offices.
6. Mrs. Campbell of Carma: Miss Milligan reported that the book on folklore collected by Mrs. Campbell had been accepted by the Oxford University Press, but that a certain sum had to be guaranteed to this firm before publishing was started. After considerable discussion it was decided that £50 should be donated by the R.S.C.D.S. and that this sum might be increased if it were found to be inadequate.

The decisions in the above report were passed and approved by the Executive Council.

b) General Purposes Committee:

Designation of Angus-Lunan Branch: Mr. Robertson (Angus) suggested that the name of this Branch be changed to Fricockheim Branch, to avoid any confusion. The meeting agreed unanimously.

Mr. Hardie (Dunfermline) proposed the adoption of the minutes of a meeting of this Committee held on 7th February; this was seconded by Mr. Adam (Stirling) and approved.

- c) Examinations Committee: Some questions were asked in connection with the new examination syllabus, and the following points were clarified: -
- i) It was explained that the clause referring to teaching experience to be gained by candidates meant that candidates conducting a small church or social group on a voluntary basis could qualify.
  - ii) It was confirmed that the practical test to be held by teachers of examination classes at the beginning of the course applied to the Preliminary test only.

Mrs. Christie (Newton Stewart) proposed the adoption of the minutes of the meeting/

meeting of the Examinations Committee held on 21st February. Mr. Irvine (Kilmarnock) seconded the motion which was approved.

- d) Publications & Research Committee: The possibility of Mrs. Bird Matthew's book of alternative tunes being given as the subscription book in 1954 was discussed, and the Chairman requested the representatives to find out from their Branches what demand there would be for this book as a subscription copy.

Mr. Irvine (Kilmarnock) moved the adoption of the minutes of the Publications Committee meeting held on 21st February. This was seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson (Southport) and approved.

#### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications from the following were accepted: -

Harpenden Highland Games Society  
Lynn Country Dance Club

#### 5. ANY COMPETENT BUSINESS:

- a) Letter from London Branch: The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from London Branch requesting permission to invoke the General Proviso with regard to holding postal ballots to elect office bearers, etc. It was explained that as the Branch covered such a wide area it was only possible for about 10% of the total members of the Branch to be present at general meetings, and it was felt that all members should have voting powers. The Council unanimously agreed to this request.
- b) Edinburgh Branch: In connection with the Research Committee composed of members of the Edinburgh Branch and prominent professors of the Department of Social Studies, Edinburgh University, approval of the Executive Council was requested to approach Branches of the R.S.C.D.S. regarding research if this were desired. The Council agreed to this request.
- c) Alyth Entertainments Committee: The Secretary reported that this body was proposing to hold a Scottish Country Dance Festival in the summer, and asked the Society's views on the awarding of trophies and prizes. After discussion it was agreed that such awards should be discouraged, but that a certificate could be given.
- d) King George VI Memorial Fund: Miss McLellan reported that donations to this Fund now stood at £372.10. 0., and it was agreed to close the fund and to send a list of the Branches who had sent donations with the cheque to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

Mr. Murray proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.

*Jean Chisholm*

CHAIRMAN

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Friday, 7th August, 1953, at 2.00 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)

Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Anderson, Miss Andrew, Miss Armstrong, Miss Arnott, Miss Bain, Miss Banks, Mrs. Brown, Miss Brander, Miss B. Brown, Miss R.A. Brown, Miss Clavering, Mr. Craigie, Miss Duff, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Kane, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Macleod, Miss Macmillan, Miss MacLagan, Miss McBride, Mr. McKell, Dr. McLellan, Mrs. McDougall, Miss Moir, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murray, Miss Perman, Miss Pool, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Watson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Vaughan, Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Mr. Adam, Miss Allan, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Clark, Miss Collie, Miss Crichton, Mrs. Christie, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Locke, Mrs. McCulloch, Miss McFeat, Mr. Ross, Dr. Seager, Mr. Scott, Miss Stafford, Mr. Stenhouse, Miss McLellan (Treasurer).

1. MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th March, 1953, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

a) Collins & Sons Ltd: Miss Milligan reported that a draft agreement had been received from Collins & Sons, and this had been submitted to the Society's legal adviser in accordance with instructions from the General Purposes Committee. Miss Milligan suggested that the matter should be dealt with by a sub-committee elected by the Council. Mr. Robertson (Arbroath) proposed that three members in addition to the office bearers should act on this committee. This was seconded by Mr. Murray. The following were elected: - Mr. Duncan, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Robertson. It was agreed that this sub-committee should have full powers to act on any decision reached.

b) B.B.C. Programmes: Miss Milligan stated that in spite of the very helpful criticisms made by Branches regarding the broadcasting bands, no marked improvement had been apparent in the standard of playing. Mrs. Brown suggested that a letter should be sent to the B.B.C. from the Executive Council in protest. The Council unanimously agreed.

It was agreed that Glasgow Branch should report on broadcasts in October, Hamilton & Clydesdale Branch in November, Inverness Branch in December.

3. MINUTES:

a) General Purposes Committee: Mr. Robertson proposed that on page 2 of the minutes of meeting held on 20th June, 1953, Item 3, Resignation of Treasurer, the sentence "In the meantime it was suggested that a sub-committee . . . interviewing of bandidates" should read " . . . a sub-committee be appointed to deal with the whole question of advertising and interviewing for the appointment of the new Treasurer". Mr. Robertson also suggested that under the same item, page/

page 2, paragraph 2, the sentence "... and the Annual General Meeting when the sub-committee's nomination could be considered" should read "... and the Annual General Meeting when the result of the sub-committee's findings could be considered".

Miss Arnott proposed the adoption of the minutes, subject to the above alterations, and this was seconded by Miss Anderson.

- b) Finance Committee: Mr. Hardie, seconded by Mr. McKell, moved approval of the minutes of a meeting held on 20th June, 1953.

It was noted in the minutes of meeting held on 24th July, 1953, that Miss Milligan's name was omitted from the list of members present, and that an apology from Miss McPeat had been omitted. The Secretary agreed to rectify this. Mr. McKell moved the approval of these minutes. Mr. Macleod seconded this and the meeting agreed.

#### 4. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read a report of the work of the Society during the year. Mr. Aitkenhead proposed adoption of the report for publication in the autumn Bulletin. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hutcheson and the meeting unanimously agreed.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Letter from Edinburgh Branch member regarding the Examination Syllabus: Miss Milligan reported that correspondence had been received from a member of Edinburgh Branch protesting about the new regulations whereby candidates can only attempt any one part of the certificate three times. The matter had been discussed by members of the Examinations Committee and the following decision reached: - "The Examinations Committee recommend to the Council that candidates who wished to make a fourth attempt for the certificate should be allowed to do so provided that the examination took place within one year of the syllabus having become effective, that is June, 1954". It was also recommended that the Secretary should notify Branch secretaries of this addendum to the syllabus. The Council unanimously agreed to the findings of the Examinations Committee.
- b) Intimation from London Branch regarding an increase in the percentage of the Subscription retained by Branches: Mr. Ferguson (London) reported that it was his committee's intention to bring this matter up at the A.G.M. and that the proposed increase was 10% to 20%. The meeting discussed this matter at length and it was finally decided to leave the matter in abeyance until the Annual General Meeting.

#### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Applications for Affiliation: The following application for affiliation were accepted: -

The Scots Society of St. Andrew, Norwich  
 Basrah Caledonian Society  
 Market Harborough Scottish Dancing Society  
 Wellington & District Caledonian Society

- b) Branch Representatives: Miss Milligan raised the matter of the date when new Branch representatives took office, and asked the members to tell their committees that new representatives took office at the first Executive Council meeting/

meeting held after the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

- c) Sub-Committee of General Purposes Committee regarding appointment of Treasurer:  
Miss Milligan read the minute of the meeting of this committee held on 24th July, 1953, regarding the decision by the sub-committee to nominate Miss D.M. Vaughan, F.C.A., for the post of Treasurer at a salary of £5. 5. 0. per week. Mr. Aitkenhead, seconded by Miss Clevering, proposed that this nomination should go to the A.G.M. and the Council unanimously agreed.

On a point of order, General Purposes Committee minutes of 20th June, 1953, it was noted that it was now no longer necessary to call a meeting of the General Purposes Committee between the Summer School Executive Council meeting and the A.G.M. to consider the sub-committee's recommendation.

- d) Finance: Mr. McKell asked for some details regarding the revenue account and balance sheet. Miss Vaughan supplied these but stated that the figures were still in draft form awaiting returns from a few Branches.

Mr. Hardie moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.

*Jean C Milligan*

CHAIRMAN.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 28th November, 1953, at 11 a.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)

Mr. Adam, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Armstrong, Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Andrew, Miss Arnott, Miss Bain, Miss Brender, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Christie, Mr. Rutherford Clark, Miss Collie, Mr. Craigie, Miss Crichton, Miss Cumming, Mrs. Guthill, Mr. Davison, Miss Duff, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Foss, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Kane, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss Macmillan, Mrs. McDougall, Miss McFeat, Professor McEwen, Mr. McKell, Mr. Macleod, Dr. McLellan, Colonel Martin, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murray, Miss Perzan, Miss Pool, Miss Rae, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Stafford, Mr. Stenhouse, Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Thomson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: These were intimated from Miss Banks, Mr. Draper, Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Lesslie, Miss McBride, Mrs. MacCulloch, Miss Moir, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Wilson.

1. MINUTES:

Minutes of meeting held on 7th August, 1953, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Collins & Sons: The Chairman gave a brief account of the position to date. Referring to the minute 2, 2b) of the Finance Committee meeting held on 31st October, Miss Milligan reported that Messrs. Collins were still negotiating with Paterson's Publications, and were considering offering Paterson's the selling rights to the music trade.

It was reported that a meeting of the special sub-committee appointed to deal with this matter would not be called until some agreement had been reached between Paterson's Publications and Collins.

It was decided that Mr. Robertson, being no longer a member of the Council, should be co-opted. This was moved by Mr. McKell and seconded by Mrs. Brown. Members of the sub-committee are: - Miss Milligan, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Robertson.

B.B.C.: The Secretary reported that no reply had been received from the B.B.C. to a letter stating that the criticisms in the confidential reports being submitted by Branches were not being put into effect. There was some discussion regarding the broadcasts of Scottish country dance music; it was decided that Branches should continue to submit criticisms of the bands, and that a copy, marked "confidential", should be sent direct to Mr. R. Calder, Broadcasting House, Queen Margaret Drive, Glasgow, and one to Miss Hadden.

The following Branches were appointed to deal with broadcasts for the next three months: - Kirkcudbright (January), Lossiemouth (February), Nairn (March).

3. MINUTES:

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 31st October, 1953, having been circulated, were passed for adoption by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Hardie.

- a) Pocket Edition 4 - 6: Arising from the minutes it was reported that the estimate from Gilmour & Lawrence for a reprint of 12,000 copies of this booklet amounted to £165.10. 0., approximately £50 more than an estimate submitted by Aird & Coghill for a similar supply of pocket edition 13 - 15. After some discussion Mr. McKell moved approval of the suggestion that the printing of pocket editions 4 - 6 and 7 - 9 should in future be in the hands of Aird & Coghill. This was seconded by Mr. Macleod and the Council agreed.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES 1953/54:

General Purposes Committee: The Council agreed to the recommendation from Mr. Aitkenhead that this Committee should be re-elected. It was agreed that Professor McEwen (Newcastle) should fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Robertson's absence from the Council. The following are members of the General Purposes Committee: - Miss Milligen (Convener), Mrs. Brown, Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Collie, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Macleod, Professor McEwen, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Rankin.

Finance Committee: Mr. Aitkenhead proposed, and the Council unanimously agreed, that all members who served on this Committee the previous year should be re-elected. It was agreed that Mr. Aitkenhead be elected to the Committee in place of Mr. Strachan. The following are members of the Finance Committee: - Miss Milligen, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Duncan (Convener), Mr. Adam, Mr. Aitkenhead, Mr. Hardie, Miss McFeat, Mr. McKell, Mrs. Thomson.

Examinations Committee: Mr. Duncan proposed, seconded by Mr. Adam, that this Committee be re-elected from last year. The Examinations Committee members are: - Miss Milligen, Mrs. Brown, Miss Anderson (Convener), Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Murray.

Publications & Research Committee: This Committee was re-elected as from 1952/53. The vacancy caused by Miss MacLagan's absence on the Council was filled by the election of Mr. Craigie, proposed by Mr. McKell and seconded by Miss Andrew. The members of Committee are: - Miss Milligen (Convener), Mrs. Brown, Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Mr. Craigie, Miss Crighton, Mr. Murray.

5. APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION:

The following applications were approved: -

- Nelson Scottish Country Dance Club, New Zealand
- Whangarei Scottish Society, New Zealand
- York Scottish Country Dance Club
- Association of Wellington, Hawkes Bay & District S.C.D. Clubs
- Entebbe Scottish Country Dance Group, Uganda.

Branch Application: The Chairman reported that an urgent request had been received from a group wishing to form the East Surrey & West Kent Branch. This group had a membership of approximately 200 with several fully qualified R.S.C.D.S. teachers; it was expected that the London Branch would give its approval. The Council agreed that permission for Branch formation be granted.

## 6. R.S.C.D.S. DEMONSTRATION TEAM FOR 1954 &amp; 1955:

The Council decided that the standing Selection Sub-Committee be re-elected with the addition of Miss B. Anderson and Mrs. Gudger. The members of the Selection Sub-Committee are: - Miss Milligan, Mrs. Brown, Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. McKell, Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Kenyon.

It was noted that a meeting to select a team or teams would be held on Saturday, 30th January, 1954, in Edinburgh. The Secretary was instructed to write to all Branch secretaries inviting them to send in the names of their best dancers. It was noted that Branches would be responsible for the travelling expenses of their dancers, and that no Branch could send in more than eight names. It was decided that the members of the team selected in 1952 should be invited by the Secretary to the meeting, at the expense of the Society.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) English Folk Dance & Song Society: The Secretary read an invitation from this Society for a R.S.C.D.S. team to take part in a Festival of Dance in Birmingham on 24th and 25th March, 1954, all expenses being paid. The Council agreed that a team should be sent, and it was decided that at the Selection Committee meeting on 30th January the members of the team selected should be approached to find out if they were free to attend, and that in the event of a gap having to be filled the office bearers should be left free to find a suitable substitute.
- b) Scottish Film Council: The Chairman reported that she had had a meeting with Mr. Elliot to discuss the film of Scottish country dancing being made for the trade. It was noted that parts of the film taken at St. Andrews in 1952 had been incorporated along with shots of the display at Murrayfield in June 1953. It was intended to include the best of the dancing films already made and the Film Council wished to take some scenes of a ball in progress as a conclusion. Miss Milligan said that £150 which the Film Council held on behalf of the Society had been used for the film made at St. Andrews and Murrayfield, and that a further sum would be required from the Society.

## 8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1954:

Invitations from Aberdeen and Edinburgh Branches for the Annual General Meeting and Autumn School in 1954 were considered. After some discussion the Council agreed to accept the invitation from the Aberdeen Branch. It was also decided that if the invitation from Edinburgh Branch was still open the Council would have very great pleasure in accepting their invitation for the 1955 Annual General Meeting.

At this point the Secretary read letters from London, Edinburgh and Glasgow Branches regarding the incident at the 1953 Annual General Meeting in Ayr, when a member of the London delegation was not given an opportunity of replying to a counter motion during the discussion on the London and West Renfrewshire resolution. The Council agreed to take this matter in hand to prevent the recurrence of such an incident.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) The Secretary read a letter from Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox expressing appreciation of a demonstration given at Gleneagles by a team from Perth. A donation of £10 to be earmarked for demonstration team expenses had been sent.



9. b) Scottish Field: The Secretary reported that permission had been granted to this magazine, with the approval of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to print instructions for "Hamilton House" in a Christmas issue.
- c) Letter from H.M. The Queen: A letter of thanks from the Queen's Secretary was read for the copies of Book 17 and annual Bulletin sent to Her Majesty.
- d) Newcastle Branch: Professor McEwen, representative, spoke of the feeling in his Branch regarding the necessary qualification for entry to an examination class, a confidential statement. In his district candidates were unwilling to ask the teacher for such a statement in case an adverse one would prejudice their entry to an examination class. It was explained that many of the general classes were held under the suspicions of the education authority and that the Branch had no authority to nominate the teachers. After some discussion it was agreed that the words "confidential statement" should remain in the syllabus, but it was pointed out that a statement as to the candidates ability, whether adverse or other-wise, would not affect entrance to an examination class and that it was for the guidance only of the teacher of the examination class.
- e) International Festival of Dancing: The Secretary read a letter from the sponsors of this Festival requesting help from the Society in organising the Scottish country dance section. It was decided that as the Festival would take place during the Summer School it would not be possible to give much help. It was suggested that perhaps Branches might be interested in sending teams to participate, and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Festival promoters with this information.
- f) Honorary Vice-Presidents: The Chairman suggested that the Society should invite certain people of standing to become Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society. The members unanimously agreed and a number of names were suggested. The Secretary was instructed to write to those nominated to find out if they were willing to undertake this office.
- g) Gramophone Records: Miss Anderson enquired when recordings would be made of the dances in Book 17. Miss Milligan replied that she had arranged to meet representatives of the H.M.V. and Decca Companies on her visit to London in December.
- h) Future Finance Policy: Miss Anderson asked if the Council could make a statement of future policy regarding the accumulation of funds held by the Society. Mr. McKell proposed that this matter should be remitted to the General Purposes Committee to discuss at their next meeting. The Council agreed.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. Murray.

The meeting ended at 1.40 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 6th March, 1954, at 11.15 a.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)

Miss Andrew, Miss Allan, Miss A. Anderson, Mr Adam, Miss Arnott, Mrs Brown, Miss Cumming, Miss Crichton, Mrs Cuthill, Mr Craigie, Miss Duff, Mr Davison, Mr Draper, Mr Ferguson, Mrs Gudger, Mrs Hutcheson, Miss Howarth, Mr Hardie, Mrs Hutchison, Miss Kane, Miss Kidd, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Lesslie, Miss McBride, Col. Martin, Miss Macmillan, Mr Murray, Mr Macleod, Mr McKell, Miss Mowat, Miss McFeat, Mrs McDougall, Dr. McLellan, Miss Perman, Miss Pool, Miss Rae, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Robertson, Miss Redford, Mr Stenhouse, Mrs Stephen, Mrs Sandison, Mrs Thomson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated from Miss B. Anderson, Miss Armstrong, Miss Banks, Miss Bain, Miss Brander, Mrs Christie, Mrs Clark, Miss Collie, Miss Clavering, Mr Duncan, Professor McEwan, Mrs Gray, Mrs McCulloch, Mr Ross, Miss Stafford, Mr Scott.

1. MINUTES:

Minutes of the last Meeting held on 28th November having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

6. R.S.C.D.S. Demonstration Team for 1954/56: The Chairman reported that at the meeting of the Selection Committee held on 30th January, 1954, the following dancers had been chosen to represent the Society for 1954-56:-

Team: Mrs Macleod (Glasgow), Miss McCartney (Castle Douglas), Miss D. Robertson (Glasgow), Miss Storrar (Edinburgh), Miss Yeats (Aberdeen), Mr Connolly (Edinburgh), Mr Glen (Edinburgh), Mr Hamilton (Edinburgh), Mr Murray (Inverness), Mr Robertson (Edinburgh).

Reserves: Miss Buchanan (Aberdeen), Miss Cameron (Edinburgh), Miss Goodall (Glasgow), Miss Mann (Dundee), Miss Stephen (Perth), Mr Cumming (Dundee), Mr Flint (Edinburgh), Mr Forrester (Dundee), Mr Johnstone (Dumfries), Mr Macleod (Glasgow).

Piper: Mr Clement (Perth).

7a) English Folk Dance & Song Society. It was reported that an invitation had been accepted to send a team to participate in a Festival being organised by the E.F.D. & S.S. in Birmingham on 16th and 17th June 1954. All expenses would be paid by the E.F.D. & S.S. The following had been chosen to dance at the Festival:- Miss McCartney, Miss Mann, Miss Robertson, Miss Cameron, Mr Connolly,

Mr Connolly, Mr Cumming, Mr Flint, Mr Johnstone.

7b) Scottish Film Council: The Chairman reported that the further £150 requested by the Council towards the film in course of completion for commercial distribution was in addition to the £350 already promised by the R.S.C.D.S. Miss Milligan said she had had a meeting with Mr Elliot and Mr Russel to discuss ways of increasing the interest of this film, which was to be on documentary lines. Miss Milligan suggested that Mr Elliot should be invited to attend the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee in order to give the members fuller information on the matter. The Council agreed.

9f) Hon. Vice Presidents: The Chairman stated that in accordance with the decision reached at the Executive Council Meeting held on 28th November the Secretary had written to eight prominent people in Scotland inviting them to become Hon. Vice Presidents. Replies and acceptances had been received from the following: Countess of Elgin, Countess of Galloway, Admiral The Mackintosh of Mackintosh and Sir George Ogilvie Forbes.

Mrs Rankin (Hamilton) asked if the Duke of Hamilton could be invited to become an Hon. Vice President, and it was agreed that this would be done at once.

2. B.B.C. With regard to the confidential reports submitted to the B.B.C. from Branches about the Scottish dance music broadcasts, it was agreed that the following Branches would be responsible for broadcasts:-

Newton Stewart	- April
West Renfrewshire	- May
Stirlingshire	- June
E. Stirlingshire	- July

Dr. McLellan said that he thought there might be more co-operation between the B.B.C. and the Society in the use of alternative tunes for dances. He suggested that dance teams who were present in the studio during broadcasts might be asked to submit lists of suitable alternative tunes for the programme or that the B.B.C. should appoint a permanent representative from the Society for this purpose.

### 3. Minutes:

- a) General Purposes Committee: The Minutes of a Meeting held on 9th January 1954, previously circulated, were adopted having been proposed by Mr Macleod and seconded by Miss Arnott.
- b) Finance Committee: The Minutes of a Meeting held on 9th January 1954, previously circulated, were adopted having been proposed by Mr Hardie and seconded by Mr Stenhouse.
- c) Summer School Sub-Committee: The Minutes of a Meeting held on 9th January 1954, having been circulated, were proposed for adoption by Dr Robertson Wilson/

*The meeting approved the adoption.*

Wilson and seconded by Mrs Gudger. It was agreed that Branch teachers should be given priority for entrance to the Summer School, but in the case of large Branches only a percentage of teachers could be accepted. It was suggested that Branch Secretaries should submit to the Secretary a list of official Branch teachers.

4. Recommendations from General Purposes and Finance Committees regarding future Financial Policy:

There was considerable discussion arising from the Memorandum circulated to members. The Council finally agreed to a proposal from Miss Kenyon, seconded by Mr McKell, that the Society should first rent offices in Edinburgh which would be suitably furnished and equipped, and after, say five years, consideration should be given to buying a property. In the meantime, donations from individuals towards buying property would be welcomed and Branches should be encouraged to set their own target to raise funds for this project. Miss Milligan suggested that the matter should be further discussed and action taken by the Finance & General Purposes Committee and this was agreed. A further report would be circulated in due course.

5. Applications for Affiliation: The following applications for affiliation were considered and accepted:-

Caledonian Society of Sheffield  
Newtown Stewart, Co. Tyrone, Country Dancing Society  
The Scottish Country Dancing Club, Khartoum.  
Scottish Country Dancing Group of Bradford St. Andrew's Society  
Student Council of the Instituto Chileno Britanico de Cultura  
University of Southampton Scottish Dancing Society.

6. Any other Business:

- a) Subscription Book for 1954/55: There was considerable discussion regarding the publishing of Mrs Bird Matthew's book of alternative tunes, covering books 8 - 14 inclusive, as the subscription book for 1954/55. It was finally agreed that Mrs Bird Matthew should be offered the sum of £50 for her arrangement of the tunes and if this was accepted the Society should publish the book. Members could take this book as a subscription issue, but would be able to have any others already published from Book 6 upwards in place of it if they so desired. It was reported that the Secretary had obtained an estimate from the printer for publishing 20,000 copies of the music book which amounted to £804. 0. 0. It was proposed by Mr McKell that as representatives did not consider the music book would be as popular with members as a book of dance instructions, the number to be published should be reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Council agreed to this suggestion.
- b) Collins, Sons & Co. Ltd: The Chairman reported that Mr Diack of Paterson's Publications had intimated that the dances as printed in the proposed publication to be issued by Messrs. Collins would not infringe any existing copyright. Miss Milligan also reported that Paterson's Publications had accepted an offer from Collins of the selling rights to the music trade of this book for two years. Mr Diack was now objecting to certain clauses in the/

the proposed agreement between the Society and Messrs Collins and the Secretary had consulted Mr Black of Warden, Bruce & Co. on this matter. Mr Black wished to see a copy of the wording relating to the R.S.C.D.S. in the proposed publication and suggested that a meeting should be arranged in his office to be attended by Mr Diack, Mr Young of Collins and office-bearers of the Society, to deal with the matter and try to come to terms.

Miss Milligan further reported that Mr Black was not in favour of a clause in the proposed agreement which made the Society liable for any legal action regarding copyright infringement. He suggested that if this could not be omitted the Society should take out an indemnity against any law suit and Miss Vaughan, who had already been in touch with an insurance company agreed to obtain a quotation.

The Secretary reported that Mr Black had advised that as the Society was not incorporated, any agreement signed on behalf of the Society by the Chairman and Secretary would be in their personal capacity, and that in order to safeguard their position, a resolution should be passed indemnifying them against any loss or damage that might arise. Mr Hardie then proposed and Mr Murray seconded the following resolution, which was passed unanimously, "that provided the Sub-Committee with Mr Black's advice decided to accept" the terms offered by Messrs Collins, the Chairman and Secretary are authorised "to sign the agreement on behalf of the Society, and that the Society would indemnify them for any loss or damage that they might suffer in consequence "of signing such an agreement."

- c) Volkspeler Dancers: The Chairman reported that a tentative enquiry had been received to send 30 dancers from the Society to take part in the centenary celebrations in Pretoria, South Africa, during October and November 1955. It was noted that the Society would be responsible for the air travel of the party to South Africa and back but while in the Union the dancers would be the guests of the organisers. The members of Council regretfully decided that they would have to decline this invitation owing to the very high costs of travel and the fact that none of the dancers in the team would be able to be absent from their posts for two months.
- d) St. Andrews' Preservation Trust: The Chairman spoke of the valuable work of the Trust and of the association of the Society with St. Andrews where the Summer Schools had been held for 23 years. Mr Murray suggested that the Society should become a life member of the Trust on payment of the £5 subscription fee, but that a donation should be given annually, which amount should be decided by the Finance Committee. This was unanimously agreed.
- e) Edinburgh Branch: Miss Anderson told the Meeting that Edinburgh Branch were to give three concerts during the second week of the Edinburgh International Festival. The concerts would portray costumes, dances and music from the eighteenth century to the present day. The Branch had also been invited to take part in an All Scottish Concert in the Assembly Hall during the third week of the Festival.

This ended the business of the Meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr McKell.

CHAIRMAN.

*Jan C. Milligan*  
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Friday, 6th August, 1954, at 2 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)

Mr. Adam, Miss A. Anderson, Miss Andrew, Miss Arnott, Miss Banks, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Clark, Miss Collie, Mr. Craigie, Miss Crichton, Miss Cuthill, Miss Fawdry, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Jones, Miss Kane, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Mrs. Lesslie, Mr. Macleod, Miss Macmillan, Miss McBride, Dr. McLellan, Miss McKelvie, Miss Miller, Mr. Murray, Miss Perman, Miss Pool, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankine, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Sandison, Miss Stafford, Mr. Stenhouse, Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Watson, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

· APOLOGIES: These were intimated from Miss Allan, Miss Anderson, Miss Bain, Miss Brander, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Davison, Miss Duff, Lt. Col. Martin, Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. McDougall, Professor McEwen, Miss McFeat, Miss Mowat and Miss McGuire.

1. MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6th March were approved and signed after the words "the meeting approved the adoption" were inserted under item 3(c) following the first sentence.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

(a) Demonstrations in Birmingham, Nice and Pescara. Mrs. Lesslie gave a report of the third visit of the R.S.C.D.S. team to Birmingham. The visit took two days and the programme of both Scottish and Highland dancing was much appreciated by large audiences.

• Miss Milligan reported on the visits to Nice and Pescara. The team danced a great deal as the programme was very full. They had the honour of being first after the French teams in the procession on 14th July. Everywhere they were well received and the long journey to Pescara was followed by a strenuous two days of dancing in great heat. Miss Milligan emphasised the importance of such visits in fostering good relations between the countries.

(b) Scottish Film Council. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Elliot who was unable to be present. A 'Films of Scotland' Committee had been formed

and a working party set up, and it was hoped that this body might be interested in making colour films of Scottish Country Dancing, which would be much more acceptable to the public than the black and white films. Mr. Elliot said that the interest of the Society would be put before the new Committee. Miss Anderson spoke of a private film in colour, which had been taken at Murrayfield last year, and Miss Macmillan mentioned a colour film taken at Ayr.

It was suggested that it might be possible for the members and the Scottish Film Council to buy a copy of the Murrayfield film at a later date.

(c) B.B.C. The Chairman reported that there has been some slight improvement in the Scottish Country Dance music broadcasts, as a result of the monthly reports sent in from Branches, but that there was still too much piano accordion type of music. Arrangements for reports from Branches were made as follows:-

September - Peterhead  
October - Airdrie  
November - Aberdeen  
December - Frioekheim  
January - Forfar

(d) Collins & Sons Ltd. Miss Milligan gave a resume of the situation regarding the proposal in 1952 of the publication of a book of 100 Scottish Country Dances by Messrs. Collins. The Executive Council had considered Messrs. Collins' proposal and had agreed that the book would serve an untouched public because of Messrs. Collins' position in the book trade. The Council had agreed that Paterson's Publications should be made fully aware of all the facts, because of the agreement between the Society and Paterson's Publications and the copyright of Books 1 - 5.

The Chairman reported on the meeting of the small committee, appointed to deal with the matter which had just taken place. Difficulties had arisen regarding the draft agreement submitted by Messrs. Collins for the approval and signature of the Society. Paterson's Publications objected to certain points, but these had been overcome in the main.

The Sub-Committee had decided to recommend that the Society's solicitor should submit to Messrs. Collins an addendum to Para. 10 in the agreement which would protect the Society in case of any legal action which might arise. It had also been recommended that the Society should insure against any possible legal action by taking out a premium of £15, and that permission should be given to Collins to use the words "with the approval of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society".

Miss Milligan asked the meeting to approve the recommendations; Mr. Adam moved that the findings of the Sub-Committee be accepted. Miss Collie seconded the motion and the meeting agreed.

### 3. MINUTES:

Finance Committee: In the absence of the Convener, the Treasurer presented the minutes of the meetings of the Finance Committee held on the 6th March and 23rd July, 1954, respectively, and drew attention to the following recommendations which required the consideration of the Executive Council, viz.-

1. Expenses to Meetings (Item 5(c) 23/7/54) that:

- (a) "Members might in future claim up to 5/- for lunch, where appropriate, in addition to the 3rd class railway fare";
- (b) "Members of Sub-Committees should be given overnight hotel expenses where necessary".

A question was put as to whether sleeper expenses might be claimed and Miss Vaughan explained that this was not authorised at present, and pointed out that the expenses of the last two meetings of the Executive Council had averaged £75.

Mr. Ferguson then proposed, and Mrs. Sandison seconded the motion that the Finance Committee's recommendations should be adopted, and this was carried unanimously.

2. Payments to Specialist Teachers visiting Branches (Item C. Financial Statements 23/7/54) that

"Branches be informed that any specialist teacher invited to teach in the Branch should be offered travelling expenses, subsistence and a fee".

Mrs. Lesslie proposed that in order to save embarrassment to the teacher concerned, the Society should recommend an appropriate fee. It was pointed out that circumstances varied, and that it was important not to raise any barrier that would prevent a new or a small group obtaining the services of a specialist.

Dr. Robertson Wilson then proposed, and Miss Kenyon seconded the suggestion made by Miss Milligan that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for detailed consideration.

3. Estimates 1954/55 (Item D Financial Statements 23/7/54).

Before going through the revised Estimates for 1954/55 in detail, Miss Vaughan presented the draft accounts for 1953/54, which were subject to audit. The Estimates were then examined and Mr. Hardie proposed and Mr. Macleod seconded that the Estimates be approved and this was agreed.

Mr. Hardie then moved, and Mr. Craigie seconded the adoption of the minutes of the Finance Committee and this resolution was passed unanimously.

4. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the Annual Report prepared for publication in the Bulletin. It was agreed to alter the wording of one sentence and to insert the name of the Scottish School of Physical Education in the list of Examination centres. The Executive Council approved the report.



5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION AND FORMATION OF BRANCHES:

Grangemouth: Consideration was given to the formation of a Branch in Grangemouth, application having been made by a section of East Stirlingshire Branch members. Mrs. Hutcheson, East Stirlingshire, stated that no approach had been made to her Branch, and that as far as she knew, the majority of the members in Grangemouth were unaware that such an application was being made. It was agreed to postpone any decision and to remit the matter to the General Purposes Committee for further consideration.

St. Helens Branch, Lancashire: An application to form a Branch was approved.

The following affiliations were approved:

Gambie Caledonian Society  
The Scottish Reel and Strathspey Foundation Group,  
Brisbane.  
The Hamilton Scottish Country Dance Society  
Salisbury Scottish Country Dance Club  
Maidenhead Scottish Country Dance Group.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Scottish Education Department: The Secretary read a letter from the Scottish Education Department asking for views on the matter of a proposed Norwegian Scottish Folk Dance Festival to be held in Scotland. The Secretary was instructed to ask for further information regarding dates, etc. and to reply that sympathetic consideration would be given to any proposals.

Further consideration was left to the General Purposes Committee.

(b) South African Invitation 1955: Miss Milligan reported on correspondence regarding the proposed South African invitation to send a group of dancers for one month in 1955. The Secretary read a letter supporting the appeal from the Commonwealth Department. It was felt that although it might be possible to raise the money for such a project, no decision could be made at this stage, and that the matter be remitted to the General Purposes Committee.

(c) "Won't You Join the Dance?" The Chairman reported that there had been several requests from Paterson's Publications that the book "Won't You Join the Dance?" should be made an official publication of the Society. It was proposed by Mr. Macleod and seconded by Mrs. Cudger that this matter be remitted to the Publications Committee.

(d) Miss Kenyon, Glasgow, put forward a suggestion on behalf of Glasgow Branch, that members of the International Team might dance during the Annual General Meeting weekend, in order to let members of the Society have an opportunity of seeing them. It was agreed that although this could not be done this year, the matter could be considered for 1955.

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(e) Miss Anderson, Edinburgh, asked that adjudicators, teachers and members should accept the instructions in the Society's publications as being accurate, unless alterations had been sanctioned by the Publications Committee and intimated to members in the Society's bulletin. The meeting agreed.

(f) Mr. Stenhouse, Liverpool, asked for a ruling on the wearing of traditional Scottish dress. Miss Milligen explained that the dress for women was the evening dress of the period with a terten sash. There had never been any special dress for women but the men had always worn the correct Highland evening dress. It was suggested that for demonstrations during the day, men should wear jackets and kilt, and women white frock with no sash.

The Chairmen announced the dates of the Annual General Meeting for 1954, October, 30th, in Aberdeen, and in 1955, November, 26th in Edinburgh.

The meeting ended at 4.10 p.m.

A vote of thanks to the Chairmen was proposed by Mr. Murray.

*Joan C. Milligen*

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 4th December, 1954, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)

Mr. Adam, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allen, Miss A. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Andrew, Miss Armstrong, Miss Arnott, Miss Bain, Miss Banks, Miss Brander, Miss Browne, Miss Collie, Miss Crichton, Miss Cumming, Mrs. Cuthill, Mr. Davison, Miss Duff, Miss Faulkner, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. A. Hutchison, Miss Kane, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Mrs. Lesslie, Mr. Macleod, Miss Matheson, Mrs. McDougall, Miss Miller, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murray, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Redford, Miss Ross, Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Waddell, Mrs. Walker, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated from Mrs. Clark, Mr. Draper, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Galt, Mr. Hardie, Miss McBride, Mrs. McCulloch, Miss McFeat, Mr. McKell, Dr. McLellan, Miss Pool, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Sandison, Miss Stafford, Mr. Stenhouse.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th August having been circulated were approved and signed subject to the word "policy" being substituted for "premium" in Item 2(d) page 2.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

(a) Collins & Sons Ltd: Miss Milligan reported on the meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with this matter. A draft agreement which had been received had been carefully considered and the Committee recommended that subject to the Society's lawyer giving his approval and if necessary, making any alterations or addenda, the agreement should be signed by herself as Chairman. Miss Milligan read over the agreement and asked for the approval of the Executive Council. This was seconded by Mr. Murray and approved by the meeting.

(b) B.B.C. Arrangements were made for reports from Branches on S.C.D. broadcasts as follows:- February - Forres; March - Glasgow; April - Inverness; May - Kilmarnock; June - Kirkcaldy; July - Lossiemouth.

3. MINUTES:

Finance Committee - 30th October, 1954; The Minutes previously circulated were approved having been proposed by Dr. Robertson Wilson and seconded by Miss Kenyon.

Arising out of Paragraph 4. Paterson's Agreement, the Chairman stated that Mrs. Brown and Mr. Robertson were not now on the Executive Council and that Mr. Duncan's health might not permit him to travel such a long distance to a meeting. Miss Kenyon proposed that Mrs. Brown and Mr. Robertson be co-opted for the purpose and that the Convener of the Finance Committee, when appointed, should also serve. This was seconded by Mrs. Lesslie and the meeting approved.

Finance Committee - 20th November, 1954; The Minutes previously circulated were approved having been proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead and seconded by Mrs. Anderson.

Later in the meeting reference was made to the position of Stockport Branch having refused to send an annual statement of accounts to Headquarters according to the Constitution. There was discussion on this matter, and it was agreed that a personal approach to the Branch should be made. Mrs. Gudger and Dr. Robertson Wilson were deputed to try to arrange a meeting so that the matter could be discussed in an informal and friendly way.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES 1954/55.

(a) General Purposes Committee; Mr. Aitkenhead proposed that eight members of the present Committee should be re-elected. This was seconded by Mr. Adam and approved by the Committee. Miss Arnott proposed that Miss Mowat (Leven) should be appointed to fill the one vacancy. This was seconded by Miss Anderson and approved by the meeting. The Committee members elected were the following:- Miss A. Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Collie, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Macleod, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Rankin.

(b) Finance Committee: Miss Kenyon proposed the re-election of 6 members of the present Committee. This was seconded by Mrs. Gudger. Miss Kenyon then proposed Mr. Davison (Berwick-upon-Tweed) to fill the vacancy. Miss Kidd seconded this and the meeting agreed. Mrs. Thomson proposed that Mr. Hardie be appointed Convener, Mr. Macleod seconded this proposal and the meeting approved. The Committee members elected were the following:- Mr. Aitkenhead, Mr. Adam, Mr. Davison, Mr. Hardie (Convener), Miss McFeat, Mr. McKell, Mrs. Thomson.

(c) Examinations Committee: Mrs. Stephen proposed the re-election of the present Committee. This was seconded by Miss Collie and approved. Miss Browne proposed that Miss Anderson be re-elected Convener, Mr. Murray seconded this proposal which was approved. The Committee members re-elected were - Miss Anderson (Convener), Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Kenyon and Mr. Murray.

(d) Publications Committee: Mr. Macleod proposed the re-election of four members of the present Committee with Miss Milligan as Convener. This was seconded by Miss Mowat and approved by the meeting.

Two nominations were proposed and seconded to fill one vacancy: Miss Kenyon proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead, seconded by Mr. Davison. Miss Brander - proposed by Mrs. Huthison, seconded by Miss Rae. On a vote being taken, Miss Brander was elected. The Committee members elected were the following:- Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Brander, Miss Crichton, Mr. Murray.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Before considering applications for affiliation, the Chairman asked permission to bring an urgent request for Branch formation from the S.C.D. Society of Hamilton, Ontario. The Secretary reported that already 55 subscriptions had been received and the Society had now two qualified R.S.C.D.S. teachers. The Committee gave unanimous approval to this application.

The following applications were approved:- Caledonian Society of the Gold Coast. Miss C. Coull's S.C.D. Class - with the suggestion that the name should be changed to a less personal one. The Dunedin S.C.D. Society, The Great Amwell Reel Society, Herts., subject to no objection being received from London Branch. Nuneaton and District Scottish Society. The Tees-side Caledonian Society. S.C.D. Association, Ceylon. Kowloon Reel Club, Hongkong. Caledonian Society of France. Hayling Island, Hants S.C.D. Circle.

#### 6. AFFILIATED GROUPS:

There was considerable discussion on the subject of affiliated groups arising from the resolution submitted at the Annual General Meeting. Various opinions and points of view were expressed by no decision was reached. Mr. Murray proposed that the General Purposes Committee should be given powers to consider the matter on lines that be approved by the Executive Council, so that a resolution could be put to the A.G.M.; that the question of affiliation be discussed with a view to making it possible to affiliate groups in Scotland after careful consideration. Mr. Macleod seconded the motion and the meeting agreed.

The Chairman proposed that the position in England should also be reviewed.

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Bergen International Festival: An invitation to take part in a Festival in Bergen from 3rd - 8th June was accepted. It was reported that expenses of travel and hotel accommodation would be paid. Miss Milligan asked permission to invite dancers who were not on the selected list to fill any vacancy caused by the difficulty of members being unable to get leave of absence. The Committee agreed.

(b) English Folk Dance and Song Society: An invitation to send a team to Birmingham Folk Dance Festival in June 1955 was accepted. It was reported that all expenses would be paid.

(c) Folklore Festival, Italy: An invitation to take part in a Festival in February was regretfully declined, no travel expenses were offered, and the time of year made it almost impossible.

(d) Dijon, France: An invitation to take part in a Festival on 17th and 18th September was declined, no travel expenses were offered.

(e) International Folk Music Council: Miss Milligan told the meeting that this year the Conference was being held in Norway and that the Council had decided to invite traditional dance groups which were not associated with any recognised Society. The council were considering inviting a group from Shetland who were called the Papa Stour Dancers and Miss Karpeles had written for the Society's views on this. There was discussion and Mr. Murray moved that the group be investigated before being recommended by the Society. Miss Milligan said she knew someone in Shetland and undertook to get further information which could be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

Following this matter, Mr. Macleod reminded the Committee that the Society had borrowed a flag in previous years and suggested that the time had come for the Society to buy one for the use of teams demonstrating overseas. Miss Milligan suggested that this recommendation should be put to the Finance Committee. The meeting approved.

#### 8. REPORT FROM PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING:

Mr. Murray gave a report from the Publications Committee which had just met. Arising out of the Minutes of the previous meeting three members of the Executive Council were due to be nominated to undertake research work. The following names were proposed and seconded and approved by the meeting: Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, and Miss Brander.

1. "Won't You Join the Dance?" A letter was read from Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications, stating that a reprint of Miss Milligan's book was being put in hand, and asking that the book might be issued with the approval of the Society. The new book would cost 3/- and the Society would be able to buy copies at 1/6d; Mr. Diack asked that the book should be given to members as a subscription copy. Miss Milligan said that she wished to make some minor alterations in the book to bring it up to date. It was agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that the book be issued with the approval of the Society but that it could not be given as a subscription copy.

2. "24 Favourite S.C. Dances". Mr. Diack had asked for suggestions for any alterations for the Foreword in this book. The Committee after some discussion, had decided that the Foreword should be re-written. Miss Milligan

proposed that this should be done by Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott seconded the proposal and the meeting approved.

3. Book 18: Miss Milligan told the meeting that she had a collection of dances from which twelve could be chosen for Book 18, and it was decided to recommend that this book be published in 1955.

Arising out of this subject, the Secretary reported that correspondence had been received from H.M.V. Co., stating that they would do their best to make recordings for Book 18 to co-incide with the publication.

4. Festival Music: A letter had been received from Edinburgh Branch with a recommendation from Pianists to the effect that an advisory Committee might be set up to help Branch Pianists in the choice of suitable music for S.C.D. Festivals, and that Festivals be notified accordingly. The Committee felt that it would be sufficient to send a letter from the Executive Council to Festival Committees asking that a paragraph should be inserted in the syllabus or programme, stating that "only recognised R.S.C.D.S. tunes, suitable for the chosen dances, must be played". Mr. Aitkenhead proposed the adoption of the Publications Report. This was seconded Miss Mowat, and approved by the Executive Council.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Method of wearing Stole or Sash: It was agreed that the Society should not make any direct ruling about the correct method of wearing the stole or sash as the matter was a controversial one. It was agreed, however, that if members wore the stole recommended by the Lord Lyon King at Arms, it should be worn as suggested, fastened at the back at each side of the waist, and looped up to the right shoulder. Where the other form of sash was worn it should be worn as previously as in most cases it was not suitable for wearing at the back.

2. Invitation to Pretoria: This subject was re-opened because of a pressing letter having been received from South Africa. The main problem was one of finance, and the Committee agreed that every possible investigation should be made. Mrs. Hutchison suggested that the Carnegie Trust might be approached for financial help, and Miss Vaughan spoke of various approaches which she had in mind.

3. Research Committee: A letter was read from Mr. Calder of the B.B.C. suggesting that at some future date, a series of broadcasts might be made with the co-operation of the Research Committee. The Secretary reported that Mr. Frizell, Chairman of the Research Committee, hoped to invite Mr. Calder to a meeting to discuss the matter.

4. Vice Chairman: Mrs. Hutchison asked that Mrs. Brown's services to the Society in her capacity as Vice-Chairman and the Committee's thanks to her



should be minuted. The meeting unanimously approved.

5. Nominations to Executive Council: Mrs. Thomson asked if some particulars of the persons nominated to the Executive Council by Branches might be included in the list sent to Branches before the A.G.M. The meeting agreed to this suggestion.

Mr. Macleod moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 1.15 p.m.

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Jean C. Mellison  
14<sup>th</sup> May 1955

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 14th May, 1955, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, at 11.0 a.m.

PRESENT: Miss J.C. Milligan ( in the Chair)

Miss Anderson

Mr Adam, Mr Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Andrew, Miss Armstrong,  
Miss Arnott, Miss Bain, Miss Banks, Miss Brander, Miss Browne,  
Miss Collie, Miss Cuthill, Miss Duff, Mr Ferguson, Mrs Galt,  
Mrs Gray, Mrs Gudge, Mr Hardie, Miss Kane, Miss Kenyon,  
Miss Kidd, Mr Macleod, Miss Matheson, Mrs McDougall, Mr McKell,  
Dr McLellan, Miss Miller, Miss Mowat, Mr Murray, Miss Peman,  
Miss Pool, Miss Rae, Mrs Rankin, Miss Redford, Mrs Robertson,  
Mrs Stephen, Mr Lindsay Stewart, Mrs Thomson, Miss Waddell,  
Mrs Walker, Dr. Robertson Wilson. Miss Vaughan (Treasurer),  
Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were intimated from Mrs Anderson, Mrs Clark, Miss Crichton, Miss Cumming, Mrs Hutcheson, Mrs Hutchison, Mrs Lesslie, Miss McBride, Miss McFeat, Miss Ross, Mr Stenhouse.

1) MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th December, 1954, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2) BUSINESS ARISING:

3. Paragraph 4: Festival Music: The Secretary reported that several replies had been received in answer to the letter sent to Festival Committees asking that notice might be inserted in the syllabus to the effect that only recognised S.C.D. tunes should be played for the dances. Edinburgh Music Festival Committee had replied that they were against making any further rules and that adjudicators should note when incorrect music was played. There was some discussion arising out of this. Miss Milligan told the meeting that she had arranged to see Mr Calder of the B.B.C. to discuss the matter and that she would be pleased to hear any further points from members at the end of the meeting.

9. Paragraph 2: Report on Dr Pellissier's visit to Great Britain: Miss Hadden told the members that Dr Pellissier had come from Pretoria for the purpose of raising sufficient money to take a team of dancers from England and one from Scotland to the Festival in November. He had been promised reduced air travel fares by South African Airways, and it was estimated that the English team of twenty would require approximately £4,000, while the dancers from Scotland would require approximately £2,000.

While in London Dr Pellissier had received donations amounting to £550. In Edinburgh a Committee of representative Societies had been formed under the Chairmanship of Mr J.B. Frizell and it was hoped to interest firms/

firms who had export trade dealings with South Africa to donate money. The Chairman spoke of how serious this matter had become and how important it was that Scotland should be represented if teams from all the European countries had accepted. She suggested that the Society should promise a token payment of approximately £500 and asked the representatives to put the position to their Committees inviting them to donate a sum of, say £5 according to their capacity. Miss Milligan then asked the Committee to give her powers to choose a team outwith the Society's selected team if necessary, in order to get sufficient dancers free to accept the invitation if it became a possibility. After discussion it was agreed that a letter should be sent to Branches asking for promises of financial help towards sending a team and that the Finance Committee should be asked to make up the total by £150. Branches should be asked to send in names of suitable dancers, men and women, who would be free to go to Pretoria and an audition would be held if necessary.

3) MINUTES:

Finance Committee: 5th March, 1955 - adoption proposed by Mr Hardie, seconded by Mr McKell.

23rd April, 1955 - adoption proposed by Miss Kenyon, seconded by Miss Browne.

The adoption of the Minutes of both meetings having been duly proposed and seconded, they were approved. Mr Lindsay Stewart asked if accounts had been submitted from Stockport Branch; on a negative reply being given by the Chairman, Mr Stewart reminded the meeting of the necessity of Branches conforming to the Constitution of the Society by submitting audited accounts because of the application made for a Royal Charter which was at present in abeyance, and the requirements of exemption from Income Tax. He stated that if the rules relating to Branch finance were not enforced, the Society might as well tear up its Constitution. Mr Stewart intimated that if nothing was forthcoming from Stockport Branch by the next meeting he would propose the disbandment of the Branch. The Secretary was instructed to write to Stockport to this effect. The meeting unanimously agreed.

General Purposes Committee: 5th March, 1955 } adoption proposed by  
23rd April, 1955 } Miss Anderson, second-  
ed by Miss Collie.

The adoption of the Minutes of both meetings having been proposed and seconded, they were approved.

4) RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Research Committee in which it was stated that an estimated amount of £100 given to Edinburgh Branch would probably be sufficient to cover expenses for another year. The Chairman stated that as this work was being done on behalf of the Society/

Society, a Branch should not be responsible for payments. Mr Hardie proposed that the matter be remitted to the Finance Committee. Mr Macleod seconded the proposal and the meeting approved.

5) RECOMMENDATION FROM AYR BRANCH:

A recommendation to the effect that "where a Branch changes its Representative at its Annual General Meeting, the newly elected person shall be their official representative on the Executive Council from the date of the Branch Annual General Meeting and not, as at present, from the date of the parent Society's Annual General Meeting" was considered by the Council. It was agreed that Branches could send a substitute in place of appointed representatives and that it was unnecessary to alter the present ruling.

6) APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

The following applications were submitted and were accepted by the Executive Council - Port Elizabeth, South Africa; Portsmouth & Southsea Scottish Country Dance Society; the S.C.D. Group, North Johannesburg Caledonian Society; Mansfield Highland & Scottish Country Dance Club.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(1) Examination classes in Branches: Miss Kane (Belfast) asked for a ruling on the financing of the certificate classes in a Branch. There was some discussion on the matter and the Chairman emphasised that it was the duty of a Branch to train examination candidates and therefore the Branch Committee must budget for the cost of running the class. Extra expenses should not fall on the candidates and the teachers and pianists must be paid. It was pointed out that in many Branches examination classes were run at a loss owing to the small number of candidates, but the Committee felt that this was unavoidable. The members of the Executive Council were in complete agreement with this statement.

Arising out of this matter questions were asked about candidates from Branches being admitted to the Summer School under certain circumstances - a small Branch with perhaps only two candidates and no possibility of forming a certificate class. The Chairman told the representatives that if full information was given on the application form regarding the position, the candidates were always considered for places at the Summer School.

(2) Financial Returns: Miss Vaughan, Treasurer, told the meeting that four forms were being sent out to Branches and explained the necessity for these being returned by the stipulated date with the detailed information required for the end of the financial year.

The meeting ended at 12.30 p.m., a vote of thanks to the Chairman being proposed by Miss Arnott.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Friday, 12th August, 1955, in University Hall, St. Andrews at 2 p.m.

PRESENT : Miss J.C. Milligan (In the Chair)

Miss Andrew, Miss Armstrong, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bagguley,  
Miss J. Banks, Miss M. Banks, Miss Brander, Miss Browne,  
Miss Collie, Miss Crone, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Crichton,  
Mr. Draper, Miss Gardiner Jones, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hardie,  
Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kane, Miss Kidd,  
Mrs. Lesslie, Mr. Macleod, Miss Martin, Miss Matheson,  
Dr. McLellan, Miss Miller, Mr. Murray, Miss Perman, Miss Pool,  
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Mrs. I. Wilson.

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Mrs. McCulloch, Mr. McKell, Miss McFeat, Miss Stafford,  
Mr. Stenhouse, Mr. Lindsay Stewart.

1. MINUTES :

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May, 1955, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING :

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Miss Milligan told the meeting that she had suggested that a programme be given by the B.B.C. on the old fiddle music of Scotland, in order to contradict some opinions that the accordion and not the fiddle was the correct national instrument for Scottish Country Dances. Mr. Calder was interested in the idea, and Mr. Francis Collinson's name was suggested as being a knowledgeable speaker on the subject, and accustomed to broadcasting. Miss Milligan asked that Branches might support this idea by writing themselves to the B.B.C.

Dr. McLellan asked if the Branch reports on Scottish Country Dance music sent to the B.B.C. were ever examined, as there was no noticeable improvement in the music. Miss Milligan reported that Mr. Calder tried to carry out Branch requests. It was also pointed out that many Branches employed accordion rather than fiddle bands for their dances, so defeating the aims of the Society they represented.

### 3. MINUTES :

Finance Committee: The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 29th July, which had been circulated, were approved, and the Treasurer presented the draft accounts for 1954/55, which were subject to audit.

The Estimates for 1955/56 were then examined in detail. Mr. Hardie (Dunfermline) moved the adoption of the Minutes, and the approval of the Estimates. This was seconded by Miss Kidd (Renfrewshire West), and carried unanimously.

Arising out of the Committee's decision to write off 50% of the value of the stock of the book *Alternative Tunes*, it was pointed out by the Chairman that at present members were allowed a choice of subscription copies of books, but in view of the small cost of the subscription it was felt that the current publication should be given, and a choice offered only when there was more than one member in a family.

Mrs. Lesslie proposed, and Mrs. Wilson (St. Andrews) seconded, a motion to this effect, and the meeting unanimously agreed.

### 4. ANNUAL REPORT :

This was read by Miss Hadden and approved for publication in the Bulletin, having been proposed by Mr. Macleod and seconded by Mr. Murray (Inverness).

### 5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1956 :

The Committee accepted with pleasure the invitation from Dundee Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Dundee in 1956.

### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS :

(a) Branch Formation: Permission was given to form a Branch of the Society in Stockton-on-Tees, to be known as Tees-Side Branch. It was pointed out that an affiliated group had recently been formed in the district, but that, provided the new Branch had no objection, the affiliation should stand.

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(b) Affiliated Groups: Applications were accepted for affiliation from The Featherston Scottish Country Dance Society, New Zealand, and the First St. Andrews Scottish Cultural Group, London, Ontario.

(c) Films of Scotland Committee: Miss Milligan reported on this subject, and told the meeting of the disappointment of not being able to film the dancing at Holyrood owing to the very heavy cost of lighting. It was hoped to take shots at Balmoral or Braemar in the presence of H.M. The Queen, if permission were granted. If this proposal was carried out, the members of the International Team would take part in the film.

The meeting ended at 3.35 p.m., a vote of thanks being proposed to the Chairman by Mrs. Hutchison.

Florence A. Leslie  
7/1/56.  
CHAIRMAN.



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 7th January, 1956, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, at 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs Leslie (in the Chair)

Miss Adams, Mr Adam, Mr Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Andrew, Miss Armstrong, Miss Arnott, Miss Bain, Miss Banks, Miss Brender, Miss Browne, Mrs Caithness, Miss Collie, Miss Crichton, Mr Davison, Miss Duff, Miss Faulkner, Mrs Gudger, Mr Hardie, Mrs Hutcheson, Miss Kane, Mrs Kemp, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Mr MacLeay, Miss Matheson, Miss McBride, Miss McFeat, Dr McLellan, Miss Miller, Miss Milligan, Miss Millikin, Miss Mowat, Mr Murray, Miss Perman, Miss Rae, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Robertson, Miss Seddon, Mr Sharpe, Mrs Stephen, Mrs Thomson, Miss Walker, Dr Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden, (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated from Miss Clavering, Miss Crone, Mrs Duncan, Mr Ferguson, Mrs McCulloch, Miss Ross, Miss Redford, Mrs Sandison, Miss Tait.

Before the Meeting started Mrs Leslie welcomed the new members to the Executive Council and said how honoured she was to have been chosen as Chairman.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 12th August, 1955, having been circulated to members were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Preterian Tour: Before introducing Mr Frizell, the leader of the team which represented the Society in Pretoria, Mrs Leslie spoke of the many letters of appreciation which had been received and quoted part of one from Dr Pellissier in which he spoke very highly of the dancing and of the popularity of the Scottish dancers and their leader. Mr Frizell then gave a most interesting account of the tour which had been one of 17,000 miles. He spoke of the tremendous welcome given everywhere to the team, and of the very real appreciation of the dancing by all who saw it. The team had taken part in television and radio programmes and had had extremely good Press reports. He asked that appreciation of Dr Pellissier's magnificent achievement should be recorded. Mr Frizell proposed to give the Society a full report for the records. He thanked the Council on behalf of himself and the team for the honour of having been chosen. Mrs Leslie in thanking Mr Frizell - summed up the feeling of the Committee that undoubtedly the whole undertaking had been most successful.

3. MINUTES:

General Purposes Committee: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 29th September, 1955, were approved, the adoption having been proposed by Miss Kenyon and seconded by Miss Arnott.

Business arising, Item 3, Team's visit to Bavaria, July 1956:  
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The Chairman told the meeting that since the decision had been taken at the General Purposes Committee Meeting in September, the whole situation had changed. The invitation was now one for 10 dancers, a piper and a leader to tour certain towns in Germany in June or first half of July with a team of Bavarian dancers who would make a return visit to Scotland in 1957. The organisers offered hotel accommodation and hospitality in Germany for two weeks but expenses would have to be paid from Scotland to Munich and return by the Society. It was pointed out that the demonstrations would be held in theatres and that all the arrangements would be in the hands of a Concert agent. After some discussion Mr Aitkenhead proposed that the invitation should be accepted; this was seconded by Miss A. Anderson and agreed to by the Meeting.

Finance Committee - 26th November 1955: The Minutes previously circulated were approved the adoption having been proposed by Mr Hardie and seconded by Mr Aitkenhead.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, 1955/56:-

(a) General Purposes Committee: Three nominations were made for the two vacancies and on a vote being taken Miss B. Anderson and Mrs Gudger were elected. Mr Aitkenhead proposed that the remainder of the present Committee be re-elected. This was seconded by Miss Collie and approved. The Committee members elected were the following:- Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Collie, Mrs Gudger, Miss Kenyon, Miss Howat, Mr Murray, and Mrs Rankin; Mr Hardie (Convener of Finance Committee).

(b) Finance Committee: Mrs Thomson and Mr Adam intimated that they did not wish to be considered eligible for re-election. Three nominations were then made for the three vacancies - Miss Browne (Aberdeen), Mr Sharpe (Dundee) and Dr McLellan (Frickheim). Mrs Hutcheson proposed that the remainder of the present Committee be re-elected. This was seconded by Mr Murray and approved by the Meeting. Mr Davison proposed that Mr Hardie be re-elected as Convener, this was seconded by Mr Aitkenhead and approved. The Committee members elected were the following:- Mr Aitkenhead, Miss L. Browne, Mr Davison, Mr Hardie (Convener), Miss McFeat, Dr McLellan, Mr Sharpe.

(c) Examinations Committee: Two nominations were made for the vacancy and on a vote being taken Miss Adams was elected. Miss Arnott proposed that the remainder of the Committee should be re-elected. This was seconded by Mrs Robertson and approved. Miss Anderson was re-elected as Convener. The Committee members elected were Miss Anderson - Convener, Miss Adams, Mrs Gudger, Miss Kenyon and Mr Murray.

(d) Publications and Research Committee: Miss Browne proposed and Mr Sharpe seconded the motion that this Committee be re-elected 'en bloc'. The meeting approved. The Committee members are as follows:- Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Brander, Miss Crighton and Mr Murray. Miss Milligan, Vice-Chairman - Convener.

The Chairman drew attention to the necessity of appointing two ad hoc Committees:-

- (1) Selection Committee for Demonstration teams - 1956 - 1958. And -
- (2) Summer School Committee.

(1) Mr Aitkenhead proposed that the present Selection Committee should be

re-elected 'en bloc', this was seconded by Miss Collie and approved. The Committee members are as follows:- Miss Milligan, Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Mrs Brown, Mrs Gudger, Mrs Hutcheson, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Leslie, and Mr McKell.

It was agreed that Branches should be asked to submit names of good dancers to the Secretary for an audition to be held on 25th February 1956, in Edinburgh.

(2) Summer School Committee: Mr Murray proposed that the present Committee should be elected 'en bloc'. This was seconded by Miss B. Anderson and approved by the meeting. The members are:- Miss Milligan, Miss A. Anderson, Mrs Brown, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Leslie.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION:

Permission was given to form Branches in Norwich, Argyll - South Lorn, and Derby, the necessary requirements having been fulfilled.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were accepted from the following:- Brighton, Hove & District Scottish Association; Chester St. Andrew Society; Huddersfield St. Andrew Society; Shropshire Caledonian Society, S.C.D. Circle; Wellington S.C.D. Club; Napier S.C.D. Club; S.C.D. Group of Montreal; St. Andrews C.D. Society of Workington; Westbury Scottish Club, Bristol; Caernarvonshire & Anglesey Caledonian Society; Teddington & District Caledonian Society; Dorset Caledonian Society; Toronto S.C.D. Society.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) The Scottish Sailor & Folk Dance Society: The Secretary read a letter from a newly formed Society in Aberdeen whose aim was to collect dances outwith the scope of those collected by the R.S.C.D.S. in that they were folk dances and not suitable for the ballroom. The letter invited the R.S.C.D.S. to give the new Society its blessing and to make it known to members.

There was much discussion on the matter and it was unanimously agreed that until proof of the authenticity of the dances collected had been given, the R.S.C.D.S. could not give official approval. The Secretary was instructed to reply in these terms and to ask for further information.

(b) Films of Scotland: A letter was received from Mr Forsyth Hardy telling of the progress in the making of the film on Scottish dancing. Shots had been taken in many places and it was hoped that a good sequence would be made and the film completed by the early summer of 1956.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(1) Civic Reception, St. Andrews: An invitation from the St. Andrews Town Council to the Society to a Civic Reception or some other form of recognition because of the work of the Summer School was read. It was decided to accept with pleasure and the suggestion was made that this might take place on the day of the Executive Council Meeting in August.

(2) Festival - Butlin's Camp, Ayr. The Secretary reported on a meeting she /

she had with the National Organiser of Butlin's Camps inviting the Society to take part in a Competitive Festival during the weekend of 26th May at Butlin's Camp, Ayr.

There was much discussion and it was agreed that teams should not be asked to take part in such a Festival on Sunday and that a better idea would be to suggest demonstrations of good teams from Ayrshire and elsewhere if necessary, provided the organisers paid all expenses.

(3) Festival Adjudication: Miss Adams brought up three points which had been raised at the Autumn School held by Glasgow Branch:-

(a) Was the R.S.C.D.S. represented on the British Federation of Musical Festivals? The Chairman replied that the Society was not represented but that some individual members of the R.S.C.D.S. were in membership of this body.

(b) The suggestion was made that local Branches should be represented on Festival Committees in their towns. It was found that this was the case in many Festivals - R.S.C.D.S. members being on the Committee and called upon for advice.

(c) Could the Executive Council give some directive to adjudicators as to the standard of mechanics required in the dances? The Chairman suggested that a lecture to adjudicators might be given at the Summer School when these points could be noted, discussed and a decision given. The meeting agreed to this suggestion.

(4) Pretorian Team: Mr Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire) registered a protest from his Branch regarding the fact that members whose names had been asked for in the event of an audition being held for Pretoria, had not been notified that they were not required. Mrs Lesslie replied that under the circumstances it had not been possible to hold an audition and that it had always been understood that if the members of the selected team were free they should be invited. It had been possible to get eight of the selected teammembers and it was not therefore necessary to hold an audition for two members.

(5) Subscription Copy of Books: Miss Rae asked if the decision to give the current publication of the year to members could be altered so that new members might have a pocket edition instead of a book with music. The meeting agreed to uphold their previous decision that the current publication be given except where there was more than one member in a household when a choice was permitted.

Mrs Lesslie thanked Miss Hadden on behalf of the Society for her work in furnishing and fitting up the new Headquarters.

Mr Aitkenhead proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.40 p.m.

*Jan C. Milne*  
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CHAIRMAN.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

3.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 26th May, 1956, at 11.00 a.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
Miss J.M. Armstrong, Miss B. Anderson, Miss A. Allan, Miss N.J. Arnott,  
Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr. I. Adam, Miss M.G. Brander,  
Miss L. Browne, Mr. H.S.W. Blakeney, Mrs. I. Caithness, Miss H.P. Crighton,  
Miss M. Collie, Mrs. H. Davidson, Mr. I.M. Edney, Miss D.C. Faulkner,  
Mrs. I.E. Galt, Miss L. Kane, Miss E.C.A. Kidd, Miss M.W. Kenyon,  
Mrs. E. Kemp, Mr. W. Murray, Miss C.I. Mowat, Miss J.W.S. Matheson,  
Miss W.A. Millikin, Mrs. K.H. McCulloch, Miss I. Redford, Mrs. L.S. Robb,  
Mrs. C. Rankin, Mrs. E.A. Robertson, Miss V. Seddon, Mr. W. Stenhouse,  
Mr. G. Sharpe, Mrs. J. Thomson, Mrs. H.S. Walker, Miss J. Walker,  
Dr. C. Robertson-Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated from Lord James Stewart Murray, Mrs. Lesslie (Chairman), Miss A. Anderson, Miss Andrew, Mrs. Bagguley, Miss Banks, Miss Crone, Mrs. Cuthell, Miss Duff, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Johnston, Mr. MacLeay, Miss McFeat, Miss Miller, Miss Porman, Mrs. Paisley, Miss Rae, Mrs. Stephen, Miss Clavering, Miss Bain, Mrs. Clark, Miss McBride, Mrs. Sandison, Mrs. Hutcheson.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 7th January 1956, having been circulated to members, were approved and signed subject to an alteration of the wording of Paragraph 3 (c) under 'Any Other Business'. Before the word "dances" insert the words "adjudication of the".

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

2. Pretoria Tour. The Secretary read an appreciative letter from the Commonwealth Relations Office stressing the good impression made by the Scottish Country Dance team during their tour in South Africa.

8. Paragraph (d) - Pretoria Team. A protest was raised from Ayr Branch regarding the notification of Branches of the team members selected to go to Pretoria. Miss Milligan again explained the matter and in noting the protest - agreed that Branch Secretaries might have been informed as to who had been chosen.

3. General Purposes Committee: Business arising - Bavarian Tour. The Chairman intimated that the tour had been postponed until the second half of September.

7. Paragraph (b) - Films of Scotland. Miss Milligan told the meeting of the arrangements being made to make a coloured film "Scotland Dances" this summer. As many Branches as possible would be used and it was hoped that on 26th September when the final ball scene was being filmed in Edinburgh - Branches would do their best to send couples to take part. Branches reasonably near Edinburgh had been approached but any others who would find it possible to be present were asked to notify the secretary.

8. Paragraph (a) - Civic Reception, St. Andrews. It was reported that the Civic Reception in St. Andrews would take the form of a buffet supper after one of the Younger Hall dances on 2nd August. This would be given to the staff and members of the demonstration teams at St. Andrews.

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8. Paragraph (b) - Festival, Butlin's Camp, Ayr. A letter was read from the organisers cancelling the proposed festival for this year.

3. MINUTES:

Finance Committee: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th January, 1956, were approved, the adoption having been proposed by Mr. Hardie and seconded by Mr. Sharpe.

Finance Committee - 25th May, 1956: Mr. Hardie, Convener of the Finance Committee, gave a verbal report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the previous evening.

The Report was approved, the adoption having been proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead and seconded by Miss Mowat.

Business arising: Arising out of Mr. Hardie's report, the following three Branches were discussed:

(a) Motherwell: Mr. Aitkenhead proposed that this Branch be disbanded and Miss Kenyon seconded the proposal: the meeting agreed. Miss Vaughan was instructed to write for the final statement of accounts.

(b) St. Helens: Mr. Stenhouse was asked to find out again about the present position of this Branch; if no satisfactory reply was received from St. Helens at an early date, it was proposed by Miss Adams, seconded by Mr. Adam and agreed by the meeting - that this Branch be disbanded without further delay.

(c) Wigtown: It was reported that Wigtown Branch had complied with the necessary disbanding regulations and had sent their surplus bank balance to the Treasurer.

Summer School Committee - 28th January, 1956: The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting were proposed by Mr. Sharpe and seconded by Miss Browne.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were accepted from the following:-

Stourbridge & District Scottish Society; S.C.D. Club, Lady Templar Hospital, Kuala Lumpur; R.A.F. West Kirby Officers' Mess S.C.D. Circle; The Craven Dance Club; Manchester Day Training College S.C.D. Society; A.E.R.E. Caledonian Society.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(i) Annual General Meeting 1957: The Chairman intimated that an invitation from N.W. Ayrshire Branch had been received to hold the A.G.M. in Largs in 1957. It was unanimously agreed to accept this invitation with pleasure.

(ii) Scottish Dancing Mirror: The Chairman announced that copies of this newspaper were available in the shops now and that the editor would welcome any items of interest to Scottish Country dancers for the Scottish dancing page.

(iii) Executive Council Meeting: It was intimated that the next meeting of the Executive Council would be at St. Andrews on 3rd August, 1956.

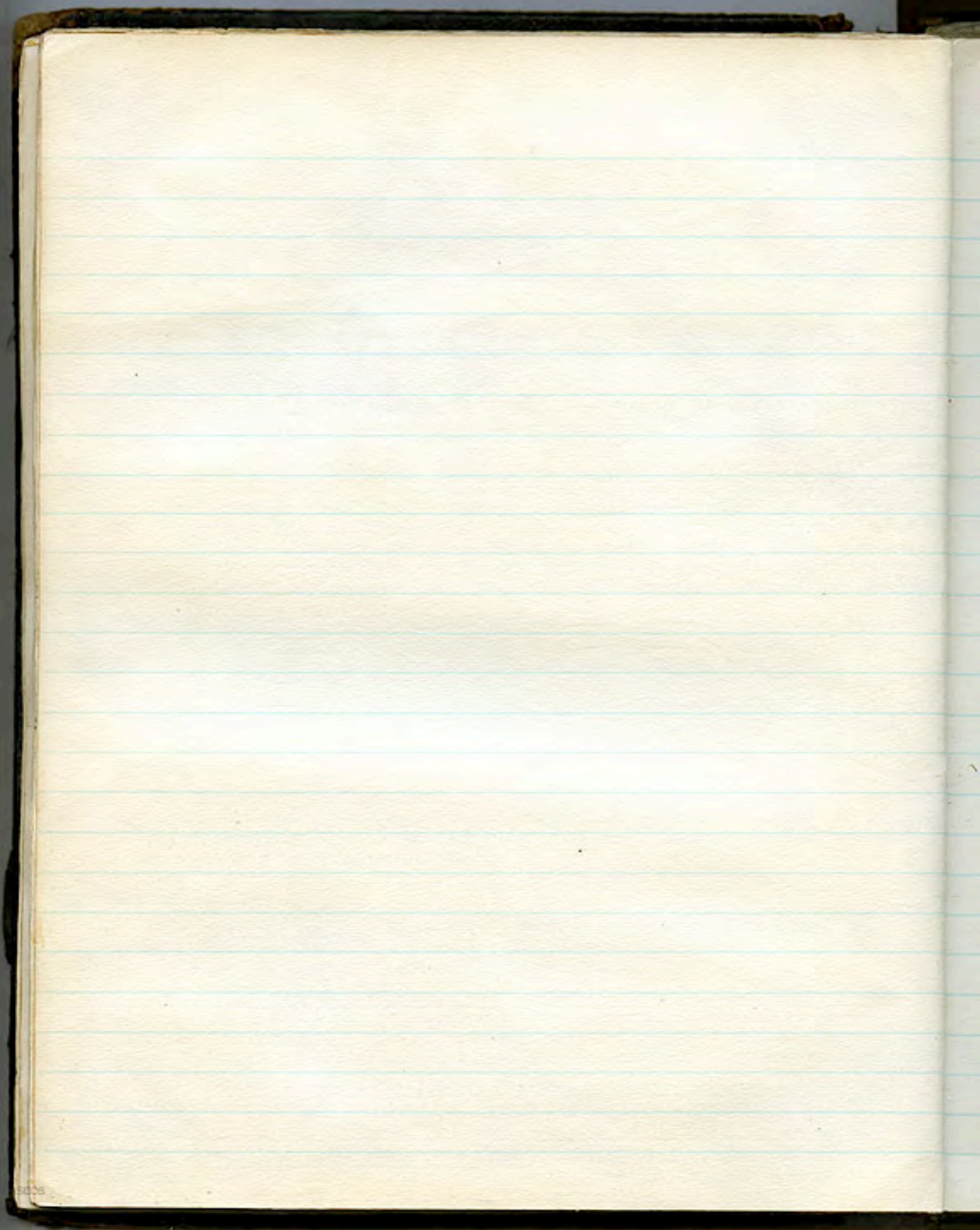
(iv) Annual General Meeting: It was also intimated that the A.G.M. would be held in Dundee on 27th October, 1956.

Miss Collie proposed the vote of thanks to Miss Milligan for taking the Chair.

The meeting ended at 12.30 p.m.

*Johnnie R. Lode*  
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the Executive Council held on Friday, 3rd August, 1956, at 2 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

PRESENT: Mrs Lesslie (in the Chair).

Miss Adams, Miss Adamson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Andrews, Miss Arnott, Miss Brander, Miss L. Browne, Miss B. Brown, Mrs Caithness, Miss Carmichael, Miss Clavering, Miss Collie, Mr Cook, Miss Crichton, Mrs Cuthill, Miss Duff, Mrs Edney, Miss Freme, Mrs Gudger, Mrs Hutcheson, Mr Ireland, Miss Jones, Miss Kane, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Mr MacLeay, Miss Matheson, Miss McCulloch, Dr McLellan, Miss Miller, Miss Milligan, Miss Millikin, Miss Mowat, Miss Morton, Mr Murray, Mr Proudfoot, Miss Rae, Miss Redford, Mrs Robb, Mrs Robertson, Mrs B. Robertson, Miss Seddon, Mr Sharpe, Mrs Thomson, Dr Robertson Wilson.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from - Miss A. Anderson, Miss Banks, Mr Bennett, Mrs Duncan, Mr Hardie, Mrs Kemp, Mrs McCulloch, Mrs Rankine, Mrs A. Rankin, Mrs Sandison, Mr Stenhouse, Mrs Stephen, Miss Tait, Mrs Walker, Miss Walker.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th May, 1956, having been circulated to members, were approved and signed.

3. MINUTES: (a) Demonstration Selection Committee Meeting - 25th February, 1956.

The Minutes of this meeting were approved, the adoption having been proposed by Mrs Robertson and seconded by Miss Arnott.

(b) Finance Committee:

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 25th May, 1956, which had been circulated and previously approved as the Convenor's report, were confirmed.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 20th July, 1956, which had been circulated, were approved.

The Treasurer presented the draft accounts for 1955/56, which were subject to audit. These incorporated the recommendation made by the Finance Committee at the meeting held on the 20th July, and in addition, the allocation of £750 to a General Reserve Fund which had been discussed, and was now put forward for approval.

After the accounts had been studied in detail, Mr Sharpe proposed and Miss Mowat seconded their adoption, and this resolution was carried unanimously.

The Treasurer then presented the Estimates for 1956/57, together with a comparative statement of estimated and actual income and expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1956. The Estimates were examined and approved - the adoption having been proposed by Miss Crichton and seconded by Mrs Thomson.

4. ANNUAL REPORT:

Miss Hadden read the Annual Report to the Council, and approval of this report was proposed by Dr Robertson Wilson, and seconded by Miss Kenyon. The Report was passed for publication in the Bulletin.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications were considered from the London/Ontario Pipe Band, and the Nkana /Kitwe Scottish Country Dance Club, - for affiliation with the R.S.C.D.S. Both applications were accepted.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Dr McLellan asked if it would be possible to incorporate in future publications - the metronomic times for the dance tunes as this would be of benefit to the instructors. Miss Milligan told the meeting that this would be done in any new book or when reprinting old publications.

Mr Sharpe proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mrs Lesslie.

The meeting ended at 2.45 p.m.

Florence A. Leslie.  
8/12/56 - CHAIRMAN.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 8th December, 1956, at 11.15 a.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

**PRESENT:** Mrs Lesslie (in the Chair).

Miss Adams, Mr Aitkenhead, Miss Allen, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Andrew, Miss Armstrong, Miss Arnott, Miss Benks, Miss Brander, Miss Browne, Mrs Clark, Miss Clavering, Miss Collie, Mr Collier, Miss Crighton, Miss Cunningham, Mrs Cuthill, Miss Duff, Miss Faulkner, Mrs Gudger, Mr Hardie, Mr Hunt, Mrs Hutcheson, Miss Kane, Mrs Kemp, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss MacLagan, Mr MacLeay, Miss Matheson, Miss McBride, Mrs McCulloch, Miss McFeat, Miss Millikin, Mr Murray, Mr Proudfoot, Miss Rae, Mrs Rankin, Miss Redford, Miss Scatterty, Mr Sharpe, Mr Spence, Mrs Stephen, Miss Tait, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Walker, Miss Walker, Dr Robertson Wilson.

Mrs Lesslie opened the meeting by referring to the death of two members of the Council, Mrs G.A. Robertson, representative of Arbroath Branch, and Dr McLellan of Frickheim Branch.

New members were welcomed to the Executive Council meeting.

1. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd August, 1956, having been circulated to members, were approved and signed.

2. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

3. **MINUTES:**

Finance Committee: Mr Hardie proposed the adoption of the Minutes of meetings held on 27th October and 9th November, 1956, and Mr Sharpe seconded the adoption. The meeting approved.

4. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEES:**

(a) General Purposes Committee: Mr Sharpe proposed the re-election of all members of this Committee who were eligible, and Dr R. Wilson seconded the proposal. Mr Sharpe was elected to the one vacancy on the Committee. The members of the Committee are:- Miss B. Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Collie, Mr Hardie, Mrs Gudger, Miss Kenyon, Miss Milligan, Miss Mowat, Mr Murray, Mrs Rankin, Mr Sharpe.

(b) Finance Committee: Mr Murray proposed the re-election of all eligible members to this Committee; Miss Crighton seconded the proposal. On a show of hands, Mrs Thomson (Clackmannanshire), and Mr Forde Spence (Lorn, Argyll), were elected to the two vacancies. The Committee members are:- Mr Aitkenhead, Miss L. Browne, Mr Hardie (Convener), Miss Milligan, Miss McFeat, Mr Spence, Mr Sharpe, Mrs Thomson.

(c) Examinations Committee: Miss McFeat proposed the re-election of all eligible members to the Committee, Miss Browne seconded the proposal. Mrs M. Stephen proposed that Miss A. Anderson, who is no longer on the Executive Council, - be co-opted on to the Committee; Miss Mowat seconded the proposal. Miss B. Anderson was elected to the one vacancy. The Committee members are:- Miss Adams, Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Mrs Gudger, Miss Kenyon, Miss Milligan, Mr Murray.

(d) Publications and Research Committee: Miss Collie proposed the re-election of all eligible members, Miss Clavering seconded the proposal. On a show of hands being taken, Miss Collie was elected to the one vacancy. The Committee members are:- Mrs Lesslie, Miss Arnott, Miss Brandor, Miss Collie, Miss Crighton, Miss Milligan, Mr Murray.

(e) Summer School Committee: The Chairman reminded the meeting that although the Summer School Committee was not a standing committee, its members had to be elected at this meeting. Mrs M. Stephen proposed that this Committee be re-elected en bloc; Mr Aitkenhead seconded the proposal. The members of the Committee are:- Miss Milligan, Miss A. Anderson, Mrs Brown, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Lesslie

Conveners elected to the Committees are:- Finance Committee, Mr Hardie; General Purposes Committee - Mrs Lesslie; Examinations Committee - Mrs Lesslie; Publications Committee - Miss Milligan.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were considered and accepted from:- Stafford & District Caledonian Society; S.C.D. Club of Canberra; and The Atholl S.C.D. Club, (Wanganui, New Zealand). An application from the Darlington S.C.D. Group was set aside until a future meeting so that more information could be obtained.

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE:

(i) Letter from Publicity Officer of 'The Bulletin' newspaper:

After some discussion, the meeting decided not to collaborate with this newspaper in running the proposed competition.

(ii) Miss Haddon read a letter to the meeting from the International Folk Lore Society, Nice, asking for the Society's membership of the association. It was decided not to join the association as the Society was already in membership with the International Folk Music Council whose aims and objects were similar.

(iii) Dunedin Society for the Promotion of Scottish Arts.

An invitation to send a team of dancers to Moscow in 1957 in conjunction with the Dunedin Society, was considered and refused by the meeting.

(iv) An invitation to the Society to send a teacher to take classes during three weeks of a Teachers Holiday Fellowship course in the summer of 1957, was discussed by the meeting and it was decided to invite Branches in the areas in which the courses were to be held, to do their best to provide teachers. Mr Hardie suggested that in view of the worth-while cause the Society might pay up to £5 in expenses to each teacher and pianist who was available to go, in addition to the £1 offered by the Holiday Fellowship Association. The meeting agreed. Branches were asked to notify the Secretary as soon as they knew whether a teacher and pianist were available from their Branch.

(v) A letter from Aberdeen Branch was read, suggesting that as the new Collins book of '101 Scottish Country Dances' had no music included, a selection of tunes composed by Mrs Allen of Aberdeen might be published by the Aberdeen Branch, or the Headquarters of the Society. The meeting decided that the Society could not publish a book of modern tunes but that there was no reason why the Aberdeen Branch could not do so.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Miss Milligen gave a report on the team's tour of Bavaria.

The meeting then agreed that an invitation should be sent to Germany inviting a Bavarian team to make a return visit to Britain in the latter half of September, 1957. Branches of the Society which were large enough, would be asked to arrange performances for the dancers in their towns in turn, each visit lasting one to two days. The host Branch would be responsible for the team's residence expenses, pocket money, and travelling expenses on to the next town. It was thought that approximately 22 dancers would be in the Bavarian team. Branches were asked to notify Headquarters as soon as possible as to whether they could entertain the team in their town. Further arrangements would be made at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

(b) Mrs Lesslie told the meeting that Lord James Stewart Murray had had to resign his office as representative of the Society at the meetings of the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. The Chairman thanked Lord James on behalf of the Council for his work.

Miss V. Seddon, (Edinburgh), had agreed to represent the Society at the S.O.B.H.D. meetings in future, and the Council approved the appointment.

(c) Book 19: It was agreed that a selection of 12 dances should be published as Book 19 in 1957.

(d) Mrs Lesslie told the meeting that the date and place of the Annual General Meeting in 1957 would be 2nd November, in Largs.

Mr Hardie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 1.10 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held on Saturday, 18th May, 1957, at 2 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lesslie (in the Chair)

Miss Adams, Miss B. Anderson, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Armstrong, Miss Andrew, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Miss Brander, Mrs. Blain, Miss Browne, Miss Collie, Mrs. Cuthell, Miss Cunningham, Miss Duff, Miss Faulkner, Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Kane, Miss Kidd, Miss Kenyon, Mrs. Kemp, Mr. Lochhead, Miss Lough, Miss Millikin, Miss Mowat, Miss MacLagan, Miss McFeat, Miss McBride, Miss MacArthur, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Rae, Mrs. Robb, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Seddon, Mr. Stenhouse, Mrs. Stephen, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Spence, Mrs. Thomson, Dr. Robertson-Wilson, Miss Walker, Mrs. Walker, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

Before the business of the meeting, Mrs. Lesslie referred to the deaths of The Duke of Atholl, President of the Society, Vice-Admiral The Mackintosh of Mackintosh, a Vice-President, and Mrs. Hutcheson of Dundee Branch. A moment's silence was observed.

The Chairman welcomed any new members to this meeting of the Executive Council.

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated from Miss Milligan (Vice-Chairman), Miss Banks, Mrs. Caithness, Mrs. Clark, Miss Crighton, Miss Johnston, Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. MacKinnon, Mr. Murray, Miss Redford, Miss Tait.

2. MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 8th December, 1956

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members, were approved and signed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING:

Bavarian Tour of Scotland - Arrangements had been provisionally made for the Bavarians to visit the following Branches from 16th to 26th September, 1957 - London, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Inverness, Dundee, Dumfries and Glasgow. The group would consist of 15 - 17 people.

The Treasurer had intimated that it would be helpful if accounts for the Tour were sent to her as soon as possible after each Branch demonstration had been carried through.

4. MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

(a) Finance Committee: 9th February, 1957

The Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) were approved.

Business Arising:

2. (1) St. Helens Branch. Mr. Stenhouse (Liverpool) reported that St. Helens Branch had ceased to function and that the balance of money held had amounted to a few shillings. The Council agreed that the matter should be closed.

Finance Committee: 18th May, 1957

Mr. Hardie, Convenor, gave a report of a meeting of the Finance Committee which had been held that morning:-

Headquarters. It had been found that dampness existed in the basement floor of Headquarters, and a previous meeting of the Finance Committee had agreed that the floor should be examined professionally and an estimate submitted. It was reported that the cost of a waterproof covering for the floor would be £28. 10. -d. and the Finance Committee had approved this expenditure.

Financial Statements. A comparative statement of estimated and actual income and expenditure for the nine months ended 31st March 1957, showed that income had been £1,389 in excess, and expenditure £230 below estimates, but because the greater part of the Society's income accrued in the first nine months of the year, it was not anticipated that the results for the full year would be so good.

It was noted that £1,000 had been invested in a City of Edinburgh 5½% Mortgage Loan and it was decided to invest a further £2,000 in the near future.

Bavarian Tour. The Finance Committee proposed that each member of the Bavarian group should be paid 10/-d. per day expenses; this amount payable on weekdays and not on Sundays. It was recommended that money paid out by Branches in excess of income should be refunded by Headquarters.

Pretorian Team. It was reported that an invitation had been received from the English Folk Dance and Song Society to send Mr. Frizell and the team which went to Pretoria to the Albert Hall Demonstration on 10th and 11th January, 1958. It was estimated that the expense incurred might be approximately £100. The Finance Committee recommended this expenditure.

The Executive Council approved these recommendations, the proposal being made by Mrs. Rankin seconded by Miss Arnott.

International Folk Music Festival in Copenhagen. The Finance Committee felt that an amount of £60 - £70 should be reserved in order to send Miss Milligan, as the Society's Delegate, to the Festival in Copenhagen. The Executive Council unanimously approved this expenditure.

(b) General Purposes Committee: 23rd February, 1957

Item 5(a) Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting of this Committee Miss Adams asked the Chairman on what grounds the invitation from Westphalia had been declined. She felt that there would be youth leaders and others within the Society who would be willing to accept such invitations if sponsored by the Society. The Chairman intimated that the invitation had been for a much younger group, that no expenses had been offered and in the Committee's opinion it was not a suitable one for the International Team. There was some discussion as to the possibility of the Society choosing a team from its Branches, composed of good dancers who would be willing to be accommodated in Youth Hostels etc. in the event of such invitations being received in the future. The Chairman said that this suggestion would be given due consideration.

(c) Publications Committee: 7th February, 1957

The Chairman stated that the co-option of Miss Allie Anderson to this Committee had been overlooked, and the Executive Council unanimously approved her co-option.

(d) Summer School Committee: 18th January, 1957

There was no discussion arising under this heading.

(e) Examinations Committee: 18th January, 1957

Mr. Aitkenhead asked if pamphlets of the dances were available and was told that every Branch had been sent the new Syllabus of Examinations.

The approval of the Minutes of 1) the two meetings of the Finance Committee, 2) the meeting of the General Purposes Committee, 3) the meeting of the Publications Committee, 4) the meeting of the Summer School Committee and 5) the meeting of the Examinations Committee was proposed by Miss McFeat, seconded by Mr. Ross and carried.

5. APPLICATIONS for BRANCH FORMATION:

(a) Christchurch, New Zealand.

There was considerable discussion regarding the application of this group for membership as a Branch. Miss Kenyon proposed that the matter should be held in abeyance until more than one certificated teacher was appointed to the Christchurch group. The meeting approved.

(b) Nairobi.

An application from Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet Stirling for a Branch to be formed in Nairobi was unanimously approved. It was reported that the group already had 80 members of the Society.

(c) Kinlochleven.

This group, which was seeking to form a Branch of the Society consisted of approximately twenty members. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the application should be considered at a later date, and that in the meantime the group should be encouraged to increase its membership.

(d) Roxburghshire Education Authority

The Secretary reported on correspondence that she had had with the Director of Education. After discussion it was agreed that this application should be accepted provisionally subject to the receipt of satisfactory information regarding the appointment of certificated teachers to the Branch.

6. APPLICATIONS for AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:-

1. Oxford University Scottish Society
2. Alvechurch (Warwickshire) Reel & Strathspey Club
3. Cambridge S.C.D. Society, New Zealand
4. Caledonian S.C.D. Group, Los Angeles
5. New Zealand S.C.D. Society
6. Saskatoon S.C.D. Club
7. Caledonian Society Plymouth & District

8. St. Andrews S.C.D. Club, Hastings, New Zealand
9. The Calgary S.C.D. Society, Alberta, Canada
10. Darlington S.C.D. Group
11. Campbell College S.C.D. Society (Belfast)
12. The Tweedie S.C.D. Group
13. Chesterfield & District Caledonian Association Dance Class
14. Caledonian Society of Worthing

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Annual General Meeting, 1958

An invitation was extended from Glasgow Branch to the Executive Council to hold the 1958 Annual General Meeting in Glasgow. This was unanimously accepted by the members of the Council.

(b) Nominations for the Office of President.

It was proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead and seconded by Mr. Sharpe that Miss Milligan be asked to accept the office of President. The Executive Council unanimously approved the motion. In the event of Miss Milligan declining the invitation, it was agreed that The Duke of Hamilton, the Countess of Elgin and the Countess of Errol, in this order, should be approached. It was noted that a definite nomination would have to be proposed at the August meeting in order that it might go forward to the 1957 Annual General Meeting.

(c) Examiners for New Zealand

The Secretary read correspondence from the New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society enquiring as to the possibility of examiners being sent to New Zealand and asking whether the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society would pay some of the cost.

The Chairman stated that the expenses incurred would be very high - approximately £439 - £450. After considerable discussion Miss Hadden was instructed to find out how much the New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society was prepared to pay if an examiner was able to go. The suggestion was made by Mr. Ross (London) that members from New Zealand who were visiting the British Isles might be given intensive training in Scottish Country Dancing and obtain the Society's Teaching Certificate while in this country.

(d) East Stirlingshire Branch

It was reported that a group from East Stirlingshire Branch were attending the Welsh Bisteddfod and wished to use the Society's name for their team. This, however, had raised the question of professionalism, as monetary prizes were offered. There had been a suggestion that any prizes might be given to the two pipers who were accompanying the group, but the Council still felt that this was against the rules of the Society. It was the unanimous feeling of the Council that the East Stirlingshire group should attend the Bisteddfod as an individual group.

(e) The Film "Scotland Dances"

The Secretary said that she had contacted Mr. Forsyth Hardy and he had assured her that a copy of the film would be available for showing at the Annual General Meeting at Iargs on 2nd November, 1957. He had said that it was hoped to show the film during the Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama.

(f) Publications Committee

Members of the Executive Council were asked to send in copies of recently published composed dances for the consideration of the Publications Committee at their next meeting.

Mr. Sharpe proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.40 p.m.

Glorance D. Leslie

CHAIRMAN

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 10th August, 1957, at 2.30 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lesslie (in the Chair)  
Miss Arnott, Miss Andrew, Miss Allan, Miss Adams  
Miss Browne, Miss J. Banks, Miss Brander, Miss M. Banks,  
Miss Collie, Miss Cunningham, Mr. Cook, Miss Duff,  
Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Ireland, Miss Johnston,  
Miss Jones, Miss Kenyon, Miss Kidd, Miss Kane,  
Mr. Murray, Miss Marshall, Miss MacArthur, Miss McFeat,  
Miss MacLagan, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Redford, Miss Rae,  
Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Stirling, Mr. Sharpe, Miss Service,  
Mr. Spence, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Thomson, Dr. Robertson-  
Wilson, Miss Walker, Miss Wood, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer)  
and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

The Chairman welcomed any new members to this meeting of the Executive Council.

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated from Miss B. Anderson, Mrs. Blain, Miss Clavering, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Crighton, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Caithness, Miss Mowat, Miss McBride, Mrs. McCulloch, Miss Seddon, Mrs. Stephen, Miss Tait, Mrs. Walker and Mr. Hardie.

2. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 18th May, 1957.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING:

7(c) Examiners for New Zealand

The Secretary read further correspondence received from Mrs. Clancy in New Zealand regarding an examiner being sent in January, 1959, to conduct examinations. Mr. Sharpe proposed that an examiner be sent provided the financial arrangements were satisfactory. Dr. Robertson Wilson seconded the proposal. Miss Rae proposed that the Examinations Committee be asked to draw up a syllabus for examinations which could be sent out some time before the examiner. Miss Duff seconded the proposal. The meeting approved.

4. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:

Finance Committee - 26th July, 1957.

In the absence of the Convenor, Mr. Sharpe presented the Minutes, and drew attention to the revised statement of accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1957, which incorporated the recommendations of the Finance Committee. These were approved, subject to audit.

Estimates for 1957/58 were then examined in detail.

Mr. Sharpe moved the adoption of the Minutes and this was seconded by Miss Browne and carried unanimously.

5. NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Secretary reported that in accordance with instructions from the Executive Council she had approached both Miss Milligan and the Duke of Hamilton in turn to become President of the Society, both of whom were unable to accept. She then invited the Countess of Elgin to accept the invitation and was pleased to inform the Council that the Countess had had much pleasure in taking the office. It was approved by the Executive Council that the Countess of Elgin's name should go forward as sole nominee for President to the Annual General Meeting.

6. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Council and approval of this report was proposed by Miss Milligan, seconded by Miss Arnott and passed for publication in the Bulletin. The Chairman on behalf of the Council congratulated the Secretary on her report.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION:

a) Leeds. The Secretary read correspondence received from Mr. Grenville Clarke of Leeds, and after considerable discussion it was proposed by Dr. Robertson Wilson that, as this letter had not come officially from the committee of the affiliated group in Leeds, the matter should be left in abeyance until such time as an official application be received. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Sharpe and approved by the meeting.

b) Toronto. An application from Mr. Coll Black for a Branch to be formed in Toronto was considered. Acceptance was proposed by Mrs. Thomson seconded by Miss Allan and unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:-

- 1) Yelverton S.C.D. Club
- 2) S.C.D. Society of New York
- 3) Canberra Highland Society & Burns Club
- 4) Scottish Society Country Dance Club of Christchurch
- 5) Southsea Reel Club

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1957:

There were no matters to be put forward from the Executive Council to the Annual General Meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters of invitation for the International Team for 1958 from Munich, Nice and Vancouver were read by the Secretary and it was decided



that it was too early to make final arrangements for the Team and the Secretary was instructed to reply to the various letters saying that the matter was being considered but that no definite commitments could be made at this time.

The Secretary read a letter of invitation from Mr. David Couper of Natal for a teacher to go to Natal in July, 1958, to conduct examination classes and hold an examination. It was decided to give favourable consideration to the invitation providing the financial situation was satisfactory.

Mr. Sharpe proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.

Florence D. Leslie.

CHAIRMAN.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 30th November, 1957, at 2.00 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lesslie (in the Chair)  
Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allen, Miss B. Anderson  
Miss Andrew, Miss Armstrong, Miss Arnott, Miss Banks,  
Miss Brander, Miss Browne, Miss Cannon, Miss Crichton,  
Mr. Cruickshank, Miss Cunningham, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Frew,  
Miss Gardiner, Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Kane,  
Mrs. Kemp, Miss Kidd, Miss Lough, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murdoch,  
Mr. Murray, Miss MacArthur, Miss McBride, Mrs. McCulloch,  
Miss McFeat, Mr. MacLeay, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Rae,  
Mrs. Rankin, Miss Redford, Mr. Ross, Miss Catterty, Miss Seddon,  
Mr. Sharpe, Mrs. Stephen, Mr. Stirling, Miss Thomson,  
Mrs. Thomson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

The Chairman welcomed any new members to this meeting of the Executive Council.

1. APOLOGIES Apologies were intimated from Miss Milligan (Vice-Chairman)  
Mrs. Clark, Miss Collie, Mrs. Duncan, Miss Faulkner,  
Miss Meikle, Miss Mackinnon, Mr. Forde Spence, Miss Streight,  
Miss Walker and Miss Vaughan (Treasurer).

2. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 10th August, 1957

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members, were approved and signed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING:

10(a) Invitation to Munich: The Secretary reported to the meeting that she had, as instructed, written to Munich to say that it was too early to decide about the International Team's engagements for 1958. In reply to her letter she had received letters from Mr. Sayers in Munich and also from the Foreign Office, London, urging the Society to reconsider its decision. After some discussion, Mr. Aitkenhead proposed that the team should go to Munich in August, 1958. Mr. Sharpe seconded the proposal and the meeting approved.

10(b) Teacher/Examiner's Visit to Ladysmith, Natal: The Secretary reported on further correspondence from Mr. Couper with details of plans being made to raise £500 to pay the expenses of a Teacher/Examiner to attend the Winter School of 1958 to be held from 1st - 12th July. There was considerable discussion and a recommendation was made that the matter be postponed until 1959 when the candidates for examination would have had a longer training period and the group be more established. The proposal to send a Teacher/Examiner to Ladysmith in 1959 was made by Dr. Robertson Wilson, seconded by Mr. Ross and approved by the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Examinations Committee: 25th September, 1957. The adoption of the Minutes of the Examinations Committee Meeting, previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Sharpe and seconded by Miss Arnott. The meeting approved.

Finance Committee: 2nd November, 1957. The adoption of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead and seconded by Miss Mowat. The meeting approved.

Publications Committee: 30th November, 1957. The Chairman gave a report from the Publications Committee which had met at 12.00 that morning.

1) "Scottish Country Dances in Diagrams" - Copies of this booklet had been submitted by the author who was a Life Member of the Society, with the request that it might be considered suitable for issue to members for their 1958 subscription copy. The Committee, while considering that the booklet might be of interest to some people, did not recommend that the Executive Council should accept it for this purpose.

2) Book 19 - There had been considerable regret that the Publications Committee had not had an opportunity to correct proofs of Book 19 before it was printed. It was recommended that an errata slip should be prepared and sent to branches for issue to members. The Publications Committee also recommended to the Executive Council that when a new book was being prepared, the work should be started much earlier and many more meetings of the Publications Committee held so that no corrections would be necessary at a later period.

Mr. Macleod proposed a vote of confidence in the Publications Committee. It was agreed that the subscription copy for 1958 should be a choice of the Society's books from No. 6 upwards or any of the pocket editions. It was also agreed that corrections of diagrams etc. in Book 19 should be made and circulated to members wherever possible.

#### 5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES: 1957/58

a) General Purposes Committee: Miss Browne proposed the re-election of all members of this Committee who were eligible and Miss Kidd seconded the proposal. Mr. Macleod was elected in place of Miss Kenyon who is not now on the Executive Council. The members of committee now are: Mrs. Lesslie (Convenor), Miss Milligan, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Collie, Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Gudger, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murray, Mr. Macleod, Mrs. Rankin and Mr. Sharpe.

b) Finance Committee: Miss Crighton proposed the re-election of all members of this committee and Mrs. Stephen seconded the proposal. The members of this committee now are: Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Milligan, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Browne, Mr. Hardie, (Convenor), Miss McFeat, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. F. Spence.

c) Examinations Committee: Mrs. Gudger proposed the re-election of all members of this committee who were eligible and Mr. Macleay seconded the proposal. Mr. Aitkenhead was elected in place of Miss Kenyon. It was agreed that Miss A. Anderson should remain on this committee as a co-opted member. The members of this committee now are: Mrs. Lesslie (Convenor), Miss Milligan, Miss Adams, Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Murray and Mr. Aitkenhead.

d) Publications and Research Committee: Miss Crighton asked that she be released from her duties on this committee. The Council regretfully accepted her resignation and Mr. Macleod was elected in her place. Mr. Sharpe then proposed the re-election of all the other members of this committee and this was seconded by Miss Crighton. The members of this committee now are: Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Milligan (Convenor) /

(Convenor), Miss Arnott, Miss Brander, Miss Collie, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Murray, Miss A. Anderson (Co-opted member).

e) Summer School Committee - ad hoc committee: Mrs. Rankin was elected as an additional member of this committee. Mr. Sharpe then proposed the re-election of all members on this committee, seconded by Mrs. Hutcheson. The members of this committee now are: Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Milligan (Convenor), Miss A. Anderson, ~~Miss B. Anderson, Miss Adams, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gudger,~~ Miss Kenyon. ~~Mrs. Rankin.~~

f) Demonstration Selection Committee - ad hoc committee: It was decided not to re-elect Mr. McKell to this committee as he was no longer able to take an active part as a committee member. Miss Adams and Miss Arnott were unanimously elected as additional members of this committee. The re-election of the other members at present on the committee was proposed by Mrs. Gudger and seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead. The members now on this committee are: Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Milligan (Convenor), Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Adams, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gudger, and Miss Kenyon.

#### 6. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION:

a) Kinlochleven: The Secretary reported that Mr. Waddington of Kinlochleven had requested the Council to reconsider the formation of a Branch at Kinlochleven, pointing out the difficulties of transport between Kinlochleven and Nether Lochaber (Onich). The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Clark of Nether Lochaber Branch also pointing out these difficulties and keenly supporting Mr. Waddington's application. A letter from Mr. Spence, Lorn (Argyll) Branch, was also read advocating that, owing to the short distance between them, Kinlochleven and Nether Lochaber should be one Branch. Mr. MacLeay proposed that a Branch be formed in Kinlochleven and this was seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead. Miss Adams proposed a direct negative because in her opinion the Society was not improved by the formation of small Branches. There being no seconder to Miss Adams the motion was carried and permission given for the formation of the Kinlochleven Branch.

b) Ladysmith, Natal: The Secretary read correspondence received from Mr. David Couper and the meeting unanimously accepted his application for the formation of a Branch of the Society in Ladysmith.

c) Montreal: The Secretary read correspondence received from Mr. Wolstencroft and after discussion it was proposed by Mr. Macleod that the Council should accept this application. The meeting unanimously agreed.

d) Callander: An application had been received from Miss Kennett on behalf of the Callander Scottish Country Dance Club to form a Branch of the Society in Callander. The Secretary was instructed to ask Perth and Stirling Branches if they had any objection to a Branch being formed in Callander. Mrs. Hutcheson proposed that, subject to there being no objection raised by these two Branches, Callander Scottish Country Dance Club might be given permission to form a Branch in Callander. Dr. Robertson Wilson seconded the proposal and the meeting approved.

#### 7. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:-

a) /

- a) Deep River S.C.D. Club, Ontario,
- b) Lower Hutt (N.Z.) S.C.D. Club
- c) Chester Caledonian Reel Club
- d) Wanganui Caledonian Society S.C.D. Club
- e) Leicester Caledonian Society
- f) Broken Hill Caledonian Society, Northern Rhodesia
- g) Harrogate S.C.D. Club
- h) Bushey Reel Club

It was proposed that all affiliated groups should be asked to encourage their members to join the Society individually.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Badge of Office: The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from Mr. Hutchison of Dundee in which he asked that the Society would accept from him a gift in memory of his late wife. The Executive Council sincerely appreciated Mr. Hutchison's generous offer and the Secretary was instructed to write thanking him very much and accepting his gift. It had been suggested that this gift should take the form of a Badge of Office to be worn by the Chairman at meetings of the Society, and the meeting agreed that this would be most suitable. Mr. Sharpe proposed that the Office Bearers be left to decide on the design of the badge.

b) Resolution from East Surrey West Kent Branch: "That members of the R.S.C.D.S., whether Life Members or Annual Members, should be entitled to join another Branch". This resolution was fully discussed and though it was appreciated that the circumstances in East Surrey West Kent and London Branches were different from other Branches the Council ruled "that it be not possible to be a member of more than one Branch". It was pointed out that provision was made in the Constitution for transfer of membership. It was felt that neighbouring Branches should come to some mutual agreement in connection with admittance to dances etc. where this was restricted to Branch Members only.

c) Resolution from Glasgow Branch: "That the Committee of Glasgow Branch of the R.S.C.D.S. deprecates the fact that the Executive Council of the Society allows resolutions to be included in the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting which are subsequently ruled "out of order". Miss Adams (Glasgow) drew the attention of the Council to the fact that at the last two Annual General Meetings resolutions had been ruled "out of order" without the Branches who put the resolutions forward being given notice of this intention. It was pointed out by the Chairman that there is not a meeting of the Executive Council between August, when the resolutions are received, and the Annual General Meeting in November. There was considerable discussion on this point and it was generally agreed that the Secretary must accept resolutions for inclusion in the Agenda, but that the responsibility for the competence of the resolutions should be that of the Branches who submitted them. It was further stated that Branches whose resolutions were ruled out of order could invoke Paragraph VII (8), page 9, of the Constitution and have the matter raised if two thirds of the delegates approved.

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d) Television Appearances: The Secretary reported on correspondence received from the B.B.C. television unit in reply to a letter sent after the last General Purposes meeting asking that if possible more than one or two Branches of the Society should be invited to dance on television. It had been stated that the reason for having an Edinburgh Branch team in the series "The Kilt is My Delight" was that the team was now trained in rehearsal technique and therefore required shorter time to rehearse; that the public demand was for the same team so that individual dancers could be identified. Permission had been asked for a series of "The Kilt is My Delight" and for a performance from Hopeman House on 6th January, 1958.

f) Gramophone Records: Mrs. McCulloch (Gatehouse-of-Fleet) asked if anything further had been done in connection with S.C.D. gramophone records for Book 19. It was reported that H.M.V., having again been approached, had reiterated their refusal to make any more S.C.D. records owing to the drop in sales. The Secretary reported that the Treasurer was going into the matter at present in connection with the Society making its own records but as yet had no concrete proposals to put before the Council. It was suggested that the Society start a library of tape recordings for the use of Branches that have no pianist. This possibility was discussed in connection with copyright laws and although this was felt to be a difficulty it did not appear to be one which could not be overcome.

Mr. Macleod proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for so ably conducting the meeting.

The meeting ended at 4.05 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 10th May, 1958, at 2.00 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lesslie (in the Chair)

Lady Elgin, President.

Miss Adams, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Miss Andrew, Miss Banks, Miss Browne, Miss Collie, Miss Crighton, Miss Cannon, Miss Cunningham, Miss Galver, Miss Frew, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Kidd, Miss Kane, Miss Lough, Miss Meikle, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murray, Mr. Murdoch, Mrs. Mackinnon, Miss McBride, Mr. Macleay, Miss MacArthur, Miss McFeat, Mr. Proudfoot, Mr. Ross, Mr. Raven, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Redford, Mrs. Stephen, Mr. Sharpe, Miss Streight, Miss Seddon, Mr. Stirling, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Walker, Miss Walker, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer), and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

The Chairman showed the Badge of Office to the Council and said how honoured she was to wear it for the first time. The members of the Council again expressed their great appreciation to Mr. Hutchison for gifting the badge in memory of his wife, Mrs. Alice Hutchison of Dundee.

1. APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss Milligan (Vice-Chairman), Miss Armstrong,  
Miss B. Anderson, Miss Brander, Mrs. Cuthill,  
Mr. Cruickshank, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Duncan, Miss Ewen,  
Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. McCulloch, Mr. Macleod, and Mr. Spence.

The Secretary regretted that there had been a typing error in the Minutes of the last Executive Council meeting. In Section 5(c) Summer School Committee, the names of Miss B. Anderson, Miss Adams and Mrs. Gudger should be deleted and that of Mrs. Rankin should be inserted.

2. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 30th November, 1957.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 3(a) Invitation to Munich: The Secretary reported that arrangements were now well in hand for the team to visit Bavaria, leaving on 27th August and arriving in Munich the following day. Three days will be spent in Munich and on the return journey Stuttgart, Mannheim, Bonn and Cologne will be visited, demonstrations taking place in each town. The team will return to London on the morning of 7th September. The Secretary also reported that a rehearsal had been arranged for the team before going abroad.

3. Item 8(b) Resolution from East Surrey West Kent Branch: "That the Executive Council shall communicate its decision on dual membership to all Branches and obtain the view of all Branches on the matter". There was considerable discussion on this matter and the Chairman pointed out that it had been given full consideration at the last meeting of the Council when it had been unanimously agreed that there could not be dual membership of the Society. Mr. Raven, seconded by Mr. Ross, having put the case for the Branches concerned, proposed that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Sharpe seconded by Mr. Murray, proposed an amendment to the effect that the previous decision of the Executive Council be maintained. On a vote by a show of hands, the amendment was carried.

4. (a) Finance Committee: 25th January, 1958. The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) was proposed by Mr. Hardie, seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead and approved.

Finance Committee: 10th May, 1958. Mr. Hardie, Convenor, gave a report of a meeting of the Finance Committee which had been held that morning:

- a) Accounts for the three months January to March, 1958, totalling £1,967. 12. 11d. had been examined and approved.
- b) A statement comparing the estimated and actual income and expenditure for the nine months ended 31st March, 1958, was presented. This showed a surplus of £737, which was £648 higher than had been anticipated. It arose largely because subscription income and book money was coming in well from the Branches and no exceptional item of expenditure had been incurred.
- c) A statement showing the Society's investments at 30th April, 1958, was presented. In order to take advantage of the higher interest rates prevailing it was decided to make certain alterations in investments.
- d) General List Members. It had been decided that in future a copy of the Bulletin would not be sent to General List Members until the current subscription had been paid.
- e) Sale of Books to Branches. The Treasurer had stated that in order to facilitate the accounting for publications held by Branches, a detailed sale or return statement would be sent out.
- f) Four Step Dances. It was agreed that this book should be reprinted.
- g) Errata Sheet for Book 19. It was noted that the errata sheet for Book 19 would be ready to be sent out with the Bulletin in the Autumn.
- h) Life Membership Subscription. The Finance Committee had decided to recommend that the Life Membership subscription should be £3. 3. -d. and that in future no reduction should be permitted for past years of membership.
- i) Annual General Meeting 1957. It was agreed to recommend that the Society should reimburse North West Ayrshire Branch the amount of £20 which had been the deficit on the Annual General Meeting expenses.

- j) Records. The Secretary had reported that she was negotiating with Paxtons Ltd., a London firm, who were interested in making gramophone records of Book 19 commercially for trade distribution. It was hoped that an agreement would be reached and the matter put in hand before the next meeting.

The report from the Convenor was approved, having been proposed by Mr. Sharpe and seconded by Mr. Murray.

4. (b) Publications Committee: 1st February, 1958: The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) was proposed by Mr. Murray, seconded by Miss Collie and approved.

Business arising: Item 3, Mr. Ross (London) asked when a decision had been taken regarding the publication of recently composed dances as he had understood from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1956 that no time limit had been included in the resolution which had been passed. The Secretary agreed that Mr. Ross was correct in that the resolution had been passed without any time proviso, but that the general feeling of the meeting had been that the Publications Committee should allow a certain time to elapse before considering the publication of new dances.

Publications Committee: 10th May, 1958: Mrs. Leslie gave a report of a meeting of the Publications Committee which had been held that morning:

- a) Errata Slip for Book 19. A proof copy of the errata slip for Book 19 having been circulated to members was approved and passed for publication. This errata sheet would be issued with the Bulletin in the Autumn.
- b) Four Step Dances. It was agreed to recommend a reprint of Four Step Dances as the present stock was almost exhausted.
- c) Book 20. It was pointed out that the collection of dances for Book 20 should begin as early as possible and that these should be sent to the Secretary. It was suggested that a meeting in this connection should be held in the early Autumn.

The adoption of the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee (8th March, 1958), the Team Selection Committee (1st February, 1958) and the Summer School Committee (1st February, 1958) was proposed by Miss Rae, seconded by Miss Banks and approved.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:-

- a) The S.C.D. Group of the Capital District (New York State)
- b) The Academic Celtic Society of Stockholm
- c) Dunster and West Somerset Scottish Dance Group
- d) Ndola S.C.D. Club (Northern Rhodesia)
- e) Luanshya S.C.D. Club (Northern Rhodesia)

5. f) Castleside Country Dance Club (Co. Durham)  
g) Blue Bonnets S.C.D. Club (Guilford)  
h) New Hampshire S.C.D. Group

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

i) Branch Formation: a) Nottingham. The Secretary read correspondence received from Miss Dickson on behalf of the S.C.D. Club of Nottingham. The Council gave permission for a Branch to be formed as soon as a fully certificated teacher was available to teach the classes.

b) East Ayrshire. Correspondence was read from Mr. Steele of Cumnock asking for permission for the formation of a Branch in East Ayrshire. The necessary qualifications being fulfilled, the Council accepted this application.

c) Cheltenham. An application to form a Branch of the Society had been received from Miss Ferrier of Cheltenham. The Council unanimously agreed that permission should be granted.

ii) Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Teachers' Association of Canada: The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from a member of the Toronto Branch enclosing a copy of the objectives of a newly formed group called "The Teachers' Association of Canada". This group hope to unite in mutual interest the teachers of the Toronto and Hamilton Branches and, in time, R.S.C.D.S. teachers all over Canada. Suggestions and guidance on the running of such a venture were invited and it was hoped that this could be given. The meeting was very interested and the Secretary was instructed to send greetings and very best wishes for the success of the new venture.

iii) Annual General Meeting: The Chairman made a suggestion to the meeting that some time should be allocated after the Annual General Meeting so that delegates should have an opportunity of raising informally any matters which could not be discussed during the Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that no decisions could be given but that such a discussion might prove helpful to the members. There was general approval and the matter was referred to the next meeting. It was announced that the Annual General Meeting would be held in Glasgow on 8th November, 1958, and that the next meeting of the Executive Council would be held in St. Andrews, University Hall, on 8th August, 1958.

Mr. Sharpe proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm.

*Florence D. Leslie.*

*8<sup>th</sup> August,  
1958.*

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Friday,  
8th August, 1958, at 2.30 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lesslie (in the Chair)  
Lady Elgin, President  
Miss Adams, Miss Anderson, Miss Andrew, Miss Brander,  
Miss Browne, Miss Bowie, Mrs. Clark, Miss Collie,  
Mrs. Cuthill, Mr. Cruickshank, Miss Cannon, Mrs. Gudgey,  
Mr. Greig, Mr. Grant, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mr. Ireland,  
Miss Jones, Miss Kidd, Miss Kane, Mr. Murray,  
Miss Milligan, Miss Mowat, Miss Meikle, Mrs. McLellan,  
Mr. Macleod, Miss MacArthur, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Raven,  
Miss Redford, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Stirling, Miss Seddon,  
Miss Thomson, Mrs. Thomson, Dr. Robertson Wilson,  
Mr. Wolstencroft, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer and  
Miss Hadden (Secretary).

The Chairman welcomed any new members to this meeting of the Executive Council and in particular representatives from Montreal and Hamilton, Ontario.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Banks,  
Miss Clavering, Mrs. Clark, Miss Crighton,  
Miss Cunningham, Miss Ewen, Miss Ferrier, Miss Frew,  
Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Logan, Miss McCulloch,  
Miss Rae, Mr. Spence and Miss Walker.

1. MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 10th May, 1958:

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

1) Item 4(a) h) Life Membership Subscriptions. It was agreed that the Executive Council should recommend to the Annual General Meeting that the Life Membership Subscription should be at a standard rate of £3. 3. -d. and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

2) Item 6(iii) It was agreed that an informal discussion after the Annual General Meeting should take place at which members attending the meeting could speak.

3. MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Publications Committee: 10th May, 1958. The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) was proposed by Miss Collie, seconded by Mr. Murray and approved.

Finance Committee: 10th May, 1958. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting (previously circulated) was proposed by Mr. Sharpe, seconded by Miss Andrew and approved.

3. Finance Committee: 25th July, 1958. The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) was proposed by Miss Mowat, seconded by Miss Anderson and approved.

In the absence of the Finance Convenor, Mr. Hardie, Miss Vaughan presented the draft accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1958, and Balance Sheet as at that date. These incorporated the recommendations of the last Finance Committee meeting and were approved, subject to audit. The estimates for 1958/59 were then examined in detail and approved.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

Finance Meeting: 25th July, 1958. Item 3(d) The recommendation that Miss Milligan's offer of copyright and royalties from a new book to be published by MacDougall's Educational Co. Ltd. was unanimously approved and the Executive Council expressed its gratitude to Miss Milligan for her generosity.

5. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Council and this was approved and passed for publication in the Bulletin. The Chairman on behalf of the Council congratulated the Secretary on her report.

6. APPLICATIONS for AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:

- 1) The Manawatu Scottish Society Incorporated (N.Z.)
- 2) The Elizabeth S.C.D. Club (South Australia)
- 3) The Knox S.C.D. Club (Auckland, New Zealand)
- 4) The Caledonian Country Dance Party (St. Helier)

7. APPLICATION for BRANCH FORMATION:

A request that a Branch of the Society might be formed in Aviemore, submitted by Mrs. June Scott, was granted.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1958:

There were no matters to be put forward from the Executive Council at the Annual General Meeting.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Correspondence from Hamilton, Ontario Branch: The Secretary read correspondence received from Hamilton Ontario Branch in connection with the Queen's visit to Canada in 1959. The three Canadian Branches, Hamilton Ontario, Toronto and Montreal hoped to arrange a ball at which Her Majesty might be present. The organising committee had asked if their application to the Secretary of State for Canada could be supported by a letter sent from Headquarters. There was some discussion on the matter

9. and it was unanimously agreed that while the Society gave its whole-hearted approval of the idea it would be unwise to appear to push the matter from this end.
- b) Letter from The National Folk Music Fund: The Secretary read correspondence from Mr. Douglas Kennedy of The English Folk Dance and Song Society requesting a donation from the Society towards the National Folk Music Fund. This fund had been set up in order to maintain and preserve the library in Cecil Sharp House and the appeal was international. It was decided to recommend that a donation be given, the amount to be fixed at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.
- c) Examiner for Nairobi Branch in 1959: The Secretary reported that she had received a request from Nairobi Branch that the Examiner who goes to Natal in 1959 might be permitted to visit and take examinations in Nairobi. It was agreed that there was a real need for teachers to support Mr. and Mrs. Stirling in their work and that if it was at all possible an examiner would be sent, subject to financial arrangements with Nairobi Branch being satisfactory.

Miss Kane proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for so ably conducting the meeting.

Mr. Sharpe expressed the appreciation of the Executive Council for the Chairman's work during the past three years.

The meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 13th December, 1958, at 2.15 p.m. in The North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
Miss Arnott, Miss Allan, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Anderson,  
Miss Banks, Miss Brender, Mrs. Cramb, Mrs. Cuthill,  
Mr. Cruickshank, Miss Crichton, Miss Cunningham,  
Miss Collie, Miss Duff, Miss Faulkner, Mrs. Gudgey,  
Miss Gardiner, Mr. Hardie, Miss Kidd, Miss Kane,  
Miss Lough, Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Murdoch, Miss Meikle,  
Miss Mowat, Miss MacArthur, Miss McFeat, Mr. Macleod,  
Miss Oliver, Mr. Proudfoot, Mrs. Rankine, Miss Robertson,  
Miss Redford, Miss Ross, Miss Rae, Mr. Stirling,  
Mrs. Stephen, Mr. Sharpe, Miss Seddon, Miss Thomson,  
Mrs. Thomson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan and  
Miss Hadden.

The Chairmen welcomed all to the first meeting of the 1958/59 Executive Council.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Lady Elgin (President)  
Miss Armstrong, Mrs. Clark, Miss Cannon, Miss Ewen,  
Miss Ferrier, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. McCulloch,  
Mrs. MacKinnon, Mr. MacLeay, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Rankin,  
Mr. Ross, Mr. Raven, Mr. Spence, Mrs. Waddington and  
Miss Walker.

1. MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 8th August, 1958.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 9(c) - Teacher/examiner to Africa. The Chairman reported that the Finance Committee at its last meeting had put forward the recommendation that Miss Margaret McLaren of Jordanhill Training College be asked to go as the teacher/examiner to Africa in 1959. After some discussion Mr. Cruickshank proposed that this recommendation be accepted. This was seconded by Miss Ross (Glasgow) and approved by the meeting.

3. MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:

Finance Committee - 8th November, 1958. The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated) was proposed by Mr. Hardie, seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead and approved.

4. ELECTION of COMMITTEES - 1958/1959:

(a) General Purposes Committee. Miss Milligan, Chairman (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe, Vice-Chairman. The following were elected:- Mr. Aitkenhead

(North West Ayrshire), Miss B. Anderson (Aberdeen), Miss Collie (Peterhead), Mrs. Gujger (Rochdale), Mr. Hardie (Dunfermline), Mr. Macleod (Glasgow), Mr. Murray (Inverness), Miss Rae (Duns & District), and Miss Ross (Glasgow).

(b) Finance Committee. Miss Milligan and Mr. Sharpe (Convener). The following were elected:- Mr. Aitkenhead, Mr. Cruickshank (Edinburgh), Mr. Hardie, Miss McFeat (Perth), Mr. Murdoch (Ayr), Miss Ross and Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire).

(c) Examinations Committee. Miss Milligan (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe. The following were elected:- Miss B. Anderson Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy), Mr. Aitkenhead, Mrs. Gujger, Mr. Macleod and Mrs. Lesslie (co-opted).

(d) Publications and Research Committee. Miss Milligan (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe. The following were elected: Miss Arnott, Miss Brander (Carlisle), Mrs. Cramb (Aberdeen), Mr. Cruickshank and Mr. Murray. Miss A. Anderson and Mrs. Lesslie (co-opted).

(e) Ad hoc Committees - Summer School Committee. Miss Milligan (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe. The following were elected:- Miss B. Anderson, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Collie, Mrs. Cramb, Mr. Cruickshank, Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Mowat (Leven) and Mrs. Rankin (Hamilton & Clydesdale).

Demonstration Selection Committee: This committee was re-elected en bloc and now stands as follows:- Miss Milligan (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe. Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Adams, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gujger, Miss Kenyon and Mrs. Lesslie.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS for AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:-

- (a) The Wilmslow Guild S.C.D. Society (Cheshire)
- (b) St. Mary's Dancers (Beckenham)
- (c) Caledonian Society of Aden
- (d) Bury St. Edmunds Strathspey & Reel Society
- (e) Newbury & District Caledonian Society
- (f) Highland S.C. Dancing Assoc. of Northern Rhodesia
- (g) Northwich & District Scots' Society
- (h) Lincoln Scottish Association
- (i) Preston & District Caledonian Society
- (j) West Somerset Yeomanry Reels Club
- (k) Edmonton S.C.D. Club
- (l) The Banbury & District Scottish Dancing Group

#### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Annual General Meeting, 1959. The Chairman announced that an invitation had been received to hold the 1959 Annual General Meeting in Aberdeen on 24th October. The Chairman on behalf of the Council thanked Aberdeen Branch and accepted the invitation with pleasure.

(b) Book 20. It was unanimously decided that Book 20 should be published in 1959. The Chairman appealed to members to try to find old manuscripts of traditional music.

(c) Branch Formation. Applications for Branch formation were considered and accepted from:-

- (a) Nottingham
- (b) North West Craven (Settle, Yorks.)

The Chairman announced that although permission had been given at the last meeting of the Council for the formation of a Branch in Avicmore it had been decided not to do so in the meantime as conditions had changed.

(d) National Folk Music Fund. The Chairman read a letter of thanks received from The National Folk Music Fund for the donation by the Society of £50.

(e) Letter from Buckingham Palace. The Secretary read a letter from Buckingham Palace stating that no Society holding Royal patronage must publish any controversial material of a political nature in which the name of the Royal patron appears.

(f) World Federation of Scottish Societies and Individuals. The Secretary reported on a circular letter received from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh asking for the Society's support in the formation of a World Federation of Scottish Societies and Individuals. It was agreed that the Society should support this scheme and that this should be done at Headquarters level. It was also decided that if Branches wished to join the Federation individually they were at liberty to do so.

(g) Examiner in New Zealand. The Chairman reported on a request received from the New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society to allow Miss Phyllis Gale to become a R.S.C.D.S. examiner. This was fully discussed and it was agreed that it was not in the interests of the R.S.C.D.S. to have an examiner who could not be in close touch with the work of the Society in Scotland. The Chairman expressed appreciation of the work of all the groups in New Zealand on behalf of Scottish country dancing and requested that further consideration be given to the sending of a teacher/examiner to New Zealand and possibly Australia.

(h) Report on Research. The Secretary read a report compiled by Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Frizell (Edinburgh Branch). It was agreed that this report should be circulated to all members of the Executive Council and that the Publications and Research Committee should have an opportunity of discussing the contents, and report its findings thereon to the next meeting of the Council.

(i) Conference convened by The British Sailors' Society. Miss Ross (Glasgow) reported on a meeting held in Glasgow which she attended as a representative of the Society. The object of the conference had been to link together kindred Societies with the object of collecting Celtic dances. No conclusions were reached.

(j) Scottish Ballet Company. The Chairman reported that she had attended a meeting called by the Lord Provost of Glasgow with the object of forming a Scottish Ballet Company. Miss Milligen felt that although the R.S.C.D.S. could perhaps give advice and help if required, being an amateur body, it could not take any active part.

(k) Gramophone Records. It was reported that the tapes of the tunes in

Book 19 were now with the recording company and that it was hoped that the records would be ready for distribution shortly.

Mr. Aitkenhead proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for her conduct of the meeting.

The meeting ended at 4.20 p.m.

*Jean C. Milligan*  
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 9th May, 1959, at 2.15 p.m. in The North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
Lady Elgin, President.  
Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Armstrong, Mr. Aitkenhead,  
Miss Andrew, Miss Allan, Miss Brander, Miss Banks, Miss Collie,  
Miss Crichton, Miss Cunningham, Mr. Cruickshank, Miss Cannon,  
Mrs. Outhill, Miss Duff, Miss Ferrier, Miss Hendry, Mr. Hardie,  
Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Kane, Miss Kidd, Miss Lough, Miss Mowat,  
Mr. Murray, Miss Matheson, Miss Meikle, Miss McFeat,  
Mrs. Mackinnon, Mr. MacLeay, Miss MacArthur, Mr. Macleod,  
Miss McBride, Mrs. McCulloch, Miss Nicholson, Mr. Proudfoot,  
Mr. Raven, Mr. Ross, Miss Ross, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Rankin,  
Miss Rae, Miss Seddon, Mr. Sharpe, Miss Streight, Mrs. Thomson,  
Miss Thomson, Mrs. Walker, Miss Walker, Dr. Robertson Wilson,  
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cramb, Miss Dean, Miss Ewen,  
Miss Faulkner, Mrs. Gudger, and Mrs. Stephen.

1. MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 13th December, 1958.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

1) Teacher/Examiner to Africa. The Chairman gave a report on the latest position regarding Miss McLaren's visit to Africa, outlining the various places on her itinerary.

2) World Federation of Scottish Societies and Individuals. The Chairman reported on the meeting of the World Federation of Scottish Societies and Individuals which she had attended with the Secretary on 24th March, 1959, in Edinburgh. Although final details of membership had not been established Miss Milligan was quite sure that the Society should give its whole hearted supported to this Federation.

3) Examiner in New Zealand. The Chairman reported that the New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society were still agitating for the appointment of Miss Gale as an R.S.C.D.S Examiner. It was finally and unanimously agreed that it was not in the interests of the Society to have an examiner who cannot be in close touch with the work of the Society in Scotland.

4) Gramophone Records. The Secretary reported that the records of Book 19 were now progressing satisfactorily and that the question of purchase price had now been raised. It was agreed that the suggested price of 15/3d. was too high and the Secretary was instructed to write to the manufacturers quoting 13/6d. as being a suitable price.

3. MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

1) Finance Committee: 9th May, 1959. Mr. Sharpe, Convener, gave a report of a meeting of the Finance Committee which had been held that morning. Apart from routine business, it had been decided to recommend to the Executive Council as follows:-

- a) Gramophone Records. That the price of the records being issued by Paxtons should not exceed 13/6d. inclusive of Purchase Tax.
- b) Book Returns. That no returns should, in future, be made in September and that in cases where the activities had ceased the March return should be the final one for the year.
- c) Demonstration Team. That in view of the high cost of the previous visit and the need to send examiners overseas, the invitation to send a team to Pretoria again in 1960 should not be accepted.

Finance Committee: 14th February, 1959. The report of the meeting on 9th May and the Minutes of the meeting of 14th February, 1959, having been previously circulated to members, were approved, being proposed by Miss Milligan and seconded by Mr. Ross.

2) Publications Committee: 31st January, 14th February and 11th April, 1959. The adoption of the Minutes of the meetings of the Publications Committee was proposed by Mr. Sharpe, seconded by Miss Arnott and approved by the meeting.

3) Summer School Committee: 31st January, 1959. The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Summer School Committee was proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead seconded by Miss Mowat and approved by the meeting.

Business Arising: Mr. Aitkenhead asked if it would be possible to hold a class for the teaching of newly composed dances at the Summer School during an afternoon session. Miss Milligan replied that consideration would be given to this suggestion.

4) Examinations Committee: 31st January, 1959. Subject to the deletion of Mrs. Cramb's name on the list of Society adjudicators, which was added in error, the Minutes of the meeting of the Examinations Committee were approved, their adoption being proposed by Mr. Sharpe and seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead. It was agreed that no person should be an adjudicator for the Society without first obtaining the Teacher's Certificate.

4. APPLICATIONS for BRANCH FORMATION:

1) Stranraer. An application to form a Branch of the Society had been received from Mr. Tannock, Stranraer. It was agreed that as there was only one teacher in the district Stranraer should be given Branch status on the condition that examination classes should be run with a view to increasing the number of fully certificated teachers. Mrs. McCulloch (Gatehouse-of-Fleet) proposed the acceptance of this application, seconded by Miss Nicholson (Newton Stewart) and the meeting approved.

2) New York. An application to form a Branch of the Society in New York was accepted unanimously, there being four fully certificated teachers available to teach the classes.

5. APPLICATIONS for AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:

- 1) The S.C. Dancing Class, Merrigum, Australia
- 2) Freetown Caledonian Society Country Dance Section
- 3) Owairaka Reel & Strathspey Club (N.Z.)
- 4) Taunton Caledonian Society
- 5) The Ramseian Scottish Dance Group
- 6) Durban Scottish Country Dance Society
- 7) Glaxo Laboratories Sports & Society Club (S.D. Section)
- 8) Scottish Country Dancing Group, Nova Scotia
- 9) White Waltham Officers' Mess S.C.D. Circle
- 10) Wakefield Caledonian Society
- 11) S.C. Group, Ottawa.

6. INVITATION to BLOEMFONTEIN, MAY, 1960:

An invitation to send a team of dancers to a festival in Bloemfontein in May, 1960, was discussed. It was agreed that the cost of such a venture would be too high for the Society to undertake at this time. Mr. Herdie proposed that the invitation be declined,; he was seconded by Mr. Macleod and the meeting approved. The Secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Pellissier.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Teacher for Stonehaven Branch. An appeal for a teacher to take the classes at Stonehaven was put before the Council. Miss Anderson agreed to try and find someone in Aberdeen Branch who would be willing to undertake this task.
- 2) Annual General Meeting, 1959 It was agreed that, as in 1958, there should be an open forum for general discussion after the Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Summer School for Pianists: Mrs. McCulloch (Gatehouse-of-Fleet) put forward the suggestion that there should be a School run for pianists. After some discussion the representatives were asked to ascertain what support such a venture would be given from the Branches and to report to the next meeting of the Council; the suggestion could then be given further consideration.

Mr. Aitkenhead proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Executive Council held on Friday, 7th August, 1959, at 2.30 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
Lady Elgin, President  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Arnott, Miss Anderson, Miss Bowie,  
Miss Banks, Miss Brander, Miss Collie, Miss Crighton,  
Mrs. Cramb, Mr. Cruickshank, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Ewen,  
Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Greig, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mr. Ireland,  
Miss Jones, Miss Kaye, Mrs. Kemp, Mr. Kirby, Miss Kidd,  
Miss Kane, Mr. Little, Miss Mowat, Miss Meikle,  
Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Macleod, Mr. MacLeay, Miss MacArthur,  
Mr. Raven, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Stirling,  
Miss Seddon, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Walker, Dr. Robertson Wilson,  
Miss Vaughan, (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss Allan, Miss Andrew, Mrs. Blain, Miss Cannon,  
Miss Cameron, Mrs. Clark, Miss Duff, Mr. Kinghorn,  
Miss McConaghy, Mrs. McCulloch, Miss McFeat,  
Miss Robertson and Mr. Spence.

1. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 9th May, 1959:

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 3(4) Examinations Committee: 31st January, 1959. Miss Milligan told the Executive Council that the implication that Mrs. Cramb did not hold her Teacher's Certificate was incorrect as she had passed the examinations in 1932 and 1933 before her marriage. The Chairman offered Mrs. Cramb a sincere apology and it was agreed that her name should be placed on the Adjudicators' list.

Item 7 (1) Teacher for Stonehaven Branch. It was announced that Mr. Paterson of Aberdeen Branch had agreed to teach the classes in Stonehaven Branch during the next session.

Item 7 (3) Summer School for Pianists. The Chairman asked if the representatives had ascertained from their Branches if there was any demand for such a School for pianists. It was suggested that it might be run concurrently with the Summer School for one week. As many of the Branches had not had an opportunity of discussing this matter since the last meeting the matter was remitted to the next meeting.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

(a) Finance Committee: 9th May, 1959. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting (previously circulated) was proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead, seconded by Mr. Sharpe and approved.

Finance Committee: 31st July, 1959. The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting (having been circulated) was proposed by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mrs. Thomson and approved.

Mr. Sharpe, Finance Convener, presented the draft accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1959. These incorporated the recommendations of the last Finance Committee meeting. The Revenue Account showed gross income of £12,030. 13. 9d., and after meeting all expenses, writing £50 off Furniture and Equipment and £250 off Property, the surplus was £1,206. 4. 3d. From this sum appropriations have been made as follows:

Reserve for Reprinting Publications	£400
Allocation to Pension Fund	350
General Reserve Fund	250

leaving a net surplus for the year amounting to £206. 4. 3d. The Balance Sheet was gone over in detail, investments being shown at £14,172. 12. 10d. while the balance on Capital Account amounted to £17,159. 13. 11d. The draft accounts, subject to audit, were then approved, on the motion of Mr. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Murray.

The estimates for 1959/60 were then examined in detail and approved.

#### 4. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Council and this was approved and passed for publication in the Bulletin.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:

1. North Herts. Reel Club (Hitchin)
2. The Loyne Scottish Country Dance Group (Lancaster)
3. Westmorland St. Andrew Society
4. Muntham House School (nr. Horsham)

#### 6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1959:

There were no matters to be put forward from the Executive Council at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Annual General Meeting: 1960. The Council was pleased to accept the invitation of the Perth and Perthshire Branch to hold the 1960 Annual General Meeting in Perth on 5th November.
- 2) Hopeman Branch. The Chairman regretted having to inform the Council that Hopeman Branch had been disbanded owing to financial difficulties.
- 3) Dates of Executive Council Meetings. Mrs. Gudger proposed that the dates of the Executive Council Meetings should be fixed well in advance. There was general discussion in which it was announced that the next meeting would be

held on Saturday, 5th December, 1959. The Chairman stated that it was quite impossible at present to fix a date for the May meeting.

4. Gleneagles for Annual General Meeting. Mrs. Rankin proposed that as the smaller Branches could not "house" the Annual General Meeting and Autumn School individually a number of them should band together and take Gleneagles Hotel for the purpose. The Secretary reported that invitations had been tentatively made for 1961 and 1962 from Branches. It was agreed that when necessary due consideration would be given to the suggestion.

Mr. Murray proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. Sharpe on behalf of the Council wished Miss Milligan a good journey and a successful tour of America and Canada.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.

*Jean Milligan*  
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 5th December, 1959, at 2.15 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Arnott, Miss Armstrong, Miss Banks, Miss Brander, Miss Browne, Miss Crichton, Miss Collie, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Cannon, Mrs. Cramb, Dr. Douglas, Miss Gardiner, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hardie, Miss Kane, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Kidd, Mr. Lochhead Mr. Murray, Mr. Murdoch, Miss Meikle, Miss Mills, Miss Mowat, Miss McBride, Miss MacArthur, Mr. Macleod, Miss McFeat, Mrs. McCulloch, Miss Oliver, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Ross, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Rae, Miss Robertson, M Mrs. Rankine, Miss Redford, Mr. Raven, Mr. and Mrs. N. Stirling, Mrs. Stephen, Mr. J. Stirling, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Spence, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Thomson, Miss J. Walker, Mrs. H.S. Walker, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Mr. Williamson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
The Countess of Elgin, President  
Miss Allan, Mrs. Blain, Mrs. Clark, Miss Ewen,  
Miss Ferguson, Miss Ferrier, Mrs. Hutcheson,  
Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Kemp, Miss Seddon, Miss Thomson,  
Mrs. Waddington.

Before the business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed all to this the first meeting of the Executive Council for the new session and in particular the new members on the Council.

1. MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 7th August, 1959:

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 7(3) Summer School for Pianists. The Chairman asked what the response to this suggestion had been by the Branches. After discussion it was announced that at least 12 pianists in Branches were definitely interested in the scheme and the matter was remitted to the Summer School Committee for further investigation.

3. MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:

Finance Committee Meeting, 24th October, 1959. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting (previously circulated) was proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead, seconded by Miss McFeat, and approved.

Business arising: Gramophone Records. The Secretary reported that the tests of the recordings for Book 19 had been submitted to the band leader for approval and had since been returned to London for final processing. It was to be hoped that the discs would soon be available at retailers.

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4. ELECTION of COMMITTEES - 1959/60:

(a) General Purposes Committee: Miss Milligan, Chairman (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe, Vice-Chairman. The following were elected:- Mr. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire), Miss Collie (Peterhead), Mrs. Gudge (Rochdale), Mr. Hardie (Dunfermline), Miss Mowat (Leven), Mr. Murray (Inverness), Mr. Macleod (Glasgow), Miss Rae (Duns), Mrs. Rankin (Hamilton & Clydesdale) and Miss Ross (Glasgow).

(b) Finance Committee: Miss Milligan and Mr. Sharpe (Convener). The following were elected: Mr. Aitkenhead, Mr. Cruickshank (Edinburgh), Mr. Hardie, Miss McFeat (Perth), Mr. Murdoch (Ayr), Miss Ross and Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire).

(c) Examinations Committee: Miss Milligan (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe. The following were elected:- Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy), Miss Collie, Mrs. Gudge, Miss MacArthur, (Ayr) and Mr. Macleod.

(d) Publications Committee: Miss Milligan (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe. The following were elected:- Miss Arnott, Miss Brender (Carlisle), Mrs. Cramb (Aberdeen), Mr. Cruickshank and Mr. Murray.

(e) Ad Hoc Committees - Summer School Committee: Miss Milligan (Convener), and Mr. Sharpe. The following were elected:- Miss B. Anderson, Miss Browne, Miss Crighton, Mrs. Cramb, Mrs. Cuthill, Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Mowat and Mrs. Rankin.

Demonstration Selection Committee: This committee was re-elected en bloc and now stands as follows: Miss Milligan (Convener), Mr. Sharpe, Miss A. Anderson, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Adams, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gudge, Miss Kenyon and Mrs. Lesslie.

It was recommended that in future invitations for the International Team should be sent to Branches with the Society assisting financially where this was necessary. It was also recommended that the money thus saved should go towards the expenses of a teacher/examiner if requested overseas.

5. APPLICATIONS for AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:-

- (a) Chelmsford & District Scottish Society
- (b) Scottish Country Dance Society in Basle
- (c) The Stone Scottish Dancing Group (Staffs)
- (d) The Scottish Country Dance Society of Jamaica
- (e) The Scottish Country Dancing Club, Nakuru (Kenya)
- (f) The Northampton Town & County Scottish Assoc. Country Dancers
- (g) Broadstone Scottish Country Dance Group (Dorset)
- (h) Carleton University S.C.D. Group (Ottawa)
- (i) Waipukura Reel Class Club (New Zealand)
- (j) Tarporley Reel Club (Cheshire)
- (k) Cambridge Scottish Society
- (l) Chichester Scottish Country Dancing Class.

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The application for affiliation by the Caledonian Society of Holland Lincolnshire was withdrawn before the meeting.

6. WORLD FEDERATION OF SCOTISH SOCIETIES AND INDIVIDUALS:

Mr. Sharpe reported to the Council that the Federation had reconsidered the special conditions existing in the Society and had suggested that the annual subscription be paid by Headquarters on the basis of one pound per thousand members with a nominal fee of fourteen guineas. This would not make Branches members of the Federation but they would be at liberty individually to join should they so desire. After discussion Mr. Sharpe proposed that initially the Society should pay twenty guineas and that this sum should be reviewed next year. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Macleod and approved by the meeting.

7. SUBSCRIPTION COPY for 1960/61:

Mr. Cruickshank (Edinburgh) asked if any further consideration was being given to the previous suggestion that the Society should publish recently composed dances. There was considerable discussion on this matter and it was finally agreed that Branches should "try out" such dances in their own classes and if considered suitable should submit them to the Publications Committee for their approval. Mrs. Cramb (Aberdeen) pointed out that the decision made at the Annual General Meeting in Dundee in 1954 was that such dances should have been danced regularly for at least ten years before being published by the Society.

Miss Milligan announced that she had ready for publication a book of dances suitable for beginners and children which she was prepared to give to the Society. The Council expressed its gratitude to Miss Milligan and gratefully accepted her offer. It was decided that in 1960/61 a choice of subscription copy should again be offered from the Society's publications, Miss Milligan's new book to be included in the choice.

8. TOUR of CANADA and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Miss Milligan briefly gave the Council a most interesting and amusing account of her tour in U.S.A. and Canada from which all were able to appreciate the time and energy she had spent on the work of the Society and how very much the dancers overseas had benefited from her visit.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(1) Branch Formation - Harthill. An application to form a branch of the Society in Harthill, Lenarkshire, was considered. As the position of fully qualified teachers was not quite clear from correspondence it was agreed that permission should not be granted until certificated teachers were available to take all the classes liable to be run by the proposed Branch.

(2) R.S.C.D.S. Representative to the C.C.P.R. Mr. Ross (London) was asked to find some suitable person in London Branch to act as the Society's representative to the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

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- (3) Executive Council Meeting - May, 1960. It was decided that the next meeting of the Executive Council should be held on either 7th or 14th May.
- (4) Annual General Meetings 1961 and 1962. An invitation from the Ayr Branch to hold the 1961 Annual General Meeting in Ayr was accepted by the Council. An invitation from Edinburgh Branch for 1962 was also accepted.
- (5) Demonstration Teams - Insurance Cover. Miss MacArthur (Ayr) reported on a difficulty regarding insurance cover that had arisen in connection with the proposed participation by Ayr Branch demonstration team in a theatre production. Miss Vaughan told the meeting that the Society's Public Liability Insurance Policy covered individual dancers up to £10,000 providing the demonstrators were amateurs.

Mr. Ross proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Milligan.

The meeting ended at 4.50 p.m.

*Jan C. Milligan*  
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 7th May, 1960 at 2.15 p.m. in The North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
The Countess of Elgin (President)  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Armstrong, Miss Allen Miss Arnott,  
Miss Browne, Miss Brander, Miss Banks, Miss Cannon,  
Mr. Cruickshank, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Crichton, Mrs. Cramb,  
Miss Collie, Dr. Douglas, Miss Ferrier, Mr. Hardie,  
Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Kane, Mr. Kinghorn,  
Miss Kidd, Miss Lee, Miss Meikle, Miss Howat, Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Murdoch, Mr. Macleod, Miss McBride, Miss McFeat,  
Miss MacArthur, Mr. McDonald, Miss Oliver, Mr. Proudfoot,  
Miss Ross, Mr. Ross, Mr. Raven, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin,  
Miss Robertson, Miss Redford, Miss Seddon, Mr. Stirling,  
Miss Streight, Mr. Sharpe, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Thomson,  
Mrs. Turner, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Mr. Williamson,  
Mrs. Waddington, Mrs. Walker, Miss Walker, Miss Vaughan  
(Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Mrs. Bagguley, Mrs. Clark, Miss Dean, Miss Ewen,  
Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. McLellan, Miss McConaghy, Mrs. Rankine,  
Mrs. Stephen and Mr. Spence.

1. MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 5th December, 1959.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 2 - Summer School for Pianists: The Chairman announced that Wardlaw Hall was to be unavailable as a residence at the Summer School this year and therefore the proposed school for pianists had had to be cancelled as there would only be accommodation for dancing students.

Item 9(2) - R.S.C.D.S. Representative to the C.C.P.R: The Chairman reported that Mr. W. Ireland (London Branch) had been appointed as the Society's representative to the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

3. MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

1) Finance Committee Meetings 30th January and 20th February, 1960: The adoption of these Minutes, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Sharpe, seconded by Miss McFeat and approved.

Finance Committee Meeting: 7th May, 1960. Mr. Sharpe (Convener) gave the following report on the meeting which had been held in the forenoon.

a) Accounts for the four months January - April, 1960, totalling £3,335.18.6d. had been examined and approved.

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- c) A statement of the Society's investments had been presented and various alterations made. It was noted that an additional £225 5% Defence Bonds had been purchased for Pensions Fund, that £750 had been paid to the Park Film Studios Ltd., for the making of Gramophone Records and that 375 National Savings Certificates purchased in June, 1951, would mature in June, 1961 when they would be cashed.
- b) A statement comparing the estimated and actual income and expenditure for the nine months ended 31st March, 1960, had been presented. This showed a deficit of £56 which was due to the change in policy whereby only one twelfth of the life membership subscriptions received was to be credited in each accounting year.
- d) Gramophone Records. It had been reported that specimens of the records for Book 20 would be played at the Executive Council meeting, that the Agreement vetted by the Society's solicitor, would be signed in the next few days, and that the records would be on sale at the Summer School and in the shops at a cost of 11/2d. each.
- e) New Book of Dances. An estimate of £1,095. 1. 6d. for the printing of 30,000 copies of the new book of simple dances had been approved.
- f) Pocket Edition 7 - 9. An estimate of £151. 10. -d. for the reprinting of 12,000 copies of the Pocket Edition 7 - 9 had been approved.
- g) Redecoration of Headquarters. Estimates amounting to £87. 11. 6d. for the redecoration of the Committee Room, the caretaker's bedroom and kitchen had been approved. It had also been agreed to have the parquet flooring in the committee room cleaned and repolished.
- h) New Portable Typewriter. It had been agreed that the 22 year old portable typewriter should be replaced at a cost of £34. 7. 6d. less £8. which had been offered for the existing machine.

The adoption of the Convener's report was proposed by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank and approved by the meeting.

3. 2) Publications Meeting: 20th February, 1960. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting (having been circulated) was proposed by Mr. Murray, seconded by Miss Arnott and approved.
- 3) Summer School Meeting: 30th January, 1960. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting (having been circulated) was proposed by Miss Crighton, seconded by Miss Mowat and approved.

4. APPLICATIONS for AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:

1. Crowborough S.C.D. Group
2. East Carrington S.C.D. Club (West Australia)
3. Charing Eight S.C.D. Group (Kent)
4. I Cavaliere di Lerici - La Spezia (Italy)
5. Kings Lynn S.C.D. Society
6. S.E. Herts. S.C.D. Society

7. Taradale S.C.D. Club (Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
8. Uppsala University Scottish Society (Sweden)
9. R.A.F. Technical College S.C. Dancing Society

5. INVITATION to SOUTH AFRICA:

Miss Milligen reminded the Council that a year ago an invitation to tour South Africa had been declined owing to the heavy cost that would be incurred by the Society. In March, 1960, a letter had been received from Dr. Pellissier accompanied by a letter from the Commonwealth Relations Office urging the Society to reconsider the invitation and stating that all expenses incurred would now be borne by the South Africans. The date of departure was given as 27th April, 1960, and it was requested that as many as possible of the team which toured South Africa in 1955 should be included in this team. Owing to the shortage of time it had not been possible to call a committee meeting and the office bearers decided that as no outlay by the Society was involved the invitation should be accepted provided a team could be assembled. Within two weeks a team composed of twelve dancers, a leader and a piper had been chosen and a letter was then sent to members of the General Purposes committee informing them of action taken.

Miss Milligen pointed out that the invitation had been accepted before the shooting at Sharpeville after which at a rehearsal the team members were individually given the opportunity of withdrawing and the unanimous decision was that the tour should continue as planned.

Mr. Cruickshank (Edinburgh) proposed that it should be minuted that the Executive Council approved of the action taken by the Office Bearers in accepting the invitation and in their choice of a team. This proposal was seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson (Southport) and unanimously approved by the meeting.

Team Members: Miss S. Cameron (Edinburgh), Mrs. Carson (Edinburgh), Miss Hill (Stirling), Miss McCartney (Castle Douglas), Miss McQueen (Ayr), Miss Reid (Edinburgh), Mr. W. Hamilton (Edinburgh), Mr. C. Hamilton (Castle Douglas), Mr. Jamieson (Ayr), Mr. Livingstone (Edinburgh), Mr. Nicholson (Edinburgh), Mr. Rogerson (Lockerbie), Miss Robertson (Glasgow) - Leader and Mr. McKillop (Perth) - Piper.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Date of Next Meeting of Executive Council: It was intimated that the next meeting of the Executive Council would be on Friday, 12th August, 1960, in University Hall, St. Andrews, at 2.30 p.m.

2. Branch Formation - Portadown, Co. Armagh: An application to form a Branch in Portadown had been received from a group of twenty-six dancers which had been in existence for two and a half years. Correspondence had been received indicating that it would be possible to have the services of two fully certificated teachers by the beginning of next session, one to travel from Belfast and one a member of the class. Miss Kane (Belfast) reported that the group was very enthusiastic and in her opinion would in time form the nucleus of a good Branch. There was considerable discussion as to the

advisability of accepting this application owing to the small numbers and it was unanimously decided to ask the group to apply for affiliation at present. The matter of Branch formation would again be considered in a year's time.

3. Donations to Charity: Miss Kane (Belfast) asked for a ruling on the matter of donating Branch funds for charitable purposes. She explained that a special function had been organised to raise money for World Refugee Year and that as the total amount collected was less than had been anticipated the Branch Committee had agreed to augment the sum by donating money from Branch funds. The Treasurer stated that the Society was considered as an educational and cultural institution and as such was exempt from Income Tax; in order to maintain this status no funds belonging to the Society or to a Branch of the Society could be used for charity unless the amount had been specifically raised for this purpose.

4. Affiliation in Scotland: Mr. Macleod (Glasgow) raised the matter of affiliated groups in Scotland. As this would involve a change in the Constitution it was agreed to place the item on the Agenda for the next Executive Council meeting with a view to making a resolution for discussion at the Annual General Meeting in November.

5. Gramophone Records: Owing to the kind assistance of Mr. Cruickshank (Edinburgh) members were able to hear the three records made by Park Film Studios Ltd. of dances from Book 20. The Council expressed its approval of the records and it was announced that they would be on sale during the Summer School or could be obtained direct from Park Film Studios Ltd., 4 Park Terrace, Glasgow.

Mr. Murdoch proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Friday, 12th August, 1960 at 2.30 p.m. in University Hall, St. Andrews, Fife.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
The Countess of Elgin (President)  
Miss Browne, Miss Bowie, Miss Brander, Miss Banks,  
Mrs. Cramb, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Cannon, Miss Collie,  
Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Kirby,  
Miss Jones, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Kidd, Miss Kane,  
Miss Kaye, Miss Lee, Miss Lear, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murdoch,  
Mr. Murray, Miss MacArthur, Mr. Macleod, Mr. McDonald,  
Miss Ross, Mr. Ross, Mr. Raven, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Robertson,  
Miss Rae, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Stirling, Mrs. Stephen, Miss Seddon,  
Miss Thomson, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Turner, Dr. Robertson Wilson,  
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss Arnott, Miss Allan, Miss Clavering, Miss Cattanach,  
Mr. Cruickshank, Miss Crichton, Mrs. Clark, Dr. Douglas,  
Mrs. Kemp, Miss Ferrier, Miss McFeat, Miss Meikle,  
Miss Oliver, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Spence  
and Miss Streight.

1. MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 7th May, 1960:

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 6(4) - Affiliation in Scotland. On the proposal of Mr. Macleod (Glasgow) it was agreed that a resolution should go forward to the Annual General Meeting to alter the Constitution and Rules of the Society in order to allow the affiliation to the Society of groups in Scotland.

3. MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

a) Finance Committee Meeting, 7th May, 1960. The adoption of these Minutes, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Sharpe, seconded by the Chairman and approved.

b) Publications Committee Meeting, 11th June, 1960. The adoption of these Minutes having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Cramb, seconded by Mr. Murray and approved.

c) Finance Committee Meeting, 29th July, 1960. The adoption of these Minutes, having been circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Miss Ross and approved by the meeting.

Mr. Sharpe, Finance Convener, presented the draft accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1960. These incorporated the recommendations of the last Finance Committee Meeting. The Revenue Account showed gross income of £11,787. 6. -d. and after meeting all expenses, writing £250 off Property and £50 off Furnishings and Equipment the surplus was £1,705. 2. 6d. From this

sum appropriations had been made as follows:-

Reserve for Publications and Records	£550
Allocation to Pension Fund	£500
General Reserve	£250

leaving a net surplus for the year amounting to £305. 2. 6d. The Balance Sheet was gone over in detail, investments being shown at £15,596. 9. 4d. while the balance on Capital Account amounted to £17,464. 14. 5d. The draft accounts, subject to audit, were then approved on the motion of Mr. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Hardie.

The estimates for 1960/61 were then examined and approved.

4. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Council. Mr. Malcoed (Glasgow) congratulated Miss Hadden, in proposing the adoption of her report, and expressed the appreciation of the Council for the hard work she had put into the making of it.

5. APPLICATIONS for AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were considered and accepted from:

- 1) Berkhamsted Strathspey & Reel Club
- 2) Gainsborough S.C.D. Club
- 3) Hamilton Caledonian Society's S.C.D. Club (New Zealand)
- 4) Ilkley College of Housecraft S.C.D. Group
- 5) The Balgownie Dancers (Lytham St. Annes)

An application for affiliation from the Walthamstow Folk Dance Club was considered and it was agreed that provided the Club altered its title to include "Scottish Country Dance Section" it would be accepted.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 5th November, 1960:

(a) Honorary Vice-Presidents. The Chairman reported that Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich had nominated the Duke of Atholl as an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. Members of the Executive Council nominated the following:

- Lord Ogilvie (Mr. Sharpe, Dundee)  
Mrs. Hamilton-Meikle (Mrs. Gudgeon, Rochdale)  
Miss Gray-Buchanan (Mrs. Hutcheson, East Stirlingshire)  
Lady Graham of Netherby (Miss Brander, Carlisle)

It was agreed that these people should be invited to become Honorary Vice-Presidents and that if they accepted their names would go forward at the Annual General Meeting.

(b) Vice-President. Mr. Sharpe (Dundee), proposed that a resolution should go forward to the Annual General Meeting that there should be an alteration in the Constitution to provide for a Vice-President of the Society. This proposal was seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson and approved by the meeting.

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1) Branch Formation - Bloemfontein. The Secretary reported that she had received a request from the Scottish Country Dance Society (Bloemfontein) that they might form a Branch of the Society. Although information had been received to the effect that there were three fully certificated teachers available to take the classes, there appeared to be some doubt of the duration these people were expected to stay in Bloemfontein. It was agreed that if satisfaction could be obtained in this matter permission should be given for a Branch to be formed.

The request from Bloemfontein for a teacher/examiner to go out to Bloemfontein in June, 1961, was also discussed, and it was agreed that as Miss McLaren had been in Sout Africa so recently other places should be given priority. It was decided that Bloemfontein should state how much they were prepared to pay towards such a visit before further consideration could be given to the matter.

2) Executive Council Meeting. It was announced that the next meeting of the Executive Council would be on Saturday, 3rd December, 1960, in Edinburgh.

3) Further Education Classes in England. Mrs. Stephen (Richmond) announced that various Education Authorities in England run Scottish Country Dance classes but do not employ fully certificated teachers as their instructors. She requested that some approach by Headquarters should be made to these Authorities or the Physical Training Organisers to the effect that where possible all such classes should be taken by qualified people.

4) The Kilt is My Delight. Mr. Williamson (Perth) reported that he had received from teachers in Perth requests that the dancing on the television programme "The Kilt is My Delight" should conform with the teaching as laid down by the Society, with regard especially to the speed of the music. Miss Milligan regretted that the Society had no jurisdiction over the bands that played for these programmes and that everything possible was done by the Branch dancers to ensure that the Society regulations were observed.

5) New Dance Composed by Perth Branch. The Chairman reported that she had received a dance from Perth Branch with the request that it be dedicated to Prince Andrew. It was announced that any requests for Royal dedication should be made by those desiring it, not by Headquarters.

Mr. Murray (Inverness) proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for taking the meeting and all the other meetings at which she had presided throughout the last year.

The meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 3rd December, 1960, at 2.00 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)

Miss Armstrong, Miss Arnott, Miss Allen Mr. Brown,  
Miss Browne, Miss Brander, Miss Cannon, Miss Crichton,  
Mrs. Cramb, Miss Cattanach, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Collie,  
Dr. Douglas, Miss Graham, Miss Gardiner, Mrs. Gudger,  
Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Kidd,  
Mr. Kinghorn, Mr. Lochhead, Miss Lee, Mrs. Lesslie,  
Mr. Murray, Miss Mowat, Miss Meikle, Mr. MacLeay,  
Miss MacArthur, Miss McBride, Miss McFeat, Mr. Macleod,  
Miss Oliver, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Rae, Miss B.H. Robertson,  
Miss M.A. Robertson, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Redford, Mr. Raven,  
Miss Ross, Mr. Stirling, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Thomson,  
Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Robertson Wilson,  
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were intimated from The Countess of Elgin, Miss Milligan, Miss Banks, Mr. Aitkenhead, Mrs. Clark, Miss Cameron, Miss Ferrier, Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Kemp, Miss Kane, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Spence and Mr. Williamson.

Before the business of the meeting the Chairman extended a cordial welcome to all, particularly the new members on the Executive Council.

1. **MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:** 12th August, 1960:

The Minutes of the last meeting having been previously circulated to members were approved and signed.

2. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

Item 6(b) - Annual General Meeting, Vice-President. Mr. Sharpe expressed his disappointment that the resolution which had been unanimously passed by the Executive Council should be defeated at the Annual General Meeting. This seemed to indicate that there was not sufficient co-operation between members of the Council and delegates representing the Branches.

Item 5 - Walthamstow Folk Dance Club. The Secretary announced that information had been received from the Walthamstow Folk Dance Club that they were willing to add the words "Scottish Dance Section" to their title, and that their application had therefore been accepted for affiliation to the Society.

3. **MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Finance Committee, 5th November, 1960: The adoption of these minutes, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Miss McFeat, Seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson and approved.

4. **ELECTION of COMMITTEES - 1960/61:**

(a) General Purposes Committee: On a proposal by Mrs. Cramb (Aberdeen),

seconded by Mrs. Hutcheson (East Stirlingshire), and approved by the Council, this Committee was re-elected en bloc the members being as follows: Miss Milligan (Convener), Mr. Sharpe (Convener of Finance Committee), Mr. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire), Miss Collie (Peterhead), Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale), Mr. Hardie (Dunfermline), Miss Mowat (Leven), Mr. Murray (Inverness), Mr. Macleod (Glasgow), Miss Rae (Duns & District), Miss Ross (Glasgow), Mrs. Rankin (Hamilton & Clydesdale).

(b) Finance Committee. Miss Milligan and Mr. Sharpe (Convener). The following were elected: Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Browne (Aberdeen), Mr. Hardie, Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian), Miss McFeat (Perth), Miss Ross, Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire).

(c) Examinations Committee. Miss Milligan (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe. The following were elected: Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy), Miss Collie, Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Lesslie (Edinburgh) and Mr. Macleod.

(d) Publications and Research Committee. Miss Milligan (Convener) and Mr. Sharpe. The following were elected: Miss Arnott, Miss Brander (Carlisle), Mrs. Cramb (Aberdeen), Mrs. Lesslie and Mr. Murray.

Ad hoc Committees - Summer School Committee: It was unanimously agreed that this Committee be re-elected en bloc the members being as follows: Miss Milligan (Convener), Mr. Sharpe, Miss B. Anderson, Miss Browne, Miss Crighton, Mrs. Cramb Mrs. Cuthill, Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Mowat and Mrs. Rankin.

Demonstration Selection Committee. It was unanimously agreed that this Committee be re-elected en bloc and that Mr. Murray's name should be added. The members are as follows: Miss Milligan (Convener), and Mr. Sharpe.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS for AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:

- (a) Perth Scottish Country Dance Society (Australia)
- (b) Montclair Scottish Country Dance Club
- (c) Chesterton (Staffs) Scottish Dance Society
- (d) Scottish Country Dance Society of Helsinki
- (e) The Sutton Coldfield Scottish Country Dance Society
- (f) Isle of Men Caledonian Society, S.C.D. Club
- (g) Celtic Dance Group (Victoria, Australia)
- (h) Lee Thistle Club (London)
- (i) Woodford Scottish Country Dance Society (Cheshire)
- (j) Camberley Reel Club
- (k) Enfield & District Scottish Association

#### 6. SUBSCRIPTION COPY for 1961/62:

After considerable discussion it was decided to publish Book 21 in 1961, in accordance with the Society's policy of publishing a new book in the series every two years. It was pointed out that traditional dances were becoming increasingly difficult to find. The onus of collecting suitable dances was put on the Publications Committee, Miss Milligan having intimated that she had come to the end of her own collection of dances.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Wolfenden Committee on Sport. It was agreed to recommend to the Central Council of Physical Recreation (for consideration by the Government) that no Sports Development Council should be set up in London but that the existing bodies, The Central Council of Physical Recreation and the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation, should be financially aided to administer any monies made available, and that any such monies made available for Sport in Scotland should be administered in Scotland by the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation.
- (b) World Federation of Scottish Societies and Individuals. A Greeting, signed by Lord Bruce, which had been received at Headquarters on 30th November, 1960, was read to the Council.
- (c) Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. The Secretary intimated that Miss Seddon (Edinburgh), the Society's representative on the S.O.B.H.D. had resigned, and the Council members were asked to elect another representative. The names of Miss Cameron (Edinburgh) and Mr. Rennie (Dunfermline) were suggested and the Secretary was instructed to write and ascertain whether either of these two people could attend the meetings of the Board which are held on Sunday mornings, once every six weeks.
- (d) Next Meeting of Executive Council. It was announced that provisionally the date of 13th May, 1961, had been fixed for the next meeting of the Council, and that members would be informed of any alteration in this arrangement.
- (e) Gramophone Records - Park Film Studios Ltd. The Secretary announced that she had had a meeting with Mr. Gray of the Park Film Studios Ltd. who had informed her that out of each thousand records that had been pressed, 371 had been sold, and that at the end of the Company's financial year it seemed likely that the Society's outlay of £750 would be reimbursed together with about £75 in royalties.

Mr. Hardie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.5 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 13th May, 1961, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
Miss Arnott, Miss Allan, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne, Miss Brender  
Miss Collie, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Crichton, Mrs. Cramb,  
Miss Cannon, Dr. Douglas, Mrs. Gudger, Miss Gardiner, Mr. Hardie,  
Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Kemp, Miss Kidd, Miss Lee,  
Mr. Lochhead, Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Meikle, Mr. Murray, Miss Mowat,  
Mr. Macleod, Mr. McDonald, Miss MacArthur, Mr. Macleay,  
Miss McFeat, Miss Oliver, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Rae, Miss Ross,  
Miss B.H. Robertson, Mrs. M.A. Robertson, Miss Redford,  
Mr. Stirling, Miss Streight, Mr. Sharpe, Miss Thomson,  
Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Williamson, Mrs. Walker,  
Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and  
Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
The Countess of Elgin (President)  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Armstrong, Miss Banks, Mrs. Blain,  
Miss Cameron, Miss Cattnach, Miss Ferrier, Miss Falkner,  
Miss Kane, Mr. Kinghorn, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Raven,  
Mrs. Rankine and Mrs. Wilson.

Before the business of the meeting Miss Milligan intimated the death of Mrs. Hamilton-Meikle, and gave a short appreciation of the work she had done for the Society during her terms of office as Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd December, 1960, were approved and signed having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 7(c): It was announced that Miss S. Cameron of Edinburgh had agreed to become the Society's representative to the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- 1) Finance Committee Meeting 28th January, 1961: The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Miss McFeat, seconded by Miss Ross and approved.
- 2) Finance Committee Meeting: 13th May, 1961: Mr. Sharpe (Convener) gave a report of the meeting which had been held that morning:
  - a) Accounts paid during the months of January, February and March were examined and approved.
  - b) A Statement was presented comparing the estimated and actual income for the nine months ended 31st March, 1961. The £10 deficit in excess of estimated deficit was due to a considerable decrease in the net profit from sale of publications.

- (c) Bank Balances and Investments showed a balance of £829.10.6d. 375 National Savings Certificates maturing on 8th June, 1961 would realise £506. 5/-. It was decided to uplift £1,700 from the Dunfermline Building Society and to invest £2,200 in the County of East Lothian 5% Loan.

Revaluation of 12 Coates Crescent. The increased rateable value of £192 was considered reasonable. The Treasurer was authorized to apply for charity status at the appropriate time.

Gramophone Records. It was agreed that money would be made available, if the Executive Council approved of the records to be played later in the afternoon, for Park Film Studios to make new records with a different ensemble which included a piano.

Subscriptions. The Treasurer had been asked to write to Treasurers in U.S.A. and Canada asking for their views on the suggestion that the annual subscription should be one dollar for members in the American Continent. If agreement was reached on this subject it would be put to the A.G.M. and the constitution altered accordingly.

Life Members: It was decided to insert slips into the 1961 Bulletin asking life members to give their full names and addresses in order to bring the Society's records up to date.

Branch Treasurers' Meeting. It was decided to invite the Branch Treasurers to a meeting in Edinburgh with the Finance Committee at the end of September or the beginning of October.

3. 3) Summer School Committee: 28th January, 1961. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Cramb, seconded by Miss Crighton and approved.
- 4) Publications Committee: 28th January, 1961. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Miss Arnott, seconded by Mrs. Cramb and approved.
- 5) Publications Committee: 4th March, 1961. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Murray seconded by Miss Brander and approved.
- 6) General Purposes Committee: 18th March, 1961. Mr. Macleod (Glasgow) pointed out that the decision to include Mrs. Sharpe as a guest on the occasion of the Royal visit had been omitted from the minutes. The Secretary apologised for the error and promised to rectify the matter. Mr. Macleod then proposed the adoption of the altered minutes, seconded by Miss Mowat and approved by the meeting.

#### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation to the Society were considered and accepted from:

- (a) The Bostall Park S.C.D. Group (Bexleyheath, Kent)
- (b) Braeburn S.C.D. Club (Nelson, New Zealand)
- (c) Denbury Junior Leaders Social Club S.C.D. Group (Devon)

4. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION (Contd.)

- (d) The Goyt Valley Scottish Dancing Club (Cheshire)
- (e) Oakville S.C.D. Group (Ontario)
- (f) Waipukurau S.C.D. Club (Hawkes Bay, New Zealand)
- (g) The Hague-Delft S.C.D. Group
- (h) The Cardiff Caledonian Society
- (i) Newcastle Colleges Strathspey & Reel Club (New South Wales)
- (j) The application from the Perth & District Country Dance

Group was considered and accepted on condition that the title of the group be changed. It was agreed that confusion would arise if two groups in Perth, West Australia, existed under practically the same name. The application for affiliation from the "Perth Scottish Country Dance Society" was passed at the meeting on 3rd December, 1960.

5. 1962 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was announced that in 1962 the Annual General Meeting would be held in Edinburgh on 10th November.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) Application for Branch Formation from Swindon: The Chairman informed the Council that an application to form a Branch in Swindon had been received. She reminded the members that it was absolutely necessary to have the services of two fully certificated teachers before permission could be granted and as this qualification was not fulfilled the application could not be considered at present.
- 2) Invitation from Bad Harzburg: The Chairman read a letter from Bad Harzburg Germany, inviting a team of young dancers to a folk dance festival in August, 1961. It was decided that as this was an adult Society the invitation could not be accepted.
- 3) The Scottish National Ballet: Mrs. Cramb (Aberdeen) asked if the Society could do anything about the standard of Scottish country dancing in the Scottish National Ballet. It was agreed that nothing could be done officially.
- 4) 1960 Bulletin: The Secretary asked that any surplus copies of the 1960 Bulletin should be returned to Headquarters.

Mr. Brown (Edinburgh) proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.10 p.m.

After the business of the meeting Mr. Gray of Park Film Studios Ltd., played one or two records he had made recently to let the Council members hear the new combination of instruments which he proposed to use in the making of further Scottish country dance records. Members of the Council danced to the new records and there was general approval of the new combination.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Friday, 11th August, 1961 in University Hall, St. Andrews, Fife, at 2.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Miss Milligan (in the Chair)  
Miss Arnott, Miss Brander, Miss Bowie, Miss Banks,  
Miss Browne, Miss Cannon, Miss Cattanach, Miss Collie,  
Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Crighton, Miss Duff, Mrs. Gudge, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mr. Hardie, Miss Jones, Miss Kane, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Kidd, Mrs. Lesslie, Mr. Murray, Miss Mowat, Miss Meikle, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Macleay, Miss MacArthur, Miss Robertson, Miss Ross, Miss Rae, Mr. Raven, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Redford, Mr. Spence, Mr. Stirling, <sup>G. N. W. A.</sup>  
Mr. Sharpe, Mrs. Turner, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Thomson,  
Mrs. Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and  
Miss Hadden (Secretary).

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
The Countess of Elgin (President)  
Miss Allan, Mr. Aitkenhead, Mrs. Blain, Mrs. Barrett,  
Mr. Brown, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Cramb, Mrs. Kemp,  
Mr. Lochhead, Miss Lee, Miss McFeat, Mr. McDonald,  
Miss Oliver, and Mr. Williamson.

1. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th May, 1961, were approved and signed having been previously circulated.

2. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

Item 4 (j) It was announced that the "Perth & District Country Dance Group" had agreed to change its title to avoid confusion with a nearby group of much the same name. The title of the group had been changed to "The Bon-Accord Scottish Country Dance Club".

3. **MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- a) Finance Committee Meeting 13th May, 1961 The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Hardie and approved by the meeting.
- b) Finance Committee Meeting 28th July, 1961 The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Sharpe, seconded by Miss Kidd and approved.

Mr. Sharpe, Finance Convener, presented the draft Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1961. These incorporated the recommendations of the last Finance Committee Meeting. The Revenue Account showed gross revenue of

£11,651 and after meeting all expenses, writing £250 off Property and £51 off Furnishings and Equipment the surplus was £1,561. From this sum appropriations had been made as follows:-

Reserve for Publications and Records	£400
Allocation to Pension Fund	£600
General Reserve	£250

leaving a net surplus of £311.

The Balance Sheet was examined in detail, and it was noted that investments totalled £15,250 on General Account and £2,789 for the Pension Fund while the balance on Capital Account amounted to £17,776.

The adoption of the draft Accounts, subject to audit, was proposed by Mr. Sharpe, seconded by Miss Robertson. The Estimates for 1961/62 having been examined, were proposed by Dr. Robertson Wilson and seconded by Miss Crighton. The meeting approved the adoption of the Accounts.

#### 4. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Council. Mr. Macleod in proposing the adoption of the report congratulated Miss Hadden on its detail and conciseness. The report was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Miss Milligan then read letters of thanks from Buckingham Palace addressed to Lady Elgin and Miss Hadden.

#### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were considered and accepted from:

- (a) Horsham High School Dancing Group
- (b) Monaro Caledonian Society
- (c) The Ottawa Scottish Country Dance Society
- (d) Wigan Caledonian Society
- (e) Newcastle Scottish Country Dance Club (New South Wales)
- (f) Victoria S.C.D. Society (British Columbia)
- (g) The Derwent S.C.D. Club (Cumberland)
- (h) The S.C.D. Society of Cincinnati

#### 6. BRANCH FORMATION:

An application for Branch formation from Royal Leamington Spa was unanimously accepted.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 28th October, 1961:

a) Vice-President Mr. Sharpe (Dundee) proposed that a resolution should go forward to the Annual General Meeting that there should be an alteration in the Constitution to provide for a Vice-President of the Society, and that, if this resolution was accepted by the Society, Miss Milligan should be nominated for this office; the meeting approved.

b) Honorary Vice-President Miss Milligan announced that she had had a recommendation from the Countess of Elgin that General Lord Thurlow should be nominated as an additional Honorary Vice-President of the Society. This was unanimously approved and the Secretary was instructed to write to General Lord Thurlow asking permission for his name to go forward.

8. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

It was agreed that the next Executive Council meeting should be on Saturday, 25th November, 1961, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, at 2.15 p.m.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Treasurers' Meeting: It was agreed that the meeting of Branch Treasurers should take place in Edinburgh on Saturday, 30th September, 1961, at 2.00 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh. With the notice of this meeting the Treasurer was asked to send an explanatory letter on the uses of Branch funds in order to preserve the Society's charity status.

b) International Festival of Music and Dancing, Isle of Man, Easter, 1962. The Secretary read a letter inviting a Society team to the Isle of Man in April, 1962. The Representatives were asked to consider the invitation and contact the Secretary if it was felt possible that a Branch team could accept the invitation. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Organiser saying that the matter was under consideration but that no definite answer could be given at present.

c) English Folk Dance and Song Society, Birmingham Festival, November, 1961. The Secretary read a letter of invitation to the Birmingham Festival on 22nd and 23rd November for a first class Society team. As the festival falls mid-week, some difficulty is expected in the raising of a team but the Secretary was instructed to write to the Organiser saying the matter was under consideration. Representatives were asked to contact the Secretary as soon as possible if a suitable team could be raised on these dates.

d) Society Badge: Miss Brander (Carlisle) asked if the Society would consider the production of a badge or brooch to be available for members. The proposal was unanimously rejected.

e) Gramophone Records: Mr. Kinghorn (Stranraer) asked if it would be possible for Headquarters to issue on request lists of available S.C.D. records. It was explained that such lists were so constantly under revision that even music sellers were unable to keep them up-to-date, and that consequently, such a task could not be undertaken at Headquarters. Mr. Kinghorn was recommended to Park Film Studios Ltd. who have a mailing list giving up-to-date information of all their productions.

Dr. Robertson Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, thanking her for all the work she had done for the Society and wishing her well on her forthcoming visit to America and Canada.

The meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTE of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 25th November, 1961, at 2.15 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)  
Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-President)  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Banks, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Blain, Miss Brander, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne, Miss Cannon, Miss Cattnach, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett, Miss Crighton, Mr. Cross, Mrs. Cuthill, Dr. Douglas, Miss Ferrier, Mr. Fleming, Miss Forsyth, Miss Gardiner, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hardie, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Jack, Mrs. Jameson, Dr. Johnstone, Miss Kane, Miss Kidd, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee, Mrs. Lesslie, Mr. Lochhead, Miss Matheson, Miss Mowat, Mr. Murray, Miss MacArthur, Mr. McDonald, Miss McFeat, Miss Oliver, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Redford, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Smith, Miss Taylor, Miss A. Thomson, Mrs. J. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mr. Williamson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from

The Countess of Elgin (President)  
Mrs. Clark,  
Mr. McLeay,  
Mr. E. Spence.

Before the business of the meeting, the Chairman extended a cordial welcome to all, particularly the new members on the Executive Council.

1. MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: 11th August, 1961.

The Minutes of the last meeting, having been previously circulated to members, were approved and signed, subject to the addition of Dr. Robertson Wilson's name to the list of members present.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 9 (a) Treasurers' Meeting - Miss Vaughan reported that the Treasurers' Meeting, the first of its kind, held on the 7th October, 1961, had been well supported. A comprehensive agenda covering the full duties of a Branch Treasurer had been worked through and Treasurers had benefited from the ensuing discussions. A revised edition of the Treasurer's Guide would be issued shortly.

Item 9 (b) International Festival of Music and Dancing, Isle of Man, Easter, 1962. Mr. Sharpe expressed his pleasure at the decision of the Edinburgh Branch to send a team to the Isle of Man in Easter, 1962.

Item 9 (c) English Folk Dance and Song Society, Birmingham Festival, November, 1962. It was reported with regret that it was not possible for a Society team to attend the Birmingham Festival and that the Organiser had been informed accordingly.

Arising from the report of the Treasurers' Meeting, Mr. Sharpe told the meeting of the sad loss the Dundee Branch had sustained by the death of Miss Anderson, who had been their Treasurer for twenty-four years.

3. MINUTES of SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:

Finance Committee, 28th October, 1961 - The adoption of these Minutes, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead, seconded by Miss McFeat and approved.

4. ELECTION of COMMITTEES - 1961/62:

(a) General Purposes Committee: - Mr. Sharpe (Convener) and Mrs. Lesslie. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:- Mr. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire), Mr. Brown (Edinburgh), Miss Collie (Peterhead), Mrs. Cuthill (Lanark), Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale), Miss Mowat (Leven), Mr. Murray (Inverness), Miss Rae (Duns & District), Mrs. Rankin (Hamilton & Clydesdale) Mr. Hardie (Convener of Finance Committee).

(b) Finance Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:- Mr. Hardie (Convener) Mr. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire), Mr. Brown (Edinburgh), Miss Browne (Aberdeen), Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian), Miss McFeat (Perth), and Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire).

(c) Examinations Committee - It was unanimously agreed that with the exception of Mr. MacLeod, who is no longer on the Council, this Committee should be re-elected 'en bloc', and that Mrs. Wadsworth's name should be added. The members are as follows:- Miss Milligan (Convener), Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie. Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy), Miss Collie (Peterhead), Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale) and Mrs. Wadsworth (Edinburgh).

(d) Publications and Research Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie (Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:- Miss Milligan, Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy), Miss Brander (Carlisle), Dr. Johnstone (N.W. Ayrshire) and Mr. Murray (Inverness).

Ad hoc Committees - Summer School Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:- Miss Milligan (Convener), Miss Browne (Aberdeen), Miss Collie (Peterhead), Miss Crighton (Dundee), Mrs. Cuthill (Lanark), Miss Mowat (Leven), Miss Rae (Duns & District) and Mrs. Rankin (Hamilton & Clydesdale).

Demonstration Selection Committee - It was unanimously agreed that this Committee be re-elected 'en bloc' and that Miss M. Anderson and Mrs. Cramb's names be added. The members are as follows:- Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie. Miss Milligan (Convener), Miss A. Anderson (Edinburgh), Miss M. Anderson (Aberdeen), Miss Adams (Glasgow), Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy), Mrs. Brown (Edinburgh), Mrs. Cramb (Aberdeen), Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale), Miss Kenyon (Glasgow) and Mr. Murray (Inverness).

## 5. APPLICATIONS for BRANCH FORMATION and AFFILIATION:

- (1) An application for Branch Formation from Bristol was unanimously accepted.
- (2) Applications for affiliation were considered and accepted from:-
  - (a) Buxton and District Caledonian Society.
  - (b) The Concord Scottish Country Dance, Concord, Mass.
  - (c) Edinburgh University New Scotland Country Dance Society.
  - (d) Gossops Green Scottish Country Dance Club, (Crawley, Surrey).
  - (e) Bournemouth Scottish Country Dance Club.

## 6. SUBSCRIPTION COPY 1962/63

After some discussion, it was decided to publish a Pocket Edition of Books 19-21 for the 1962/63 subscription copy. A letter had been received from Edinburgh Branch regarding the possibility of publishing a book of newly composed dances for the 1962 subscription. It was considered that this would not be ready for distribution by October, 1962, but it was stated by the Chairman that during the current year the Publications Committee would give consideration to the dances sent in.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) R.S.C.D.S. Representatives in Brisbane - A resume of the correspondence from Mr. G. S. Robertson and Mrs. Gearey to Miss Hadden regarding the possibility of their representing the Society in Brisbane, was read by the Chairman and the matter was discussed. The meeting unanimously agreed that no action be taken.

(b) Visit of Portuguese Dancers - The Secretary gave a summary of letters received from Manchester Branch, regarding the possibility of a team of Portuguese dancers visiting this country to give concerts in January, 1962, with the help of the Society. It was decided that the Society had been given too short notice to organize such a tour, and it was agreed that the Branches would be willing to support a future visit of the Portuguese team provided much longer notice was given.

## 8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1961:

There was considerable discussion on the remit from the Annual General Meeting sent in by N. W. Ayrshire Branch.

It was agreed that the Executive Council could take no action in the matter; that Branches must be left to decide whether they would support nominations for elected members on the invitation of other Branches.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Miss Milligan's visit to North America - Mr. Sharpe called upon Miss Milligan to give a talk about her recent visit to Canada and the United States.

Miss Milligan gave a very interesting report of her tour, expressing her appreciation of the enthusiasm she found for Scottish Country Dancing in North America.

(b) Date of Next Meetings - It was announced that the date of the next meeting of the Executive Council was provisionally fixed for 12th May, 1962, and that the date of the following meeting during the Summer School in St. Andrews was fixed for 10th August, 1962.

(c) Gramophone Records - Mrs. Jameson (Gatehouse-of-Fleet) asked if there was any possibility of a long playing record of Book 21. It was decided that the matter of further gramophone records would be considered by the Publications Committee in due course.

Mrs. Lesslie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 4.20 p.m.

*George Sharpe*  
Chairman 12/5/62

MINUTES of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 12th May, 1962 at 2.15 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair),  
Miss Milligan (Vice President),  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Banks,  
Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Blain, Miss Brander, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne,  
Miss Cannon, Miss Cattanach, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett, Miss Crighton,  
Mr. Cross, Mrs. Cuthill, Dr. Douglas, Mr. Fleming, Miss Forsyth,  
Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hardie, Miss Jack, Mrs. Jameson, Dr. Johnstone,  
Miss Kane, Miss Kidd, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee, Mrs. Lesslie,  
Mr. Lochhead, Miss Matheson, Miss Mowat, Mr. McDonald, Miss McFeat,  
Mr. McLeay, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Rae,  
Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Raven, Miss Redford, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Robertson,  
Mr. Rose, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stirling, Miss Taylor, Miss Thomson,  
Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Williamson, Mrs. Wilson,  
Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and  
Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:-

The Countess of Elgin (President),  
Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mr. Murray, Miss Streight,  
Mrs. Wadsworth and Mr. Wadsworth.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 25th November, 1961, were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

2 Item 9 (b) International Festival of Music and Dancing, Isle of Man.

Mr. Brown (Edinburgh) was called upon by the Chairman to report on the visit of an Edinburgh Branch team to the first International Festival of Music and Dancing on the Isle of Man. Mr. Brown reported that the team had thoroughly enjoyed the visit, that the festival had been most successful, and that teams from fourteen European countries had taken part.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee (1) - 27th January, 1962 - The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lochhead and approved.

Finance Committee (2) - 12th May, 1962 - Mr. Hardie (Convener) gave a report of the Meeting which had been held that morning:

Dundee Branch deficit. It was agreed to refund the deficit of £12 16s. 6d., which the Dundee Branch had sustained on their Certificate Class. This case was treated as exceptional because the class had been open to members of other Branches in order to offer an alternative to the course at the Summer School at St. Andrews.

Collins Publication. The agreement for the new book '99 More Scottish Country Dances' will be the same as the agreement for '101 Scottish Country Dances' with the additional clause that the Society will not undertake to publish any similar book with another company which would compete with Collins' two books.

Accounts paid during the months of January, February, March and April were examined and approved.

Bank Balance and Investments. A bank balance of £876 15s. 2d., and of investments totalling £14,650 in General Account and £2,812 17s. 8d., in Pension Fund were noted. It was decided to invest £500 received from the investment of 4½% Defence Bonds and £1,000 from the East Lothian County Council temporary loan of which interest had fallen to 4½% to East Lothian County Council Loan at 6¼% for five years. It was also decided to renew the Edinburgh Corporation Loans No. 29376 for £1,000 and No. 29546 for £2,000 at 6¼% for a period of seven years from 15th May, 1962.

A statement was presented comparing the estimated and actual income for the nine months ended 31st March, 1962.

Branch Accounts. The deficits shown by certain Branches last year were explained either by an unusual non-recurring expenditure or by a decrease in membership. The explanations were considered to be satisfactory.

The general financial positions of the Branches were looked into, and it was discovered that 40% of the Branches are currently running at a loss.

Estimates for Pocket Edition. The estimates for the publishing of Pocket Edition 19-21 were considered and it has been decided to order 30,000 copies at an approximate cost of @413 9s. 6d.

Gramophone Records. The Park Film Studios are interested in the possibility of making records of Scottish Country Dances recorded by a well-known band. Out of the 1,000 records previously made for the Society, it is estimated that 300 to 400 records remain unsold. Arising out of this, Mr. Cross (Glasgow) suggested that a copy of each record be sent on a sale or return basis to each Branch in an effort to decrease the large stocks held by Park Film Studios. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Gray of Park Film Studios about this matter.

Summer School Committee - 27th January, 1962 - Mr. Sharpe told the Executive Committee that no one had applied for the Pianists Course this year. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting, having been previously circulated was proposed by Miss Collie, seconded by Miss Mowat and approved.

Publications Committee - 27th January, 1962 - The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Miss Brander, seconded by Miss Arnott and approved.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION AND AFFILIATION:

(a) An application for Branch formation from Leeds was unanimously accepted.

(b) Applications for affiliation were considered and accepted from:

1. Bramhall S.C.D. Club
2. Mansfield District Caledonian Society
3. Nova Scotia S.C.D. Society
4. Poynton Scottish Country Dance Class
5. St. Andrew's S.C.D. Club, Littlehampton
6. Swarthmore S.C.D. Group, Delaware, U.S.A.
7. Technical College S.C.D. Group, Lurgan, N. Ireland.
8. Tynedale C.D. Club
9. Winnipeg S.C.D. Society
10. The Hague S.C.D. Class
11. Philiphaugh S.C.D. Club, Selkirk
12. Brigham Young University International Folk Dancers, Provo, Utah.
13. Cleveland S.C.D. Group, Cleveland, U.S.A.
14. Rolls Royce S.C.D. Club, East Kilbride.

An application received from Harthill District Scottish Country Dance Club was considered, but it was agreed to postpone a decision until the Secretary of the Club wrote to West Lothian Branch for approval. It was also agreed that the number of R.S.C.D.S. members within the Group should be stated.

#### 5. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Westbury Scottish Club, Bristol - A letter had been received enquiring about the position of this Club now that a Branch had been formed in Bristol. It was agreed that in an area where a Branch is formed, where there is already an established affiliated group, the affiliation should not be affected, but the members of the groups should be encouraged to become individual members of the Society, through the Branch.

b) Leaflet Dances - A letter was received from the President of Toronto Branch, which expressed concern at the growing use of leaflet dances and the tendency to forget about the traditional dances. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that a circular letter should be sent to all Branches advising them to pay more attention to the traditional dances, and to refrain from publicising new dances until such time as the Society publishes a book of new dances, which will also contain recommendations of non-traditional dances already published.

c) Date of 1963 A.G.M. - As no invitation has been received from a Branch for the 1963 A.G.M., it was agreed that a date should be decided upon at the next meeting of the Executive Council on 10th August at University Hall, St. Andrews.

d) Branches without certificated teachers - Miss McFeat (Perth) asked what the position was in Branches which no longer had certificated teachers. It was agreed that special dispensation should be granted to applicants from such Branches to apply for certificate classes at St. Andrew's Summer School. It was also agreed

that these Branches should report to Headquarters in order to find a possible solution.

Miss Browne proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The Meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.

*George Hunter*  
Chairman 10/8/62.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Friday, 10th August, 1962, in University Hall, St. Andrews, Fife, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Allibon, Miss Arnott, Miss Bowie, Miss Brander, Miss Browne,  
Miss Cannon, Mr. Clark, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Cramb, Miss Crighton,  
Mr. Cross, Mrs. Cuthill, Dr. Douglas, Miss Duff, Miss Ferrier,  
Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Ireland, Dr. Johnstone,  
Miss Gardiner Jones, Miss Kane, Miss Kidd, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee,  
Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Matheson, Mrs. Parker, Miss Rae, Mr. Raven,  
Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stephen, Miss Thomson,  
Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mr. Wadsworth, Dr. Robertson Wilson,  
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:

The Countess of Elgin (President)  
Miss Allan, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Banks, Mrs. Blain, Mr. Brown,  
Miss Cattanaich, Miss Chalmers, Mrs. Clark, Miss Clavering, Miss Ferrier,  
Mrs. Hutcheson, Mr. Lochhead, Miss McFeat, Mr. McKillop, Miss Mowat,  
Mrs. Rankin, Miss Streight, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Wilson.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th May, 1962, were approved and signed having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 4 (b) The representative of West Lothian Branch gave the reasons for the unwillingness of the Branch to give consent to the application for affiliation from Harthill District S.C.D. Club. The Committee agreed that the Group should not be accepted for affiliation, and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Harthill S.C.D. Club accordingly.

Item 3 (3) The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of Glasgow Branch concerning the refund of the deficit on Certificate classes recently paid to Dundee Branch. After much discussion, it was decided that the Finance Committee should meet to look further into the problem of deficits on Examination classes held by Branches, and report to the next Executive Meeting.

Item 5 (b) A letter was read from Edinburgh Branch giving details of the dances in their present television series. Only four of the dances in the complete programme are not sponsored by the Society.

3. MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

a) Finance Committee Meeting - 12th May, 1962 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Miss Browne and approved.

b) Finance Committee Meeting - 23rd June, 1962 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Dr. Johnstone, seconded by Mrs. Wadsworth and approved.

c) Finance Committee Meeting - 27th July, 1962 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Parker and approved.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of 27th July, it was explained that Mr. Douglas Gray of Park Film Studios had offered to repay the amount outstanding of the loan given to him by the Society, namely £675. The Society has agreed to pay the cost of a band in the production of two new records, with a total outlay of £200.

Mr. Hardie, Finance Convener, invited Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) to present the draft accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1962. These incorporated the recommendations of the last Finance Committee meeting. The Revenue Account showed gross income of £12,814, and after meeting all expenses writing £150 off property and £59 off furniture and equipment, the surplus was £845. From this sum appropriations had been made as follows:-

Reserve for publications and records	£250
Allocation to Pensions Fund	£350
General Reserve	£200

leaving a net surplus of £45.

The Balance Sheet was examined in detail, and it was noted that investments totalled £16,150 on General Account and £3,266 for the Pensions Fund.

The adoption of the draft accounts, which were subject to audit, was proposed by Dr. Johnstone and seconded by Mr. Fleming.

The estimates for 1962/63 were examined and adopted, having been proposed by Dr. Robertson Wilson and seconded by Miss Crighton.

d) Publications Committee Meeting - 12th May, 1962 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Miss Arnott, seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson and approved.

e) Publications Committee Meeting - 23rd June, 1962 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Miss Brander, seconded by Mrs. Cramb and approved.

4. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Council. Mr. Sharpe expressed the thanks of the Council to Miss Hadden for her work during the year. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs. Lesslie, seconded by Miss Arnott and unanimously approved by the Meeting.



## 5. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION AND AFFILIATION:

a) Branch Formation: An application for Branch formation from San Francisco was unanimously accepted.

The application for Branch Formation from Guelph and Kitchener Groups (Ontario) had been withdrawn before the Meeting.

b) Affiliation: Applications for affiliation were accepted from:-

1. Sandbach (Cheshire) and District Caledonian Society
2. Eastleigh Scottish and Northern Counties Association
3. West Suffolk Scottish Dance Club

## 6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 10th November, 1962:

There were no matters which the Council wished to be put forward to the Annual General Meeting.

It was decided that the Society should produce an application form for membership, the matter to be discussed at the next Publications Committee Meeting.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE:

Scottish Theatrical Productions Ltd. The Secretary read a letter inviting teams from Dundee, Perth, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Paisley and Dumfries to take part in demonstrations in September and October, to be sponsored by Gallachers. There was some discussion on the matter and after a vote, it was decided not to accept the invitation.

Invitation fro 1963 Annual General Meeting The invitation from Aberdeen Branch for the 1963 A.G.M. was accepted with thanks.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

It was agreed that the next Executive Council Meeting should be held on 8th December, 1962, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh at 2.15 p.m.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sharpe thanked the elected members and representatives for their work during the year.

Mrs. Lesslie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the meeting ended at 4.15 p.m.

*George Sharpe*

8/12/62.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 8th December, 1962, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Adams, Miss Allan, Miss Anderson, Miss Banks, Mrs. Barrett,  
Miss Brander, Mr. Clark, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Mr. Cross,  
Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Duff, Mrs. Dunn, Miss Ferrier, Mrs. Gudger,  
Mrs. Henderson, Miss Jack, Dr. Johnstone, Miss Kane, Miss Kidd,  
Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee, Mrs. Lesslie, Mr. Lochhead, Miss Matheson,  
Mr. Mechan, Miss Mowat, Miss Nicoll, Miss McFeat, Mr. McKillop,  
Mrs. Parker, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Raven,  
Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Thomson,  
Miss Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Robertson Wilson,  
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from

The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E.  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Blain, Miss Cannon,  
Miss Cattanach, Miss Collie, Miss Ferrier, Mrs. Jameson,  
Mrs. Kemp, Miss Oliver, Miss Taylor and Mr. Wadsworth.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th August, 1962, were approved and signed having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 3 (3) - Deficits on Examination classes: Mr. Sharpe reported that the Finance Committee had not had sufficient time to discuss the matter fully at the last meeting, but that the item would be on the agenda for the next meeting, and a report would be made at the next Executive Meeting.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

a) Finance Committee Meeting - 10th November, 1962 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Miss McFeat and approved.

b) Publications Committee Meeting - 29th September, 1962 The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Dr. Johnstone, seconded by Miss Brander and approved.

c) Publications Committee Meeting - 10th November, 1962 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Miss Brander, seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson and approved.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Publications Committee Meetings, Mr. Sharpe reported that four recordings from Book 21 had been successfully made by Jimmy McIntosh and his Band, and would be available for sale shortly.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES - 1962/63:

a) General Purposes Committee - Mr. Sharpe (Convener), Mrs. Lesslie (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President) and Mr. Lochhead (Convener of Finance Committee). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Mr. Aitkenhead (NW Ayrshire)  
Mr. Brown (Edinburgh)  
Miss Collie (Peterhead)  
Mrs. Cuthill (Lanark)  
Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale)  
Mr. Kinghorn (Stranraer)  
Miss Mowat (Leven)  
Mrs. Parker (Ayr)  
Mrs. Rankin (Hamilton & Clydesdale)

b) Finance Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Convener - Mr. Aitkenhead (NW Ayrshire)  
Mr. Brown (Edinburgh)  
Miss Kidd (West Renfrewshire)  
Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian)  
Miss McFeat (Perth & Perthshire)  
Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire)  
Miss Rae (Duns & District)

c) Examinations Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Convener - Miss Milligan  
Miss Adams (Glasgow)  
Miss M. Anderson (Aberdeen)  
Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy)  
Mrs. Wadsworth (Edinburgh)

d) Publications and Research Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie (Convener) The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss M. Anderson (Aberdeen)  
Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy)  
Miss Brander (Carlisle)  
Dr. Johnstone (NW. Ayrshire)  
Miss Milligan

Ad hoc Committees - Summer School Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie. The following members were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Convener - Miss Milligan  
 Mr. Cross ( Glasgow)  
 Mrs. Cuthill ( Lanark)  
 Mrs. Henderson ( Dumfries)  
 Miss Matheson ( Ayr)  
 Mr. Mechan ( Dundee)  
 Miss Rae ( Duns & District)  
 Mrs. Rankin ( Hamilton & Clydesdale)

Demonstration Selection Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie. The following members were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Convener - Miss Milligan  
 Miss Adams (Glasgow)  
 Mr. Aitkenhead (NW Ayrshire)  
 Miss A. Anderson (Edinburgh)  
 Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy)  
 Mrs. Cramb (Aberdeen)  
 Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale)  
 Miss Kenyon (Glasgow)  
 Mr. Murray (Inverness)  
 Mrs. Wadsworth)

#### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:-

- a) Anderson's Bay S.C.D. Society, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- b) Breadalbane S.C.D. Club, Sudbury, Ontario.
- c) Dartmouth S.C.D. Group, Nova Scotia.
- d) Evanston S.C. Dancers, Illinois.
- e) Marlborough S.C.D. Society, New Zealand.
- f) Neville's Cross College S.C.D. Society, Durham
- g) Rye Scottish Dancing Society, Sussex.
- h) South Dorset Caledonian Society
- i) Frodsham & District St. Andrew's Society
- j) St. Catharines S.C.D. Group, Ontario, Canada.
- k) Boston & District S.C.D. Group, Lincolnshire.

The application for affiliation from the Lena Moran S.C.D. Club, Ashington, Northumberland, was considered, but it was decided that before any decision could be reached, Newcastle Branch would be asked to approach the group and report its findings to the Executive Council at the next meeting.

#### 6. SUBSCRIPTION COPY 1963/64:

The publication of a book of newly composed dances was unanimously approved, and it was decided that the Book should be known as Book 22 'twelve modern Scottish Country Dances in traditional form'. Mr. Sharpe reported that the

twelve dances had been chosen and that Miss Milligan was engaged in finding suitable music for the dances.

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Letter from Dumfries Branch: The Secretary read a letter from Dumfries Branch asking for advice on the status of members of the Society who are not regular attenders of Branch classes. The suggestion was made that Branches should levy a small fee to cover expenses and after much discussion on the matter it was decided that the whole question should be remitted to the Finance Committee, who would investigate the problem thoroughly before reporting back to the Executive Council. It was agreed that Miss Vaughan should issue a questionnaire to all Branch Secretaries asking for information regarding levies, etc., such questionnaires to be returned to the Society in time to be dealt with at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

b) Letter from France: The Secretary read a letter inviting a team to attend a festival at Clermont Ferrand next year at Whit weekend. It was agreed that Leeds Branch should be given the opportunity of sending a team to attend the festival and if this were not possible the opportunity should then be given to London Branch.

Arising out of this item, Mr. Cross (Glasgow) told the Council that Glasgow Branch had accepted an invitation for a team to attend a festival in Bavaria and asked if the Council would consider giving the Branch some financial aid towards the cost of travel. The Meeting agreed to remit the matter to the Finance Committee with powers to give the Branch a donation towards the expenses.

#### 8. OTHER BUSINESS:

Date of next meetings: It was agreed that the next meetings of the Executive Council should take place on 11th May, 1963 at the North British Hotel and on 16th August 1963 at St. Andrews.

1964 Annual General Meeting Mr. Cross on behalf of Glasgow Branch extended a cordial invitation for the 1964 Annual General Meeting to be held in Glasgow.

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

*George Sharpe*  
 Chairman 11/5/63

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Saturday, 11th May, 1963, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)  
The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E. (President)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Adams, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott,  
Miss Banks, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Blain, Miss Brander, Miss Brown,  
Mr. Brown, Miss Cannon, Mr. Clark, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper,  
Mr. Cross, Mrs. Cuthill, Dr. Douglas, Mrs. Dunn, Miss E. Ferrier,  
Miss I. Ferrier, Mr. Fleming, Miss Forsyth, Mrs. Gudger,  
Mrs. Henderson, Miss Jack, Mrs. Jameson, Dr. Johnstone, Miss Kane,  
Miss Kidd, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee, Mrs. Lesslie, Mr. Lochhead,  
Miss Matheson, Mr. Mechan, Miss Nowat, Miss McFeat, Mr. McKillop,  
Miss Nicoll, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Rae,  
Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Raven, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Rose,  
Miss Streight, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Thomson,  
Miss Thomson, Mr. Wadsworth, Mrs. Wadsworth, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer),  
and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:

Miss Allibon (Leamington Spa)  
Miss Cattanach (Elgin)  
Mr. Murray (Inverness)

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th December, 1962, were approved and signed having been previously circulated, subject to the addition of Mr. Brown's name to the list of members present.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 5 - Application for affiliation - The Secretary read a letter from Newcastle Branch reporting that the Lena Moran S.C.D. Club, Ashington, was a hard-working and keen group. As their main reason for applying for affiliation was to gain knowledge of publications available, etc., it was decided that the group should keep in contact with Newcastle Branch for help and guidance, and that any of their members wishing to join the Society individually, should become members of Newcastle Branch.

Item 7b - Leeds Branch visit to Clermont Ferrand - Mr. Clark (Leeds) reported that the proposed visit to Clermont Ferrand by a team of dancers had been cancelled owing to the difficulty of securing the services of enough musicians - ten pipers - to accompany the tour.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

A) Finance Committee Meeting - 19th January, 1963 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Miss McFeat, seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead and approved.

B) Finance Committee Meeting - 11th May, 1963 Mr. Lochhead (Convener of the Finance Committee) gave a report of the Meeting which had been held that morning;

Return of Books to Headquarters - Books had been returned in large quantities from Branches with surplus stocks.

Gramophone Records - The two records made for the Society were now available in the shops at a selling price of 11/8d. each.

Rates - An application for a reduction of rates on Headquarters had been successful, and there would be a remission of 50% on rates paid for the current year.

Accounts paid during the months of January, February, and March were approved.

Bank Balance and Investments - A statement giving particulars of the Society's investments as at 31st March, 1963, was examined. It was noted that the National Savings Certificates had been cashed, giving the Society a surplus of £148 6s. 8d. and that £1,000 and £2,000 had been invested in 5½% East Lothian Mortgage Loans for seven and five years respectively. It was decided to invest a further £1,000 in local loans at the best rate available.

A bank balance of £1,160 10s. 11d. at 30th April, 1963, was noted.

A Statement of Income and Expenditure for the nine months ended 31st March, 1963, was examined. This showed a satisfactory state, the surplus being £1,403 instead of an estimated deficit of £552. It was noted that the expenditure on 12 Coates Crescent included a non-recurring item for repairing the roof.

Branch Examination Classes - It was decided that Branches holding examination classes should submit their accounts for the classes, and help should be given by Headquarters towards any deficit incurred. In this way, a request from Kirkcaldy Branch for help was to be considered.

Increase in cost of publications - It had been agreed that on reprinting, the cost of a music book should be increased to 4/6d., and the cost of a pocket edition should be increased to 3/-. The new Book 22 would therefore be priced at 4/6d. Taking this into consideration, the matter of an increase in subscription was to be discussed at the next Executive Council Meeting.

Visit of teacher to Southern Rhodesia Funds were to be made available for a teacher to go to Southern Rhodesia to give help to Mr. David Couper in the training of children going on a Scottish Country Dancing tour of South Africa. It was agreed that if a suitable teacher could be found, adequate allowance should be made for out-of-pocket expenses in addition to travelling expenses. Mr. Sharpe asked the Council for approval of the suggestion that the officials should be left to choose a suitable teacher for the visit owing to the shortage of time to make the selection by any other method. The adoption of this suggestion was proposed by Mrs. Wadsworth and seconded by Mr. Fleming.

St. Andrews Summer School Film - Mr. Gray of Park Film Studios had made the suggestion that a film of the Summer School at St. Andrews should be made for distribution. This matter was to be discussed at future meetings of both the Publications and Finance Committees.

The adoption of the report of this Meeting was proposed by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by Miss Cannon.

Mr. Cross (Glasgow) wished to thank the Finance Committee for the £50 grant made to Glasgow Branch for their tour of Bavaria.

C) Summer School Committee - 19th January, 1963 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Mr. McKillop and approved.

D) Publications Committee Meeting - 9th February, 1963 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Miss Arnott, seconded by Miss Anderson and approved.

E) Examinations Committee Meeting - 19th January, 1963 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Mrs. Gudger seconded by Miss Arnott and approved. Since the Meeting, letters had been received by Miss Hadden from Glasgow and Dundee Branches proposing that Miss Mackay's and Mr. Mechan's names be added to the list of examiners and adjudicators. It was agreed that this should be remitted to the next meeting of the Examinations Committee.

#### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION AND AFFILIATION:

a) Branch Formation: Branch formation applications were unanimously approved and accepted from Deep River, Ontario, and from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

It was reported that the officials of the group in San Francisco wished to defer the formation of a Branch there for one year until several 'domestic' problems were solved.

b) Application for affiliation was considered and accepted from

- 1) Caledonian Society of Brussels
- 2) Benoni Scottish Country Dance Society (South Africa)
- 3) Bracknell & District Caledonian Society (Berkshire)
- 4) Exeter & Mid-Devon S.C.D. Club
- 5) Livingstone Scottish Country Dance Club (N. Rhodesia)
- 6) Toronto S.C.D. Club (New South Wales, Australia)
- 7) West Virginia S.C.D. Society
- 8) Whitehaven Scottish Country Dance Club (Cumberland)
- 9) Bridgend S.C.D. Club, Glamorgan
- 10) The Douglas Dancers, Preston
- 11) Hartlepoons Caledonian Society
- 12) Townsend School S.C.D. Club, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society - The Secretary read a letter from the New Zealand S.C.D.S. asking that consideration be given to a request for a teacher/examiner to visit New Zealand. Mr. Sharpe pointed out that Mrs. Lesslie, who is shortly emigrating to New Zealand was willing to undertake teaching and examining in New Zealand once she had settled there. It was also pointed out that in the future it might be possible for Mrs. Lesslie to visit Australia to examine candidates for certificates. Following this, an appreciation of Mrs. Lesslie's work for the Society was expressed, although it was pointed out that there would be a further opportunity to thank Mrs. Lesslie at the next meeting as she was not leaving until the beginning of September.

2. Letter from Mr. A. M. Hopkins The Secretary read a letter from Mr. A. M. Hopkins of St. Albans, suggesting that the Society should publish a collection of dances in loose leaf form. It was agreed that this matter should be remitted to the Publications Committee for consideration.

3. Letter from Dunfermline Branch - A letter from Dunfermline Branch concerning the visit of a party of Germans in 1964 was read. Such a party would consist of about twenty people, and it was hoped that Branches would offer hospitality. The Branch representatives were asked to report this matter to their Committees and then to report back to the Executive Council Meeting on 16th August or else write to Miss Hadden. Mr. Brown (Edinburgh) proposed that any Branches receiving a request for hospitality from a foreign group should inform Headquarters in order that plans could be made to enrol the support of other Branches in a co-ordinated fashion. Dr. Johnstone seconded this motion and the meeting approved.

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Annual General Meeting - Branches' expenses Mr. Kinghorn (Stranraer) asked if the total travelling expenses of delegates to the A.G.M. could be shared equally between the Branches, thus helping smaller branches to meet their expenses. The Chairman pointed out the the Constitution of the Society, Clause VII Section 4, already provided that Branches could apply to Headquarters for a grant towards travelling expenses, should they prove to be too heavy for the Branch.

Gramophone Records - Mrs. Dunn (Dunbartonshire West) asked if it would be possible for Headquarters to have lists of current gramophone records of all makes. The Secretary replied that owing to the frequent changes made to such lists, the idea was not practical. Mr. Kinghorn (Stranraer) said that he had compiled a list from several music shops and this had proved to be very helpful. A copy could be available for anyone interested.

Miss Milligan intimated that she had been given a tape of several 78 r.p.m. records now withdrawn from the market, and that she would be very pleased to lend this tape to anyone interested, and that the tape would be available at the Summer School.

St. Andrew's University Expansion Fund Mr. McKillop (Lorn, Argyll) suggested that as the Society had spent many happy Summer Schools at St. Andrews, a donation should be sent to the building appeal. It was suggested that Branches could hold dances, etc., and thus raise money, and Miss Milligan agreed to help during the Summer School by providing a "surprise" to raise funds for the appeal.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 3.50 p.m. after a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mr. Aitkenhead.

*George Hume*  
Chairman 16/8/63.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on Friday, 16th August, 1963, at University Hall, St. Andrews, at 2.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)  
 Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
 Miss Adams, Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Banks, Miss Brander, Mrs. Broome, Mr. Brown, Miss Cannon, Miss Cattnach, Miss Collie, Mrs. Couper, Mr. Cross, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss E. Ferrier, Miss Forsyth, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Henderson, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Gardiner Jones, Miss Kane, Miss Kidd, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee, Mrs. Lesslie, Mr. Mechan, Mr. Morrison, Miss Mowat, Miss Rae, Mr. Raven, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Savage, Miss Shields, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Wadsworth, Mrs. Wadsworth, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from

The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E.  
 Miss Allan, Mrs. Blain, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Dunn, Miss I. Ferrier, Mrs. Henderson, Dr. Johnstone, Mr. Lochhead, Miss McFeat, Miss Matheson, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Taylor, and Mrs. Bagguley.

Before the business of the Meeting began, Miss Hadden read a letter of greetings and best wishes to the Society from Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich. A special personal message of greeting had also been received from the Countess of Elgin, D.B.E.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 11th May, 1963, were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1) Increase in cost of publications and increase in subscriptions It was reported that the cost of music books would be increased to 4/6d., and Pocket Editions to 3/- as from 1st January, 1963. After much discussion on the matter of increased subscription and Life Membership fees, it was agreed by the meeting that a motion should be put forward to the Annual General Meeting that the annual subscription be raised to 7/6d. and the Life Membership fee be raised to 5 gns., a third of both being retainable by the Branch in the case of Branch membership.

2) Visit of teacher to Southern Rhodesia Miss Hadden reported that Mr. Alastair Aitkenhead had gone to Southern Rhodesia to train the children for the forthcoming tour of South Africa. A letter had been received from Mr. Aitkenhead telling of the tremendous success of the venture, but reporting that owing to lack of funds, the tour had been postponed until early next year. It was also reported that since the postponement of the tour, funds had been coming in most satisfactorily.

3) Item 5, 3 - Visit of German party to this country next Summer Miss Hadden informed the Meeting of the letters she had received from various Branches in answer to the request for accommodation for a party of folk dancers from Germany. It was agreed that Mrs. Couper (Dunfermline), who had originally received the request, should contact those Branches willing to act as hosts and so prepare an itinerary and discuss suitable dates.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

a) Finance Committee Meeting - 11th May, 1963 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Miss Kidd and approved.

b) Finance Committee Meeting - 2nd August, 1963 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mrs. Lesslie, seconded by Mrs. Wadsworth and approved.

Arising out of the Minute of the Finance Committee Meeting on 2nd August, it was agreed to recommend to the Annual General Meeting that the age limit for joining the Society be reduced to 16 years. This recommendation was proposed by Dr. Robertson Wilson, seconded by Miss Cannon and approved.

Mr. Sharpe then pointed out that by mistake, the matter of Miss Milligan's trip to America had been omitted from the business of the Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Sharpe suggested that the Society should pay all or part of Miss Milligan's return fare to America according to what was done last year. The adoption of this suggestion was proposed by Miss Arnott, seconded by Miss Collie and approved unanimously by the Meeting.

c) Examinations Committee Meeting - 16th August, 1963 Miss Milligan (Convener) reported that at the Examinations Committee Meeting held earlier that afternoon, it had been recommended that the names of Miss MacArthur (Ayr), Miss Mackay (Glasgow) and Mr. Mechan (Dundee) be added to the list of adjudicators.

The adoption of the report of this Meeting was proposed by Miss Anderson, seconded by Miss Arnott and approved.

4. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Council, after which Mr. Sharpe expressed the thanks of the Executive Council to Miss Hadden for all her work during the year. He also thanked Miss Colman. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Miss Mowat and unanimously approved by the Meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS In the absence of Mr. Lochhead, Finance Convener, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) presented the draft Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1963. These incorporated the recommendations of the last Finance Committee Meeting. The Revenue Account showed gross income of £14,735, and after meeting all expenses, writing £150 off property and £54 off furniture and equipment, the surplus was £2,309. From this sum appropriations had been made as follows:-

Reserve for Publications, Films and Records	£225
Allocation to Pensions Fund	£1,000
General Reserve	£550

leaving a net surplus of £534.

The Balance Sheet was examined in detail. Investments totalled £18,901 on General Account and £4,419 for Pensions Fund.

The adoption of the draft accounts, which were subject to audit, was proposed by Miss Rae and seconded by Miss Collie.

The estimates for 1963/64 were examined and adopted on the motion of Mr. Wadsworth, seconded by Mrs. Hutcheson.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION AND AFFILIATION:

a) Branch Formation: An application to form a Branch in Frankston, Victoria, Australia, was approved.

b) Affiliation: Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from

- 1) Atholl Dancers of Bradford
- 2) Seattle and District Scottish Country Dance Club
- 3) Kitchener-Waterloo Scottish Country Dance Group (Ontario)
- 4) Weston-super-Mare Scottish Country Dance Club

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was agreed that the following motion should be put forward to the Annual General Meeting by the Convener of the Finance Committee, Mr. Lochhead:-

(a) "that the annual subscription should be raised to 7/6d., that the Life Membership should be raised to £5 5s., one third of each being retainable by a Branch and that the annual affiliation fee should remain at £1 1s.

(b) that the age of admission to the Society be lowered to 16 years.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Derby Branch The Secretary read a letter received from Derby Branch asking for permission to use a crest on the Branch headed notepaper, and indicating that the Branch would be willing for the crest to be used on all the Society's notepaper if desired. After discussion, it was agreed that no crest should be printed on the Society's notepaper and that advice should be given to Derby Branch not to have a crest on their notepaper in view of all the complications involved before such a crest could be used.

2) Annual General Meeting 1964 An official invitation from Glasgow Branch for the 1964 Annual General Meeting was read and accepted. No dates were specified at present.

8. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

It was decided that the next Executive Council Meeting should be held on 7th December, 1963, at the North British Hotel, Edinburgh at 2.15 p.m.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing It was reported that Miss Cameron

had resigned as one of the Society's representatives to the S.O.B.H.D., and it was suggested that Mr. W. Clement should be asked to fill the vacancy.

2) Mr. Sharpe expressed on behalf of the Society a warm vote of thanks to Mrs. Lesslie for all her work for the Society, and gave her the best wishes of the Society for a very happy life in New Zealand.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 4.20 p.m. after a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mr. Wadsworth.

*George Sharpe*  
Chairman 7/12/63.



MINUTES of a Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held on 7th December, 1963, in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)

Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Miss Adams, Mrs. Barratt, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne, Miss Cannon, Miss Cattanach, Mr. Clark, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Mrs. Cuthill, Mr. Fellowes, Miss E. Ferrier, Miss I. Ferrier, Mr. Fleming, Miss Forsyth, Miss Galloway, Miss Goodall, Mrs. Gudger, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Jameson, Dr. Johnstone, Miss Kane, Mrs. Kemp, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee, Mr. Lochhead, Miss McFeat, Mr. Mechan, Miss Nowat, Miss Nicoll, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Raven, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Ross, Miss Sime, Mr. Taylor, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Thomson, Mr. Wadsworth, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:

The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E.

Miss J. C. Milligan

Miss Anderson, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Brander, Mrs. Blain, and Miss Oliver.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 16th August, 1963 were approved and signed having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

1) Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing: It was intimated that Mr. Clement had been unable to accept the invitation to act as the Society's representative to the S.O.B.H.D. After some discussion, it was decided that Miss Esme Stewart should be asked if she would be willing to represent the Society, or, in the event of Miss Stewart's being unable to accept, Staff Sergeant Oliver.

2) Visit of German party next Summer: Mrs. Couper (Dunfermline) reported on her arrangements for the German party to visit this country from 28th August until 7th September, 1964, and asked that any further interested Branches contact her as soon as possible.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:

Finance Committee Meeting - 2nd November, 1963 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Miss McFeat, seconded by Mrs. Thomson and approved.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES - 1963/64:

a) General Purposes Committee - Mr. Sharpe (Convener), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman) and Mr. Lochhead (Convener of Finance Committee). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Mr. Aitkenhead (N. W. Ayrshire)  
Mr. Brown (Edinburgh)  
Miss Collie (Peterhead)  
Mrs. Cuthill (Lanark)

Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale)  
Mr. Kinghorn (Stranraer)  
Miss Nowat (Leven)  
Mr. Mechan (Dundee)  
Mrs. Rankin (Hamilton & Clydesdale)

b) Finance Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Miss Adams. The following members were elected by vote, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Convener - Mr. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire)  
Miss Browne (Aberdeen)  
Mr. Brown (Edinburgh)  
Mrs. Hutchison (East Stirlingshire)  
Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian)  
Miss McFeat (Perth & Perthshire)  
Miss Rae (Duns & District)

c) Examinations Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Miss Adams. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Convener - Miss Milligan  
Miss M. Anderson (Aberdeen)  
Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy)  
Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale)  
Mrs. Wadsworth (Gatehouse of Fleet)

d) Publications & Research Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Miss Adams (Convener). The following members were elected by vote, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss M. Anderson (Aberdeen)  
Mr. Brooks (Edinburgh)  
Miss Brander (Carlisle)  
Dr. Johnstone (N. W. Ayrshire)  
Miss Milligan

Ad hoc Committees - Summer School Committee: Mr. Sharpe and Miss Adams. The following members were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Convener - Miss Milligan  
Mr. Cross (Glasgow)  
Mr. Corbett (Newcastle)  
Mrs. Cuthill (Lanark)  
Mrs. Henderson (Dumfries)  
Miss Matheson (Ayr)  
Mr. Mechan (Dundee)  
Miss Rae (Duns & District)  
Mrs. Rankin (Hamilton & Clydesdale)

Demonstration Selection Committee - Mr. Sharpe and Miss Adams. The following members were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Convener - Miss Milligan  
Mr. Aitkenhead (N. W. Ayrshire)

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

#### 5. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION AND AFFILIATION:-

- a) Branch Formation: An application for Branch formation was unanimously approved and accepted from Bramhall, Cheshire.
- b) Affiliation: Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:
- 1) Harpenden Scottish Country Dancing Club
  - 2) Sellafield Area Sports and Recreational Association,  
Scottish Country Dance Section, Cumberland.
  - 3) Liverpool University Folk Dance Society
  - 4) Bolton S.C.D. Club, Lancs
  - 5) Amsterdam S.C.D. Group
  - 6) St. David's St. Andrew's Church, Kirkintilloch
  - 7) Netherlee S.C.D. Club

The Secretary was asked to write to the Slemish Club, Ballymena for further details before their application for affiliation could be considered, in view of a class being held in Ballymena by Belfast Branch.

#### 6. SUBSCRIPTION COPY 1964/65:

It was decided, after much consideration, that a choice of the Society's publications should be offered as the subscription copy for the year 1964/65. It was also agreed that the question of subscription books for future years should be considered by the Publications Committee when it met.

#### 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Adelaide Branch The Secretary told the Meeting of a letter received from the Adelaide Branch Secretary describing the difficulty the Branch had in enlisting the help of certificated teachers. This letter was supported by a letter from Squadron Leader Primrose who had visited the Branch periodically. The Meeting decided that Squadron Leader Primrose be asked to help the Branch as much as possible with the training of potential teachers and that the Secretary should write to Adelaide Branch to tell them that the Society would ask Mrs. Lesslie if she would be prepared to go to Australia in some future year to examine candidates. In this event, it was agreed that the Australian Branches should be asked to join in making arrangements for a concentrated certificate training class leading up to the examination, in one of the large cities. The Society would be willing to help with the financing of Mrs. Lesslie's expenses.

b) Invitation for team from French Government Tourist Office Miss Hadden read a

letter from the French Government Tourist Office asking for a Society team to visit Cannes in February, 1964 to celebrate the arrival in the City of Cannes, 150 years ago, of Lord Brougham, the Scottish peer. As the Lord Provosts of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee and Aberdeen has been invited, it was decided that these Branches should be asked to select a couple for an audition. It was also agreed that Dunfermline Branch should be asked to select a couple in view of all the work done by them to help with the visitors from Germany next Summer. It was agreed that Miss Milligan should be asked to train the team and to make the final selection. A piper and leader would accompany the team and Mr. Brown (Edinburgh) suggested that to mark his third year in office as Chairman, Mr. Sharpe should be asked if he was willing to be the team's leader. This suggestion was met with the Meeting's unanimous approval, and Mr. Sharpe intimated that he appreciated the honour and that he would certainly consider accepting the invitation. The Secretary agreed to write to the Branches concerned.

c) Invitation from the British Council for a team to go to Bavaria The Secretary read a letter from the Glasgow area Deputy Officer of the British Council inviting a team to go to Bavaria in September, 1964, for a British week. As the letter suggested a Glasgow Branch team, it was decided that the Glasgow Branch should be asked to consider the invitation.

d) Date of the next Meeting: It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on 9th May, 1964 in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

The Meeting ended at 4.10 p.m. after a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Miss Browne for his conduct of the Meeting.

*George Sharpe*  
 Chairman 9/5/64

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 9th May, 1964, at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Blain, Miss Brander, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne, Mrs. Baratt, Miss Cannon, Miss Cattnach, Miss Collie, Mrs. Couper, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Duff, Mrs. Gudgeon, Miss E. Ferrier, Miss I. Ferrier, Mr. Fleming, Miss Goodall, Mr. Fellowes, Miss Hinchliffe, Miss Jack, Dr. Johnstone, Mr. Kinghorn, Mr. Lochhead, Miss McFeat, Miss Martin, Miss Mowat, Miss Nicoll, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Raven, Miss Redford, Mr. Rose, Miss Robertson, Miss Ross, Miss Sime, Mr. Smith, Mr. Taylor, Miss Taylor, Miss Thomson, Mr. Wadsworth, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mrs. Walker, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Y (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:

The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E.  
Miss Adams, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Kane,  
Miss Lee, Miss Oliver, Mr. Mechan.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 7th December, 1963, were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

- 1) Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing: Mr. Sharpe intimated that Miss Esme Stewart had accepted the invitation to represent the Society at S.O.B.H.D. Meetings.
- 2) The Slemish Club, Ballymena: The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Slemish Club giving further details and after Miss Hadden had read excerpts of a letter from Miss Kane (Belfast) concerning the Slemish Club, the Meeting agreed that the application for affiliation should now be approved.
- 3) Cannes Festival: The Secretary read letters of appreciation and thanks to the team members who attended the Cannes Festival in February, from the Lord Provosts of Edinburgh and Dundee. Mr. Sharpe added that the visit had been highly successful, and that he had enjoyed accompanying the team.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- 1) Finance Committee Meeting, 25th January, 1964 The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Miss Rae, seconded by Miss McFeat and approved, subject to the omission from Item 3 (4) of the words "After the forecast figure for "Fees Schools and Courses" had been adjusted to £500".
- 2) Finance Committee Meeting, 9th May, 1964 The following report was given of the Meeting by Mr. Lochhead, Convener of the Finance Committee:

Estimate of Bristol Branch Examination Class The revised estimate received from Bristol Branch of the income and expenditure showed that the Branch expected that the class could be run with little or no loss being incurred. The Committee agreed that 50% of any loss would be granted to the Branch.

Edinburgh Branch Examination Class The Committee agreed that £11 of the estimated deficit of £14: 12s. 6d. on the running of the Edinburgh Branch Examination Class would be met by the Society, taking into account the numbers of candidates attending from other Branches.

Estimate for External Decoration of Headquarters An estimate of £38. 12s. submitted by Messrs. T. Sheerin & Son for external paintwork was considered to be most reasonable and the Committee authorised Miss Hadden to accept it.

Accounts paid during the months of January, February, March and April were approved. Investments and Bank Balance were examined and it was noted with pleasure that the total now stands at £20,000 and the Pension Fund at £4,500.

A comparative statement of income and expenditure for the nine months ended 31st March, 1964, was examined and it was noted that there was a surplus for the period of £1,315. 13s. 8d.

Delegates Expenses to A.G.M. It was agreed to pay £4 to Clackmannanshire Branch to refund part of their delegates' expenses to the Annual General Meeting.

Caretaker's wage A revision of the caretaker's wage was approved as this had not been under review for seven years.

Life Members Cards It was agreed that Life Members requesting replacement cards should be charged a fee of 2/6d. to cover the cost of the new card.

Branch Treasurers A suggestion made by Miss Vaughan that she should issue a circular letter to Branch Treasurers advising them on investment of surplus Branch funds was approved by the Meeting.

Wedding Present It was agreed to recommend that a wedding present of up to £20 should be given to Miss Colman.

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

3) Summer School Committee Meeting, 25th January, 1964. The adoption of the report of this Meeting was proposed by Mr. Cross, seconded by Miss Cannon and approved.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION AND AFFILIATION:

1) Branch Formation

An application to form a Branch in Vancouver, B.C., Canada was unanimously approved. Although the Group wished to be known as the British Columbia Branch, it was agreed that to avoid confusion, it should take the name of "Vancouver & District Branch". The Secretary was instructed to write accordingly.

2) Affiliation: Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:

- 1) Scottish Country Dance Society of Brisbane, Australia

- 2) Barrow-in-Furness Scottish Country Dance Group
- 3) Bute Scottish Dance Club of Keighley, Yorks
- 4) Bulawayo Scottish Country Dance Club, S. Rhodesia
- 5) Burns Scottish Country Dance Club, Dunedin, N.Z.
- 6) St. Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Club, Canterbury, Kent
- 7) Drumry & District Community Centre, Clydebank
- 8) Fredericton Scottish Country Dance Group, N.B., Canada
- 9) Clan Mackenzie Highland Ball Committee, Brisbane
- 10) Otatara Scottish Country Dance Club, Invercargill, N.Z.
- 11) Scottish Country Dance Group of North Western Pennsylvania
- 12) Fylde Scottish Country Dancing Group, Nr. Blackpool
- 13) St. Albans & Herts Caledonian Society Pipe Band Dancers
- 14) Ewing Memorial Presbyterian Church Scottish Country Dance Group, Melbourne

An application for affiliation from the Ponoka Reel Club, Alberta, Canada, was deferred until the next meeting and the Secretary was instructed to ask the Club for further details of their activities.

An application for affiliation from the University of Western Ontario, "Bog Cotton" Scottish Dancing Society was also deferred until the next Meeting as the Committee felt it would like to have the opinion of the London (Ontario) Branch on the matter.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Letter from Mrs. Lesslie The Secretary read a letter of thanks from Mrs. Lesslie to the Executive Committee for the cheque presented to her, with which she had purchased a tea-trolley. Mr. Sharpe expressed the hope that Mrs. Lesslie had arrived safely in New Zealand and was now settling down.

b) Gift of Books to Headquarters The Secretary read a letter from Mr. C.F. Craigie which accompanied a gift of the following books: Skye Collection (400 tunes) 1867, Marr & Company's Royal Collection of Highland Airs. The Council expressed appreciation of the gift.

c) Invitation to team from British Council An invitation to a team to attend a Festival in Passau in Bavaria from 25th June until 15th July, 1965 was considered by the Committee. It was agreed after much discussion that the Branches in Ayrshire should be asked to provide a team between them. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Branches concerned.

d) Invitation to team from Saint Jean de Luz, France The Secretary read extracts from correspondence inviting a team to attend a Festival in Saint Jean de Luz from 3rd - 9th September. Miss Milligan suggested that a team be selected from Summer School students and the Committee agreed to this suggestion with the provision that the Demonstration Selection Committee should be consulted prior to the Summer School to consider the possible candidates for selection. Miss Milligan and members of the Selection Committee attending the School should make the final choice of a team.

e) Letter from Fort William Branch A letter was read from the Secretary of Fort William Branch intimating that the Branch wished to be known as the Lochaber Branch in the future. The Branch representative explained that this was a measure thought necessary to assist with the continuance of the Branch and the change of name was approved.

f) Letter from Hamilton, Ontario A letter was read from a member of the Hamilton, (Ontario) Branch concerning voting rights of Branch members not attending classes. The meeting unanimously agreed that all members paying the Society's annual subscription whether attending classes or not were entitled in the Council's view to have a vote in Branch affairs. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of H Hamilton (Ontario) Branch to this effect.

g) Telegram from Her Majesty the Queen The Secretary read a telegram received from The Queen's Private Secretary in reply to a message of good wishes from the Society on the birth of a son to Queen Elizabeth.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Visit of Germans to Britain Mrs. Couper (Dunfermline) issued each representative with a copy of the itinerary of the German party to visit Britain this Summer. Mrs. Couper thanked all the Branches concerned for their co-operation, and she also explained to the Meeting that London branch were to accommodate the visitors for two nights at the new King George VI Memorial Hostel at a cost of £31. 10s. for the two nights. The Meeting agreed that the Society should make a donation towards this expense and suggested that after the visit was over, the Treasurer of the London Branch should make a claim to the Finance Committee.

Date of next meeting It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on 8th August 1964 at St. Andrews.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 4.10, p.m. after a vote of thanks to Mr. Sharpe for his able conduct of the Meeting by Miss Milligan.

*James Sharpe*  
Chairman 8/8/64

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in Wardlaw Hall, St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, on Saturday, 8th August, 1964, at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Adams, Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Allan, Miss Browne, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brooks, Miss Brander, Miss Cannon, Miss Cattanach, Miss Collie, Mrs. Couper, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Cuthill, Mr. Cross, Miss Davidson, Miss Donaldson, Miss Forsyth, Mr. Fleming, Miss E. Ferrier, Miss Goodall, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Mr. Kinghorn, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Jamieson, Miss Jones, Miss Kane, Miss Martin, Miss Rowe, Miss Ross, Miss Rae, Miss Sime, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. A. Taylor, Mr. J. Taylor, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mr. Wadsworth.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:

The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E.  
Mrs. Blain, Dr. Douglas, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Kemp, Miss Lee, Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Mehan, Miss McFeat, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Robertson.

Mr. Sharpe welcomed Miss Kemp, who is taking Miss Colman's place, to the Society.

#### 1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 9th May, 1964 were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

#### 2. BUSINESS ARISING:

1) Finance Committee Report - letter from Miss Colman: The Secretary read a letter from Miss Colman thanking the Society for the wedding present which they gave her.

2) Affiliation: Application for affiliation from the University of Western Ontario 'Bog Cotton' Scottish Dancing Society was discussed in detail and it was decided that affiliation should not be granted at present.

#### 3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

a) Finance Committee, May 1964. The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Miss Anderson and approved.

b) General Purposes Committee, 4th July 1964. The adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting was proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Gudger and approved. Arising out of the Minute, it was decided that the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary should meet before the next meeting to discuss the necessary changes in the Constitution.

c) Finance Committee, 24th July 1964. The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Dr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Brooks and approved. Arising out of the Minute, Dr. Wilson proposed that the subscription be raised to 7s. 6d. and that the Branches retain 2s. 6d. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Brooks. An amendment to the

proposal by Mr. Wadsworth that the subscription be raised to 7s. 6d. and that the Branches retain 3s. was seconded by Mr. Corbett and on a vote being taken, was carried.

#### ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

In the absence of Mr. Lochhead, Finance Convener, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) presented the draft Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1964. These incorporated the recommendations of the last Finance Committee Meeting. The Revenue Account showed gross Income £15,773 and after meeting all expenses, writing £200 off property and £49 off furniture and equipment, the surplus was £2,660. From this sum appropriations had been made as follows:

Allocation to Staff Fund	£1,350
General Reserve	£1,000

leaving a net surplus of £310.

The Balance Sheet was examined in detail. It was noted that a total of 15% had been written off the cost price of stock to cover depreciation. Investments totalled £20,300 on General Account and £5,972 for Staff Fund.

The adoption of the draft accounts, which were subject to audit, was proposed by Mr. Wadsworth and seconded by Mr. Fleming. Mr. Wadsworth congratulated Miss Vaughan on her year's work and presentation of accounts.

The estimates for 1964/65 were examined and adopted on the motion of Mr. Corbett and seconded by Mr. Kinghorn.

#### 4. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Council, after which Mr. Sharpe expressed the thanks of the Executive Council to Miss Hadden for all her work during the year. The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr. Corbett and seconded by Miss Arnott.

#### 5. APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:

1. Mackay Scottish Country Dance Group (Queensland, Australia)
2. The Fifty First Club, Johannesburg.
3. The Anglo Scottish Society of Ipswich
4. Fawley & District Caledonian Society, Southampton
5. Los Angeles Scottish Country Dancers
6. Cheltenham Scottish Society.

#### 6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

In considering matters to put forward to the Annual General Meeting Miss Milligan pointed out that in the opinion of many people the election of six members to the Council was no longer necessary. After discussion Mr. Cross

proposed that the matter should be put to the Annual General Meeting and if approved the Constitution should be altered accordingly. Mrs. Gudger seconded this proposal and it was agreed to submit the resolution to the Annual General Meeting. It was agreed also that the following motion should be put forward to the Annual General Meeting by the Finance Committee:

'that the annual subscription should be raised to 7s. 6d. and that the Branches should retain 3s.'

7. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

It was decided that the next Executive Council Meeting should be held on 12th December 1964, at the North British Hotel at 2.15 p.m.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

a) The Secretary read a letter received from the Glasgow Branch regarding arrangements for the Civic Reception on Friday, 6th November 1964. As invitations would be sent out from the Lord Provost's office, it would be necessary for every member to make application so that the Glasgow Branch could ballot for places.

b) The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Lesslie from New Zealand, after which Mr. Sharpe asked Miss Hadden to send good wishes from the Society.

c) Miss Adams put forward a suggestion that the Bulletin material might be improved, or a News Letter substituted for which members could pay. After some discussion it was agreed that the matter be referred to a future meeting of the Publications Committee.

d) Mr. Brown expressed a warm vote of thanks to Mr. Sharpe for all the good work he has done for the Society, after he had announced that it was the end of his term of office.

There being no further business the Meeting ended at 4.15 p.m. after a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mr. Brown.

*Florence H. Adams*  
*12. 12. 64*

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh on Saturday, 12th December 1964 at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Adams (In the Chair)  
The Countess of Elgin (President)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss A. Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Barrett, Miss Brander, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne, Miss Cannon, Miss Cattanach, Mr. Clark, Mr. Corbett, Dr. Douglas, Miss Duff, Miss E. Ferrier, Miss I. Ferrier, Mr. Fleming, Dr. Forbes, Miss Galloway, Miss Goodall, Mrs. Hutcheson, Miss Kane, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee, Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Mechan, Miss Mowat, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. McKillop, Miss Nicoll, Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Rae, Mr. Raven, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Miss Taylor, Miss Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mr. Wadsworth, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Yeats, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Mrs. Blain, Miss Collie, Mrs. Couper, Mrs Henderson, Mr. Ireland, and Miss McFeat.

Before the business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed all newly elected members.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th August 1964 were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING: Item 5 (b): The Chairman told the meeting that she had had a meeting with Miss Hadden and Mr. Lochhead and they had gone over the Constitution. Some alterations were necessary, such as the reduction in the age of membership from eighteen to sixteen, but as the alterations were very slight, they agreed that there was no need to reprint the Constitution at present.

3. RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT: Miss Adams said how sorry everybody was to hear at the Annual General Meeting in November that this would be the last year the Society would have Lady Elgin as President. She had taken an active interest in the Society and attended a great many functions. The Chairman asked the meeting to record a vote of thanks to Lady Elgin for all she had done and for her gracious presence at the meetings.

Lady Elgin thanked the members and said how sad she was to resign. In order to help the Society she had asked the Duke of Hamilton and the Duke of Atholl if they would consider taking her place but both had been unable to accept. Lady Galloway had also been approached but had declined. Lady Elgin had then spoken to the newest Honorary Vice-President, Lord Thurlow who had been present at the Annual General Meeting and

he seemed interested. Lady Elgin proposed that Lord Thurlow be approached officially, this was seconded by Mr. MacLeod and unanimously approved by the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:

Finance Committee, November 1964. The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Dr. Robertson Wilson, seconded by Miss Rae and approved.

5. 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. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire)
- Mr. Brown (Edinburgh)
- Miss Collie (Peterhead)
- Dr. Forbes (Birmingham)
- Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale)
- Mr. Kinghorn (Stranraer)
- Mr. Mechan (Dundee)
- Miss Mowat (Leven)
- Mrs. Parker (Ayr)

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

- Mr. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire)
- Mr. Brown (Edinburgh)
- Miss Browne (Aberdeen)
- Miss McFeat (Perthshire)
- Mr. MacLeod (Glasgow)
- Miss Rae (Duns and District)
- Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire)
- Mr. Sharpe - co-opted member for one year

c) Examinations Committee - Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

- Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy)
- Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale)
- Mr. Ireland (London)
- Mr. MacLeod (Glasgow)
- Miss Milligan - Convener

d) Publications Committee (and Research) - Miss Adams (Convener) and Mr. Lochhead. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

- Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy)
- Miss Brander (Carlisle)

- Mr. Brooks (Edinburgh)
- Miss Goodall (Perth)
- Miss Yeats (Aberdeen)
- Mrs. Corson - co-opted member
- Mrs. Cramb - co-opted member

Ad hoc Committees - Summer School Committee - Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

- Miss Cattanach (Elgin)
- Mr. Corbett (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
- Mr. Cross (Glasgow)
- Mrs. Henderson (Dumfries)
- Mr. Mehan (Dundee) Miss Milligan - Convener
- Miss Matheson (Ayr)
- Miss Rae (Duns and District)
- Miss Yeats (Aberdeen)

Demonstration Selection Committee - Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

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

6. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION AND AFFILIATION:

a) Branch Formation: An application for Branch formation was unanimously approved and accepted from St. Catherines (Ontario) Scottish Country Dancing Group.

b) Affiliation: Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:

- 1) Andover Further Education Scottish Dancing Class
- 2) Bakelite (Aycliffe) Scottish Reel Club
- 3) Hong Kong University Folk Dance Club
- 4) Kampala Scottish Country Dance Group
- 5) Medway and District Scottish Society
- 6) Nantwich and District Scottish Society
- 7) Portsmouth Scottish Dancing Club
- 8) Rolle College (Exmouth) Scottish Dance Society
- 9) The Royal Military College of Science Scottish Country Dance Society (Swindon)
- 10) Sittingbourne Scottish Country Dance Group
- 11) Scottish Country Dance Society of Westchester (New York)

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Pontypool and District Caledonian Society and Newport and District Caledonian Society for further details and it was agreed that the applications should be deferred until the next Executive Council Meeting in May.

Affiliation was granted to Los Angeles Scottish Country Dancers at the last Executive Council Meeting in August but the Secretary explained that two applications had been sent to Headquarters.

7. SUBSCRIPTION COPY FOR 1965/1966: After much discussion and consideration it was decided that a leaflet of approximately four dances, traditional if possible, with music should be offered as the subscription copy for 1965/66.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: a) Letter from Morningson Peninsula (Australia) Branch - A letter was read from the Secretary of the Morningson Peninsula Branch intimating the death of Miss Nan Morton and expressing their appreciation of her courage and long and faithful service to the Society. The Secretary was asked to write to this Branch expressing the sympathy of the Society.

b) Letter from Dunfermline Branch - Miss Hadden read a letter to the meeting from the Dunfermline Branch concerning the Annual General Meeting, suggesting that a thorough investigation of the facilities should be made before the invitation of any Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in their town is accepted as so many members were disappointed this year. Mr. MacLeod replied on behalf of the Glasgow Branch stating that due to a misunderstanding there was some confusion regarding the number of people allowed, and that the figure was misquoted at the last meeting of the Executive Council for which he apologised on behalf of the Branch.

c) Letter from Park Film Studios - The Secretary read a letter from the Park Film Studios Ltd. regarding a series of taped recordings which have been made of Mr. Clement playing the pipes for Scottish Country Dances. They wished to know if the Society would be willing to be associated with these recordings and give its official approval. After much consideration it was decided to ask the Glasgow Branch to arrange another audition in Glasgow and to let Miss Hadden know the date, so that any of the Publications Committee available could be present.

d) Letter from Montreal Branch - The Secretary read a letter from Montreal Branch asking the Society to appoint a resident examiner in Canada or the United States to encourage members to attend teachers' classes. After some discussion it was agreed not to appoint a resident examiner at present.



e) Letter from Rotterdam - Invitation to Group for July 1965 - An invitation to a group to attend a Festival in Holland from 9th - 16th July was considered. The meeting unanimously agreed that a team should be sent by Edinburgh Branch.

f) Letter from The British Council - A letter was read by the Secretary from The British Council expressing their appreciation of the team sent by the Glasgow Branch to Bavaria last September.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

Annual General Meeting 1965 - Aberdeen and Ayr Branches were both considering inviting the Society to hold the next Annual General Meeting in their towns. It was agreed that after further investigation the secretaries would inform Miss Hadden of the position. There was discussion on the cost to a Branch of entertaining the Executive Council to Luncheon and it was decided that this expense should be met by the Society where necessary.

Date of next Meeting - It was agreed that the next Meetings of Executive Council should take place on 8th May 1965 at the North British Hotel, Edinburgh and on 6th August 1965 at St. Andrews.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 4.25 p.m. after a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mr. Brown.

*Walter H. Adams*

*8.5.65*

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<sup>1965</sup> at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Adams (in the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Barrett, Miss Brander, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne, Miss Cattanaoh, Mr. Clarke, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Miss E. Ferrier, Miss I. Ferrier, Miss Forsyth, Miss Galloway, Miss Goodall, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Mrs. Hedley, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee, Mr. Lochhead, Miss Martin, Mr. Mechan, Miss Miller, Miss Mowat, Miss McFeat, Mr. McKillop, Mr. MacLeod, Miss Nicoll, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Mr. Smith, Miss Streight, Miss Taylor, Mr. Taylor, Miss Thomson, Mr. Wadsworth, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Robertson Wilson, Miss Yeats, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:

The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E.  
Mrs. Blain, Miss Burns, Mrs. Jameson, Mr. Raven and Miss Redford.

Before the business of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed all members who were attending their first Executive Council meeting.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th December were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING: Item 3 - The Secretary read a letter from Lord Thurlow expressing his appreciation of the Executive Council's decision to nominate him as President of the Society at the Annual General Meeting in November and stating that he would accept the appointment with pleasure.

Item 6 (b) - The Secretary informed the meeting that a letter had been sent to Pontypool & District Caledonian Society on 16th December 1964 asking for further details of the activities of the group but no reply had been received.

Miss Hadden told the meeting that Newport & District Caledonian Society was now affiliated to The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. The delay had been caused due to a misunderstanding - the Bristol Branch was supporting the application.

Item 9 - The Chairman told the meeting that Miss Hadden had had a letter from the Secretary of Ayr Branch confirming that the Annual General Meeting for 1965 was to be held in Ayr on 6th November. The Chairman thanked Ayr Branch and

3. MINUTES OF  
SUB-COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS:

said how grateful everybody was for the kind invitation.

a) Finance Committee Meeting, 23rd January 1965 - The adoption of the Minutes was proposed, seconded and approved.

b) Finance Committee Meeting, 8th May 1965 - The following report was given of the Meeting by Mr. Lochhead Convener of the Finance Committee:

Branch Accounts. Most of the outstanding accounts from Branches had now been received. As the Priockheim Branch was dormant, Mr. Sharpe offered to look into the matter and get in touch with the Secretary.

Book Stocks and Storage. Due to a change over at Bell, Aird & Coghill, no list of books had been received but it was hoped to have one by the end of June. Bell, Aird & Coghill had agreed to store the Society's books in Glasgow at a rental of £70 per annum.

Accounts paid during the months of January, February, March and April to meet the normal expenses of the Society totalling £368. 5. 5d., £377.10. 2d., £445. 8. 0d. and £406. 4. 2d. were examined and approved.

A comparative statement of income and expenditure for the nine months ended 31st March 1965 was examined and it was noted that there was a deficit of £430, £311 above estimates. This was mainly due to the shortage of accommodation at the Summer School which reduced the income.

Membership cards. It was decided to order 20,000 cards and appropriate wording was approved. The cards were to be small and coloured blue.

Subscription leaflet. Miss Milligan offered to get in touch with the Printer regarding the cover. It was agreed that the price of the leaflet should be 3/6d.

Staff arrangements. In view of Miss Kemp's forthcoming marriage on 30th June, Miss Hadden was asked to make the necessary arrangements for temporary assistance.

Miss Milligan's visit to Canada and the States. It was agreed that the Society should give Miss Milligan £200 towards her expenses.

London Branch. An application from London Branch for a contribution towards their expenses of £58 for entertaining the German Team for two days was sympathetically considered and rejected.

Dundee Branch. An application from Dundee Branch for a further grant towards the deficit of £13:14/- on examination classes was considered. 50% (£6:17/-) had already been paid. As only six of the twelve

candidates were from Dundee Branch it was agreed to recommend a further grant of £3: 8: 6d. This was in accordance with the Society's policy.

Wedding Present. It was agreed that a wedding present should be given to Miss Kemp.

The adoption of the report of this Meeting was proposed by Mr. MacLeod and seconded by Mr. Kinghorn.

c) Summer School Committee Meeting, 23rd January 1965 - The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Dr. Robertson Wilson, seconded by Mr. Brooks and approved.

d) Publications Committee Meetings, 23rd January, 6th February and 6th March 1965 - At the meeting on 23rd

January, Mrs. Cramb suggested that the format of the Bulletin should be altered, having one section for statistics of branches and a separate part for any interesting news. It was also decided to have a smaller Bulletin and Miss Hadden showed the meeting the sample which had been sent from the Printers. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed to change the format of the Bulletin and to leave the editing to Miss Hadden.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:

- a) The Black Mountain Reel Club, Ewyas Harold, Herts.
- b) The M.I.'s Scottish Country Dance Group, Abadan.
- c) Newport Scottish Country Dance Club (Mon)
- d) Scottish Country Dance Society of Puerto Rico.
- e) Le Chardon d'Ecosse, Paris.
- f) Trinity Scottish Country Dance Class, Plymouth.

Mr. Brown suggested that the group in Puerto Rico should be asked to substitute the word 'Club' or 'Group' for 'Society'. Miss Hadden agreed to write to the Secretary.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) The Chairman told the meeting that several letters had been received from New Zealand from people saying how much they appreciated the work Mrs. Lesslie was doing out there.

b) The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Robertson, Brisbane, Australia regarding the granting of Teachers' Certificates 'in absentia'. There was discussion on this matter and it was felt that the Society was attempting to provide more teachers by sponsoring Mrs. Lesslie as an examiner. Tentative arrangements were being made through Adelaide Branch for a class and examination to take place in a centre in Australia in 1966. The meeting agreed that the policy of granting certificates must be upheld.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing - The Chairman announced that Miss Esme Stewart, one of the two representatives from the Society on the Committee of the S.O.B.H.D., had resigned and Miss Adams expressed appreciation and thanks to Miss Stewart and asked the meeting if they had

any suggestions for a new representative. Mr. Taylor (Stirling) suggested that Miss Hadden should write to Mr. Oliver from Stirling as he thought he may be interested. Miss Hadden agreed to do this.

Whittakers Almanac - Mr. Corbett told the meeting that the name and address of the Society was now listed in Whittakers Almanac

Dundee Branch Deficit - As a result of the recommendation from the Finance Convener's report of Dundee Branch examinations, Mr. Mehan stressed the fact that the deficit was incurred mainly due to members coming from outlying districts. There was some discussion on the matter but the Council agreed to accept the Finance Committee's proposal.

Date of next meeting - It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on 6th August at St. Andrews.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 3.30 p.m. after a vote of thanks to Miss Adams was proposed by Mr. Corbett.

*Esme H. Adams*

*6th August 1965*

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in the University Hall, St. Andrews, on Friday, 6th August<sup>1965</sup> at 2.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Adams (in the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Miss Arnott, Mr. Brooks, Miss Brown, Miss Cannon, Miss Carmichael, Mr. Clarke, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Mr. Cruiskin, Dr. Forbes, Miss Forsyth, Miss Goodall, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Mr. Ireland, Miss Jones, Miss Kane, Mr. Kinghorn, Miss Lee, Miss Lewis, Miss Mowat, Miss McFeat, Mr. Macleod, Mr. McKillop, Miss Rae, Miss Redford, Miss Ross, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime, Mr. Sverdlove, Mr. A. Taylor, Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Todd, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from:  
Miss A. Allan (Kilmarnock), Mrs. Blain (Newton Stewart), Mr. Brown (Edinburgh), Miss Cattanach (Elgin), Miss Ferrier (Forfar), Miss Galloway (Ayr), Mrs. Kemp (Stockton), Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian), Mrs. Parker (Ayr), Mrs. Rankin (Hamilton and Clydesdale), Mrs. Robertson (Carnoustie), Miss Taylor (London).

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th May 1965 were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING: Item 6 Other Business - The Chairman told the meeting that Miss Hadden had written to Mr. Oliver inviting him to be one of the Society's representatives on the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing and had received a reply from him agreeing to accept this position.

Item 3d Bulletin format - Miss Hadden read a letter to the meeting from Bristol Branch expressing their disappointment that the reports for the Bulletin had to be shortened.

Item 4d Puerto Rico Group - Miss Hadden reminded the meeting that The Scottish Country Dance Society of Puerto Rico had been accepted for affiliation at the last Executive Meeting but that a letter had been sent to them suggesting that they substitute the word 'Group' or 'Club' for 'Society'. A reply to this letter had been received stating that they would prefer to retain the name 'Society' as it was an old established Caledonian Society.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:  
a) Finance Committee, May 1965. The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting, having been previously circulated, was proposed by Miss McFeat, seconded by Mrs. Thomson and approved.  
b) Finance Committee, 23rd July 1965. The adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting was proposed by Miss Rae, seconded by Mrs. Couper and approved.  
c) Examinations Committee, 6th August 1965. The following report was given of the meeting by Miss Milligan, Convener of the

Examinations Committee:

Examination Syllabus - One change was made in the list of dances for the Preliminary Certificate - 'Rakes of Glasgow' being substituted for 'Birks of Invermay'.

Adjudicators' List - It had been recommended that the names of Mrs. West (Elgin), Mr. Ireland (London) and Mrs. Hill (Watford) be added to the Adjudicators' List.

Examiners' List - Miss Milligan reported that as there were already twenty one names on the Examiners' List it seemed unnecessary to add further names at present - six of the examiners were free to examine at any time. It was felt however, that Branches were not giving Miss Hadden sufficient time to make arrangements for examinations and it was suggested that Branch Secretaries should notify Headquarters when an examination class was started giving possible dates for examination in plenty of time so that examiners could be booked up.

4. ANNUAL REPORT: The Secretary read the Annual Report to the Council. The adoption of the report was unanimously approved by the Meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS: In the absence of Mr. Lochhead, Finance Convener, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) presented the draft Accounts for the year ended 30th June 1965. These incorporated the recommendations of the last Finance Committee Meeting. The adoption of the accounts, subject to audit, was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved. The estimates for 1965/66 were examined and adopted unanimously by the meeting.

5. APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION: An application for Branch Formation was unanimously approved and accepted from Bournemouth Scottish Country Dance Club.

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION: Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from:

1. The Tasmanian Caledonian Society's Scottish Country Dance Group
2. Elstree and Boreham Wood Reel Club
3. Helsby and District Caledonian Society
4. Morley College Scottish Dancing Club
5. Peterlee and District Caledonian Society
6. Shropshire Caledonian Society Dancing Class
7. St. Andrew Society of Colorado
8. Zurich Scottish Country Dancing Club

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Miss Adams suggested to the Council that when delegates are sent to this meeting, representative should be included as they are more acquainted with the work of the Society. Miss Hadden offered to add to the circular letter sent to Branch Secretaries regarding the Annual General Meeting a paragraph as follows: 'At the Executive Council Meeting held on 6th August it was suggested that one of your delegates should be your representative.' This was unanimously approved.

7. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

It was decided that the next Executive Council Meeting should be held on 11th December 1965 in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Letter from Norwich Union Insurance Society - A letter had been received from the Norwich Union Insurance Society regarding third party insurance for branches. Miss Hadden read the letter to the Council and after much discussion it was decided by the meeting that the branches should be given the information and the opportunity of participating in the Insurance scheme.

\* b) 1966 Annual General Meeting - The Chairman announced to the meeting that three invitations had been received for the 1966 Annual General Meeting from Stirling, Newcastle and Oban. After much consideration, Miss Adams asked Miss Hadden to accept the invitation to Stirling for 5th and 6th November 1966 and to decline the others with thanks.

c) Annual General Meeting Expenses - Arising out of correspondence from the Lorn Branch there was discussion regarding the week-end expenses of the Annual General Meeting. It was decided that any Branch who invites the Society to hold its Annual General Meeting and has a deficit on the running of the week-end can apply to the Finance Committee for reimbursement.

d) Letter from Ascherberg, Hopwood and Crew Ltd. - Miss Hadden read a letter she had received from Ascherberg, Hopwood and Crew Ltd. asking if the Society would agree to allow Jimmy Shand to utilise some dances from the Society's work and to make recordings - an agreed royalty would be paid to the Society. Miss Milligan said she thought it essential that a team of dancers be present at recordings. Mr. Ireland proposed that the Society should go ahead with the idea and Miss Rae seconded the proposal. Miss Hadden was asked to send a favourable reply to the letter and the Publications Committee would work out details. This was unanimously approved.

e) Book Returns - Miss Vaughan asked representatives to remind Branches to send in the Book Returns each year as otherwise old records had to be used which did not give an accurate account.

f) London Branch - Mr. Taylor (Cheltenham) referred to a minute from a meeting of the Executive Council on 8th May in which the exceptional circumstances regarding the arrangements for accommodating the German Group in London were emphasised. Mrs. Couper (Dunfermline) also spoke on the subject. It was agreed to bring up the matter at the next meeting of the Finance Committee with a view to the previous decision being reconsidered.

g) Dance in Edinburgh - Mr. Brooks announced to the meeting that there would be a dance in Edinburgh after the next Executive Meeting on 11th December.

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

\* The Secretary reported that Miss Vaughan and she had been advised to reconsider the Society's present Insurance premiums regarding cover for property at Headquarters etc. and this had been done. The premiums would be increased accordingly.

*Florence H. Adams,*

*11. 12. 65.*

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh on Saturday, 11th December 1965, at 2.15.p.m.

PRESENT : Miss Adams (In the Chair)  
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)  
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain, Mr. Ball,  
Mrs. Barrett, Miss Brander, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Brown, Miss Browne,  
Mr. Clark, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Couper, Mr. Cross, Miss E. Ferrier,  
Miss I. Ferrier, Dr. Forbes, Mrs. Forsyth, Mrs. Gudger,  
Mrs. Guthrie, Mr. Ireland, Mrs. Jameson, Miss Kane, Mr. Kinghorn,  
Mr. Lochhead, Miss McFeat, M.B.E., Mr. McKillop, Mr. Mechan,  
Miss Mowat, Mrs. Parker, Miss Prentice, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin,  
Mr. Raven, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Savage, Miss Sime,  
Mr. Smith, Miss Taylor, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wilson,  
Miss Yeats, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from :  
Lord Thurlow (President), Mrs. Blain, Miss Burns, Miss Collie,  
Miss Dickson, Miss Galloway, Dr. Hall, Miss Lee, Miss Oliver  
and Miss Streight.

Before the Meeting started the Chairman welcomed all members and particularly those attending for the first time, and hoped that they would enjoy their work on the Council.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th August, 1965, were approved and signed, subject to Mr. Mechan's name being included under the apologies.

2. BUSINESS ARISING: Item 8 (a): Miss Vaughan explained to the members certain details regarding the proposed Third Party Insurance for Branches. It was decided that the cover would begin on 1st January 1966 and it was emphasized that this Insurance was a Public Liability one not a Personal Accident one. It was suggested that a copy of the master policy should be cyclostyled and issued to Branches on request. Miss Vaughan agreed to do this.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING: Finance Committee, November 1965. The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Miss Rae and approved. Arising out of the Minutes the Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the Auditors, Messrs. Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, thanking the Society for their appreciation of the Firm's work over a long period and agreeing to terminate the appointment after the 1966 audit had been completed.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES : It was regretted that Mr. Mechan's name was included in the list of members not on the Executive Council and members were asked to delete this from their agenda and to add his name to those on the Summer School Committee for 1964/65.

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. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire)  
Mr. Brown (Edinburgh)  
Miss Collie (Peterhead)  
Dr. Forbes (Birmingham)  
Mrs. Gudger (Rochdale)  
Mr. Kinghorn (Stranraer)  
Mr. Mechan (Dundee)  
Miss Mowat (Leven)  
Mrs. Parker (Ayr)

b) Finance Committee - Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead (Convenor). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :-

Mr. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire)  
Miss Browne (Aberdeen)  
Mr. Brown (Edinburgh)  
Mr. Brooks (Edinburgh)  
Miss McFeat (Perthshire)  
Miss Rae (Duns and District)  
Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire)  
Mr. Sharpe (Dundee) - co-opted.

c) Examinations Committee - Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

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

d) Publications Committee (and Research) - Miss Adams (Convenor) and Mr. Lochhead. The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :-

Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy)  
Miss Brander (Carlisle)  
Mr. Brooks (Edinburgh)  
Mr. Clement (Dumfries)  
Miss Yeats (Aberdeen)  
Mrs. Corson (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 :-

- Mr. Clement (Dumfries)
- Mr. Corbett (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
- Mrs. Henderson (Dumfries)
- Mr. Ireland (London)
- Mr. Mechan (Dundee)                      Miss Milligan - Convener.
- Miss Prentice (Glasgow)
- Miss Rae (Duns and District)
- Miss Yeats (Aberdeen)

Demonstration Selection Committee - Miss Adams and Mr. Lochhead.  
The following members were elected, en bloc, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

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

5. APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION AND AFFILIATION:

1. Branch Formation: An application for Branch formation was unanimously approved and accepted from the Los Angeles Scottish Country Dancers.
2. Affiliation : Applications for affiliation were approved and accepted from :-
  - a) Singapore St. Andrews Society
  - b) Tripoli Scottish Country Dancing Society
  - c) Waratah Australian Scottish Country Dancing Club
  - d) Witney Scottish Country Dancers
  - e) Brighton, Hove and District Scottish Association
  - f) Plockton and District Scottish Country Dance Group
  - g) The Twin Cities Scottish Country Dancers (U.S.A.)
  - h) The Inverlochy Country Dance Class

Arising out of the applications for affiliation it was agreed that affiliated groups in Scotland, on paying their subscriptions, should be asked to state the number of members of the Society in their group.

6. SUBSCRIPTION COPY FOR 1966/67 :

It was agreed to publish a pocket edition containing the Graded book and Book 22, to be issued to members on payment of the 1966/67 subscription.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Letter from Stirlingshire Branch - The Secretary read a letter from the Stirlingshire Branch stating that the Civic Authorities had arranged to invite the Executive Council Representatives to a Civic Reception and coffee on the morning of the Annual General Meeting, Saturday, 5th November 1966. The invitation was accepted with pleasure.

b, d & e) Invitations for the 1967 Annual General Meeting were received from Birmingham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Lorn (Argyll) Branches. Miss Adams suggested that the invitations from the three Branches for 1967 be left over until the next Executive Council Meeting, to give delegates time to ask their Branches how they felt about having the A.G.M. occasionally out-with Scotland.

c) Letter from The Scottish Tartans Society. The Secretary read a letter from the Scottish Tartans Society appealing for members. It was agreed that the Society should become a member of this Society and the Treasurer was given authority to give a further donation of £5.5.0d if this was permissible under the terms of the Society's exemption from income tax. It was stated that members of the Branches could become members of the Society on payment of 10/-. The address to send this money is The Scottish Tartans Society, Information Centre and Museum, The Tolbooth, Broad Street, Stirling, Scotland.

f) Internationaal Folklorefestival. A letter was read from the Internationaal Folklorefestival, Middelkerke, Belgium, inviting the Society to send a team from August 4th to 7th 1966. The Authorities had agreed to pay £100 towards the cost of travel for twelve persons (10 dancers, a leader and piper). Branches were asked to give this invitation their consideration and to notify the Secretary before the end of January 1966 whether they wished to accept. The Chairman pointed out that before entering into any commitment the Branch must find out the total cost and advise Headquarters the amount they would be prepared to pay and also the amount each individual member would be willing to contribute towards the cost.

g) Letter from Mr. Fransen, The Netherlands. A letter was read from Mr. J. M. Fransen, The Hague, asking the Society's permission to translate some of the Instruction Books into Dutch. Miss Vaughan agreed to find out the legal position regarding this matter and the amount of copyright fee to be charged if permission was given, the matter to be reported to the Finance Committee.

8. DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Executive Council should take place on the 7th May, 1966.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Publicity Leaflet : Dr. Forbes, Birmingham, asked the Society to consider the publication of a pamphlet giving details of the work of the Society and answering questions which were frequently asked by non-members who were interested and new members of the Society. The pamphlet would be published by Headquarters and issued to Branches on request. There was some discussion on this matter and it was agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting of the Council in May.

b) Golden Trophy Award : Miss Milligan told the meeting how distressed she was at the arrangements which had been made by the Edinburgh Musical Festival when Mr. Cussons had presented, for the first time, a Golden Trophy for Scottish Country Dancing in May 1965. Miss Milligan reported that not enough publicity had been given, resulting in a poor audience and not many teams competing. As Miss Milligan had recently received a letter from the Secretary of the Edinburgh Musical Festival, asking her advice on how to interest more Branches, she felt very strongly that the Society should take some further action regarding the future arrangements and, after considerable discussion, it was proposed, seconded and approved that the Secretary should write to the Edinburgh Musical Festival Society asking that three members of the Executive Council, Miss Adams, Mr. Mechan and Mr. Brown, should meet that Committee in order to discuss the arrangements for 1966.

c) Bulletin : Mr. Corbett, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, reported that while members of his Branch approved of the bulletin in its new format, there was criticism of the item "News from Branches" in that the material was too congested and difficult to read. The Secretary replied that she had also heard this criticism and had decided for next year to have this item in a larger type and, if possible, in paragraph form. This, of course, would mean a considerable increase in space and therefore in cost.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 5.20.p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mrs. Couper, Dunfermline.

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