

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

7 FEBRUARY 1953 - 25 OCTOBER 1980

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Miss Milligan,
Mrs R.A. Lesslie,
Miss A. Anderson,
Miss N.J. Arnott,
Miss M. Collie,
Mr G. Hardie,
Mrs Hutchison,
Miss M.W. Kenyon,
Mr D. Macleod,
Mr W. Murray,
Mrs A.C. Rankin,
Miss Mowat.

*Constitution Sub - 12 members
Quorum - 5.*

**SUB-COMMITTEES OF EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL.**

Agenda To each member of
Committee three weeks
before meeting.

Minutes To each member of
Committee
To each Branch Rep
to Ex Council
To each Secretary
who does not have
a Council Rep.

Note: Draft Agenda should be sent
to Chairman or Convener some four
to five weeks before meeting.
Draft Agenda for Finance Meetings
to Mr. Taylor and Miss
Vaughan.

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 7th February, 1953, at 11.45 a.m. in the Office of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, 20 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)

Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Brown, Miss Collie, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Robertson, Miss Vaughan, Miss McLellan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

1. MINUTES:

Those of the last meeting held on 1st November, 1952, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Item 2(c), correspondence with Phonographic Performances Ltd: The Secretary reported that she had received a reply from this firm in which the names of gramophone companies were listed as members, including those with which the R.S.C.D.S. had dealings. It was agreed that no further benefits could be obtained by applying for membership in Phonographic Performances Ltd.

Reference Item 3: The Treasurer reported that 31 Branches had now contributed to the King George VI Memorial Fund and that the total now stood at £361. 4. 0. On Mr. Robertson's recommendation it was agreed that the Fund be kept open for a further period.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Miss Vaughan reported on a meeting of the Finance Committee which had just been held.

Four Solo Highland Dances: A revised estimate for 2,000 copies of this book had been received amounting to £113.12. 0. It had been agreed that the selling price of the book should be 3/- per copy, and that 2,000 copies should be published.

It was reported that reprints of 12,000 copies of each pocket edition 10 - 12 and 13 - 15 had been ordered at an estimated cost of £116.16. 6. respectively.

The Finance Committee had carefully studied the accounts for the six months ended 31st December, 1952, and it had been noted that there was a surplus on the Revenue Account of £198. Income was £87 lower than anticipated, but expenditure was £82 less than the estimate.

The donation of £250 to the King George VI Memorial Fund had been paid from Revenue Account.

Publications Account: The Society had borne the expense of heavy reprinting of books during the last 18 months. The Finance Committee had decided that in future books issued free as subscription copies should be included as a normal expense item in the accounts, and Miss Vaughan said that had this been done for this half year the Publications Account would have shown a profit of £435.

Book 17: A very rough estimate for 20,000 copies of the new book was given as £800. The Finance Committee recommended that a print of 30,000 copies would be an economic figure to order.

Book of Alternative Tunes: This item was remitted to the Publications Committee for further consideration.

Teaching Films for Overseas Branches: It was reported that as this suggestion would involve an expense of about £108 the Committee did not recommend the project to be adopted.

Demonstration Teams: It was reported that the invitation to visit Biarritz which would cost the Society approximately £130 was approved. The financial obligations for the invitation from Cannes, which would be discussed later by the General Purposes Committee, were discussed and it was agreed that the Society's contribution towards the expenses should not be more than £50.

The General Purposes Committee approved the report.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR FORMATION OF BRANCHES:

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a) Frickheim, Angus Branch: After considerable discussion it was decided that the Frickheim Centre of Angus Branch should be given permission to become a Branch which would be called Angus-Lunan Branch.

The following applications were also accepted, subject to the Branches having their classes taught by a qualified R.S.C.D.S. teacher: -

- b) Whitehead, Co. Antrim.
- c) Hopeman, Morayshire.
- d) Berwick-upon-Tweed.
- e) Wigtown.
- f) Duns & District.

Applications for Affiliation:

The following were accepted, subject to the approval of the Executive Council: -

- a) Cardiff Technical College Country Dance Society.
- b) St. Andrews Scottish Country Dance Society, Swansea.
- c) Scottish Country Dance Club, East London, South Africa.
- d) Combined Caledonian Societies of Johannesburg.

5. PUBLICATION OF BOOK 17:

Miss Milligan reported that she had collected dances for the proposed new book for 1953/54, and asked the Committee to sanction the publication of it. It was her suggestion that Book 17 should be in the nature of a coronation book with a special cover. This was approved by the Committee.

6. INVITATION TO FESTIVALS:

- a) Invitation to Central Council of Physical Recreation Festival of Dance, London, 22nd April, 1953: An invitation had been received for the selected team to take part in a Festival of Dance in which the C.C.P.R. offered to pay all expenses. A second letter had been received withdrawing the invitation on the ground of finance. It was agreed on the Finance Committee's recommendation that owing to the short time allowed on the programme it would be unreasonable for the R.S.C.D.S. to pay the expenses of sending a team.
- b) International Folk Music Council Conference, Biarritz-Pamplona, 9th - 15th July: The Secretary reported that the I.F.M.C. offered third class travelling expenses in France and hospitality for the team. Miss Anderson proposed that the invitation be accepted and the Committee agreed.
- c) Nice: The Secretary gave details of this festival to be held from 11th - 15th July in Nice, and thereafter in Rome, Florence and back to Nice by 21st July. The Committee decided that owing to the dates coinciding with those of the I.F.M.C. it would be impossible to accept this invitation.
- d) Cannes: Miss Milligan reported that she had received an invitation to send a Society team to Cannes at Easter. As previously reported the matter had been discussed by the Finance Committee, and it was decided that before further steps could be taken the Secretary should write for fuller details and information.
- e) Birmingham: The Secretary read a letter from the English Folk Dance & Song Society requesting a team to take part in a Coronation Festival to be held in Birmingham on 13th June. Mrs. Brown proposed that as the team members would have other commitments at that time the invitation should be refused. The Committee agreed.

7. SUMMER SCHOOL:

It was reported that there had been some difficulty in booking halls for classes, and Mrs. Brown proposed, seconded by Miss Milligan, that a strong letter should be sent to the University and town authorities regarding this.

It was noted that the cost of residence would be the same as last year, 15/- per day.

It was agreed that the sub-committee formed last year of Miss Milligan, Mrs. Brown and Miss Anderson should deal with further arrangements. As there was a vacancy caused by Mrs. Lesslie not being on the Executive Council, Miss Arnott proposed, seconded by Mrs. Brown, that Miss Kenyon should be appointed to the sub-committee. The meeting agreed.

8. ANY COMPETENT BUSINESS:

a) Miss Anderson's letter re visit to Nairobi: Miss Milligan reported that the Finance

Finance Committee had discussed the financial aspects of this visit, but had regretfully decided that they could not recommend that the Society be involved in this expense.

- b) Design for Teachers Certificate: The Secretary reported that as the present certificate required to be altered she had asked Mr. Iain Robertson to design a new certificate, and submitted rough sketches of the proposed form. The Committee expressed their appreciation of Mr. Robertson's design and recommended its adoption subject to a few minor alterations.
- c) Bulletin, 1953: The Secretary reported that she had received a letter from the Edinburgh Branch suggesting that a portrait of the Queen, or a photograph of Her Majesty taken with the team at Holyroodhouse last summer, should be printed in the next Bulletin. This suggestion was unanimously adopted.
- d) Edinburgh Branch Invitation: Miss Anderson reported that the Edinburgh Branch secretary had received a letter from a theatrical agent requesting a team to dance to the music of Jimmy Shand's band at the Empire Theatre, Edinburgh, in May. Miss Anderson asked for the Committee's opinion regarding the Branch's acceptance of this request, and after discussion the Committee recommended that a team be provided. As a fee was offered it was decided that this should be made in the form of a contribution to the Society's funds.
- e) Letter from Edinburgh Branch regarding International Team: The Secretary reported that a letter had been received regarding the inclusion in a team sent to Birmingham in November, 1952, of two members from Edinburgh Branch who had not been nominated by the Branch for the national audition. A further letter had been received suggesting that when difficulty arose with regard to filling vacancies in a demonstration team the Branch Selection Committees should be approached for nominations. Mrs. Brown proposed that in the event of an emergency when there was no time to consult Branches the Secretary, after consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, should use her discretion in the matter, but if time permitted the Branches concerned could be approached. The Committee agreed.

Mrs. Hutchison suggested that when the Secretary asked a member of a Branch to fill a vacancy in a team the secretary of that Branch should be notified. The Committee agreed.

f) Sub-Committee of Selection Committee: Arising out of the difficulty of not having sufficient members in the selected team to fulfil commitments, it was suggested that a small committee should be allowed to choose, if necessary, members who had been present at the audition on 5th April, 1952, and who had been in the second round although not chosen for the team.

It was agreed that Miss Milligan, Mrs. Brown and Miss Anderson should be authorised to act in this way.

Mrs. Brown moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 1.40 p.m.

Jean C. Milligan

CHAIRMAN.

20.6.53.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 20th June, 1953, at 2.15 p.m. in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Miss Kenyon,
Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Robertson, Miss Vaughan, Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Mr. Macleod, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Rankin, Miss McLellan (Treasurer).

1. MINUTES:

Minutes of a meeting held on 7th February were confirmed and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

Four Step Dances: Mr. Robertson (Angus) asked why the music shops had received copies of this book before it was available to members. The Secretary explained that according to the agreement with Paterson's Publications Ltd. the Society was obliged to sell a certain number of each publication as issued.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Duncan (Convener of the Finance Committee) reported that the final donation to the King George VI Memorial Fund had been £374.16. 0. The Secretary read a letter of thanks from the Lord Provost of Edinburgh. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was agreed that a copy of this letter should be circulated to each Branch which donated to this Fund.

Miss Vaughan presented the financial statements. She reported that income had exceeded the budgeted figure by £385, mainly due to subscriptions being received at regular dates and earlier than anticipated, and the very substantial increase in royalties.

Expenditure: This was less than estimated by £369. It was reported that there was an overall surplus of approximately £1,000, after two special items, the donation to the King George VI Memorial Fund and the subscription copies of books (at cost) given to members free, had been taken into account.

Publications Account: This showed a net profit of £430.

The financial position of the Society was considered satisfactory. It was noted that a suggestion had been put forward that a certain amount from surplus should be reserved annually for reprinting books.

Collins & Sons: The Secretary read correspondence from Mr. Young of this firm and Mr. Diack of Paterson's Publications in connection with the proposed book of Scottish country dances to be published by Collins & Sons. Mr. Duncan reported that the Finance Committee had discussed the matter and had agreed that the following recommendation should be placed before the General Purposes Committee: - that although the Finance Committee would welcome the 10% royalty fee offered by Collins & Sons, this firm should be asked to submit a draft of the agreement they wished to be signed with the Society, and that thereafter the Society should obtain legal advice on the matter. Mr. Duncan also reported that although Collins & Sons had mentioned that they wished to have the world rights in English for the book no reference had been made to the position if the book was translated into another language. It was agreed that the outcome to this point might prove interesting.

Miss Anderson proposed, and the Committee unanimously agreed, that the above recommendation be accepted.

Newcastle Branch: Mr. Duncan stated that a claim had been received from this Branch for postages of books and Bulletins to their members. The Finance Committee recommended that payment should not be authorised until the Branch financial statements had been received and studied.

Resignation of Treasurer: Mr. Duncan reported that for some months past Miss McLellan had found the work of Treasurer to be too arduous. Miss McLellan had now decided that she could not continue in this office and it was with regret that her resignation had been received. The Finance Committee recommended that Miss McLellan should continue as Treasurer until the end of August, after which Miss Vaughan, who had expressed her willingness to act as Treasurer until a new appointment was made, should be asked to do so. In the meantime it was suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to deal with the advertising for and interviewing of candidates.

candidates, from which a recommendation would be forwarded for the approval of the Annual General Meeting.

The General Purposes Committee agreed to this recommendation and appointed the following to serve on the sub-committee: - Miss Milligan, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McKell and Mr. Robertson. It was agreed that the sub-committee would hold its first meeting on 24th July at St. Andrews, and that another meeting of the General Purposes Committee should be called between the August Executive Council meeting and the A.G.M. when the sub-committee's nomination could be considered.

The General Purposes Committee approved the Financial Report.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION:

The following applications were accepted: -

- Forfar Centre, Angus Branch
- Carnoustie Centre, Angus Branch
- Arbroath Centre, Angus Branch
- Gatehouse-of-Fleet Country Dance Class
- Auchterarder Scottish Country Dance Club

Mr. Robertson reported that Angus Branch had ceased to be a county Branch and now had four separate Branches within the county. At the last general meeting of the Angus Branch the matter of the distribution of the existing finances was discussed, and it was unanimously decided by that meeting that, subject to the approval of Headquarters, the money should be divided among the various centres in proportion to the number of members attached to each centre. On the grounds of this matter having been passed by the Angus Branch general meeting the General Purposes Committee signified their approval.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Miss Milligan reported that letters had been received from two gentlemen in New Zealand regarding the organisation of Scottish country dancing in that country. It was evident that there were two schools of thought on the matter, and the application from one party to set up a council in New Zealand for the examining of candidates and issuing of certificates was unanimously rejected.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) S.M.T. Magazine: A request had been received from the Editor asking permission for the use of the instructions and music of the "Reel of the 51st Division" for inclusion in the September issue of the S.M.T. magazine. Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Robertson, proposed that permission be granted. The Committee agreed.
- b) Research Committee: Miss Anderson, seconded by Miss Kenyon, proposed that Miss Milligan be appointed as the member from the Publications and Research Committee to be co-opted to the Research Committee set up in Edinburgh. It was agreed that in the event of Miss Milligan being unable to attend a meeting of this Committee Miss Anderson should act as deputy. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Research Committee to this effect.
- c) B.B.C.: The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Calderin connection with a request received by the B.B.C. from the Edinburgh Branch regarding expenses incurred by teams demonstrating at broadcasts. Mr. Calder asked that a meeting be arranged between Miss Milligan, Miss Hadden and himself to discuss the matter of defraying Branch expenses. Mrs. Brown suggested that this meeting should take place, and the Committee agreed.

Mrs. Brown proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.

Excerpt from Minute of Executive Council meeting held on 7th August, 1953, in University Hall, St. Andrews.

Item 3. MINUTES:

- a) General Purposes Committee: Mr. Robertson (Arbroath) 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 . . . advertising for and interviewing of candidates" should read "In the meantime it was suggested that 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 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".

The minutes were approved by the Executive Council subject to the above alterations.

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 9th January, 1954, at 10.30 a.m. in the Office of the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation, 4 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Brown, Miss Collie, Mrs. Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Mr. Macleod, Professor McEwen, Mr. Murray, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

x MRS. RANKIN

APOLOGY: An apology was intimated from Mr. Duncan (Convener of the Finance Committee.)

1. MINUTES:

Those of the last meeting held on 20th June, 1953, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

No business arising from the previous minutes was discussed.

3. APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION:

The Secretary reported that an application had been received from Captain T.S. Davidson, a fully qualified Society teacher, to form a Branch in the Gala-shiels district, which would include at present the towns of Salkirk and Melrose. The Committee unanimously agreed to sanction the formation of this Branch.

4. DEMONSTRATION TEAM:

The Chairman reported that an invitation had been received from the Festival du Folklore International, Nice, to send a team to participate in the Festival from 10th - 16th July, 1954. An estimate had been received from B.E.A. for the cost of return air fare for a party of 12 which amounted to £494.12. 6. The Secretary reported that the organisers in Nice had offered between £80 and £100 to help towards the team's travelling expenses, and that hotel accommodation would also be given. After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mrs. Brown, and agreed by the Committee, that a decision on the matter should be delayed for a month, and that at the end of the month, if no further invitations had been received, a decision should be taken by the office bearers.

Arising from the discussion it was agreed that in future it should be noted that although the basic expenses of a visit abroad were met by the Society, the members of the team were responsible for many incidental expenses.

5. REMIT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING:

The Society's policy with regard to its accumulated funds was extensively discussed, and the Committee decided to recommend to the Executive Council that it should be the aim of the Society to provide a fully equipped Headquarters, a building containing offices and facilities for members to meet for classes and for social functions. It was estimated that a sum of £50,000 would be necessary to realise this objective. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a statement to be put before the Executive Council at the next meeting. It was agreed that if the recommendation was approved publicity should be given to the matter in this country and overseas.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Hon Vice Presidents: The Chairman reported that the Secretary had approached eight prominent personalities in Scotland as decided at the last Executive Council meeting, and that acceptances had been received from the following: - The Countess of Galloway, Sir George Ogilvie Forbes and Admiral The Mackintosh of Mackintosh.

- b) Manchester Folk Dance Centre: It was reported that this group, affiliated to the R.S.C.D.S., had applied for permission to print the number of the Society book alongside a synopsis of certain Scottish country dances in a proposed magazine called "The Folk Dancer". The Committee agreed that permission should be given.
- c) Correspondence regarding "Four Step Dances": The Chairman reported that the Secretary had received a letter from a Mr. Flett in Cheshire, making very derogatory remarks about the contents of Mrs. Cramb's book "Four Step Dances". The Secretary had forwarded this letter to Mrs. Cramb and had received a very comprehensive reply to all the points queried. The Committee agreed that the Secretary should acknowledge Mr. Flett's letter, enclosing Mrs. Cramb's remarks, and stating that the Society would not enter into further correspondence with him on the matter.
- d) Corrections of Dances: Professor McEwen asked if corrections made in the dance books during the year could be published in the Bulletin so that members could be kept up to date. It was agreed that this should be done.

This ended the business of the meeting.

Jean Chellifan
CHAIRMAN.

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THE LAIRD OF DUMBIEDYKES FAVOURITE
(Dance No. 4)

Please repeat last 8 bars of music to suit 40-bar dance.

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at the North British Station Hotel on Saturday, 5th March, 1955, at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)

Miss Arnott, Mr Hardie, Mrs Hutchison, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Lesslie, Miss Mowat, Mr Murray, Mrs Rankin, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Miss A. Anderson, Miss Collie, and Mr Macleod.

1. MINUTES:

Those of the meeting held on 9th January, 1955, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

No business was discussed from the previous Minutes.

3. REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr Hardie, Convener, gave a brief report of the meeting held on 5th March, 1955.

a) Branch Accounts: The Treasurer had reported on the result of correspondence she had received from certain Branches whose accounts had not been submitted. Miss Vaughan was instructed to write to the Branch which had not replied to her first letter. A letter was read from the Secretary of Stockport Branch, indicating that the Branch should have been consulted before Executive Council members were asked to visit the Branch to discuss the position.

Arising out of this report, it was agreed that no further action be taken with regard to Stockport Branch until after the next meeting of the Executive Council.

b) Financial Statements: The Committee had examined and approved the accounts paid since the last meeting. The bank balance was at present £547. A statement of estimated income and expenditure for the eight months ended 28th February, had been submitted and the Committee had found this to be very close to the original estimate, no unusual items of income or expenditure having occurred.

c) Society Headquarters: Mr Hardie reported that a Sub-Committee had been appointed to look at various premises with a view to buying a suitable property for Headquarters and Office accommodation. The sum of £7,000 had been set aside to cover the purchase of a property, legal fees, alterations, redecoration and furnishing etc. A property at 12, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, consisting of a main door flat with basement had been surveyed and valued by himself and another surveyor, and an offer of £4,010 had been accepted by the owner.

The Treasurer had been authorised to uplift Building Society Shares and other monies to meet the cost of purchasing the property, and to pay for necessary alterations, decorations, furnishing, etc.

Miss Milligan thanked Mr Hardie for all his work in connection with the valuation and purchase of the property, and the Committee discussed various matters relating to future arrangements.

It was agreed that an architect should be appointed to submit plans for certain necessary alterations, and to receive estimates for redecoration, etc. at a cost not to exceed £1,500. It was also agreed that a caretaker should be employed and that she should be given the use of the basement as a dwelling house as part payment for work done, a wage of 25/- per week, with the possibility of an increase later on, free lighting and 1 cwt. of coal per week for her own use. Other details of an agreement were left to the Secretary to prepare in accordance with a draft copy received from the Society's solicitor.

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It was reported that the Trustees of the property held on behalf of the Society would be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, or their successors in office.

d) Purchase of Flag: The Finance Committee had approved the purchase of a flag for the overseas demonstration team at a cost not to exceed £20.

e) Research Committee: An enquiry from Edinburgh Branch, as to the possibility of a further grant to the Research Committee had been considered, but no action had been taken. An invitation was to be sent to Mr Frizell to give a report on the financial implications at the next Executive Council meeting.

f) Demonstration Teams: Bavaria, Pretoria. Correspondence had been read from Mr Frizell regarding the visit of a team of dancers to Bavaria in July, 1955, with the prospect of a return visit from members of the Bavarian Folk Dance Festival in 1956. The Society's financial obligations would be to pay the expenses of 12 people to the borders of Germany. The Committee had decided that this could not be done this year, but that further consideration would be given to the project for 1956.

The Finance Committee could not recommend the acceptance of the invitation to Pretoria owing to the very heavy financial outlay involved.

g) Pensions Scheme: The Committee had decided to investigate the possibilities of a Pensions Scheme for the staff.

The report from the Finance Committee was approved unanimously.

4. REMITS FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS - 6th August, 1954, and 4th December, 1954.

a) Application from Grangemouth for Branch formation: Correspondence from Mrs Napier was read and the matter fully discussed. Miss Mowat proposed that the application be refused as the Committee were not satisfied with the reasons advanced. This was seconded by Miss Kenyon and unanimously agreed.

b) Affiliated Groups: The proposal from the Executive Council that the General Purposes Committee should frame a resolution to be put forward by the Executive Council meeting to the Annual General Meeting was given much consideration. Members expressed various points of view but the matter being put to a vote - it was agreed that the recommendation would be that the present provision in the Constitution and Rules for Affiliated Groups should remain.

c) International Folk Music Council: The question of the Society sending the Papa Stour team to take part in this year's International Folk Music Festival at Oslo was discussed. It was agreed that the Society could not finance such a project owing to other commitments.

5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEE REGARDING PATERSON'S PUBLICATIONS AGREEMENT:

Miss Milligan gave a report from the meeting held on 4th March. The Committee had given careful consideration to the Agreement and had decided that in the main it was a good one. It had been agreed that Mr Diack should be invited to meet the Committee to discuss one or two points and Miss Milligan asked the General Purposes Committee to give the Sub-Committee powers to make necessary alterations and to sign a fresh agreement for a period of 5 years. The meeting unanimously agreed to this proposal.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(i) Scottish Film Council: Mr Elliot of the Joint Production Committee, gave a report on the position regarding S.C.D. films as at present. The main points discussed were:-

(a) The possibility of producing a 35 mm colour film on S.C. Dancing commercial distribution.

Mr Elliot reported that the Films of Scotland Committee which was set up by/

by the Secretary of State for Scotland to produce films which would give a picture of Scottish life, industry and manners, had expressed interest in the possibility of producing a 35 mm film in Eastman colour for commercial distribution. This film would cost approximately £3,000 - £4,000 and would be of a very high quality. If the R.^S.C.D.S. would guarantee to contribute £500 towards the cost of production plus the services of dancers and advisers, the Films of Scotland Committee would undertake to seek support from the Central Office of Information and the Foreign Office towards the total cost of production. Any balance not met by these sources might be provided by the Films of Scotland Committee itself, or by a commercial film organisation. The advantages of these proposals were that the Films of Scotland Committee had contacts which were expected to yield satisfactory distribution through the Central Office of Information and the Foreign Office. Mr Elliot pointed out that at present the Society was not involved in any actual commitments but if the project was to be advanced it would be necessary for the Society to state at an early date whether it was prepared to make the initial contribution of £500 plus the services of teams and advisers.

b) The possibility of completing from existing 35mm black and white material a 16 mm black and white "Magazine Type" production for non-commercial use.

It was pointed out that the Joint Production Committee after completing the educational S.C.D. Films and Loops, held in reserve a sum of £150 which had been donated by the Society. This sum was used as the first contribution towards the cost of producing a 35 mm black and white commercial film. On advice from London colleagues to the effect that black and white "Shorts" were out of favour owing to the increasing use of 35 mm colour films, production was stopped. From the material in hand a film of "Magazine Type" had been compiled in rough form. This would give a film of three sections, the first dealing with the Summer School at St. Andrews, the second showing excerpts from the training films and the third showing dancing before the Queen at Murrayfield. It was estimated that to produce a 16 mm black and white sound film using this material would involve an expenditure of approximately £170 and that the Thames & Clyde Film Co. held £20 from the first contribution of £150 made by the Society. That meant, therefore, that a contribution of £150 would be required to complete this film.

c) The possibility of producing from existing 16 mm kodachrome material a short 16 mm kodachrome "Magazine Type" film for non-commercial purposes.

Mr Elliot reported that quite a number of shots of S.C. dancing had been taken over a period: at Lauriston Castle, Murrayfield (in the presence of the Queen) Hampden Park (in the presence of the Queen), and at George Heriot's School (in 18th century costume). No part of the cost of producing these shots had fallen on the Society and Mr Elliot undertook to discuss with the Joint Production Committee whether sufficient finance could be provided to enable a short colour film of "Magazine Type" to be produced, preferably with sound track. This would not involve the Society in any expense.

d) The distribution of the existing educational films.

It was reported that the number of prints taken to date from the originals in the Educational Training Films was as follows:-

"River Cree" - 28 copies; "Mrs MacLeod" - 27 copies; "Rakes of Glasgow" - 26 copies.

Six copies of each title were held by the Scottish Central Film Library and in the eight months, July, 1954 to February, 1955, bookings averaged 12 per copy with an average number of booking days of 15.

Miss Milligan thanked Mr Elliot very much for his excellent resumé and said the Committee appreciated how much he had done for the Society. She then invited questions. Miss Vaughan, Treasurer, asked Mr Elliot whether there would be any financial return to the Society from the proposed 35 mm colour film (a) and Mr Elliot replied that there would be no question of any financial return but that the wide spread publicity resulting from extensive showing in this country and overseas would be of inestimable value to the Society.

After Mr Elliot left the meeting the Committee discussed the various proposals and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that £500 should be allocated towards the making of the 35 mm colour film (a). The proposal was made by Mr Murray and seconded by Miss Arnott.

Miss Kenyon proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the meeting ended at 2.40 p.m.

Jan C. Milligan
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 16 Woodside Terrace, Glasgow, on Saturday, 23rd April, 1955, at 11.30 a.m.

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

Miss Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Collic, Mr Hardie, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Lesslie, Mr Macloed, Miss Mowat, Mrs Rankin, Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Hutchison and Mr Murray.

1. MINUTES:

Those of the meeting held on 5th March, 1955, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

(a) Report on Sub-Committee's meeting with Mr Diack of Paterson's Publications regarding Agreement: The Chairman reported on the meeting held on 22nd April. After consultation with the Society's Solicitor, the Committee asked Mr Diack for clarification of certain points in the present agreement and suggested alterations in the wording of various paragraphs. Mr Diack accepted all the suggestions made and it was agreed that a new agreement should be drawn up which would be acceptable to both parties.

(b) Demonstration Team - Pretoria: The Secretary read further correspondence from Dr Pelissier in which he stated that he intended flying to London and then Scotland immediately in order to raise £2,550 to enable 15 dancers to go to Pretoria in October. The Secretary was instructed to tell Dr Pelissier that if he raised the money the Society would do its best to send dancers, but that it was doubtful whether members could get leave of absence in October for a period of a month.

3. REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr Hardie, Convenor of the Finance Committee, gave a report of the meeting just held.

(a) Branch Accounts: The Treasurer had reported on correspondence received since the last meeting which, in most cases, had been satisfactory. Replies were still awaited from Fort William and Banff.

(b) Financial Statements: The Committee had examined and approved the accounts paid since the last meeting and noted the current bank balance had been kept to £500 in accordance with the policy to invest anything above this sum.

(c) Society Headquarters: Of the £7,000 allowed for the purchase of Headquarters, £4,130.10.0d had been spent in acquiring the property, leaving a balance of £2,869.10.0d for alterations and furnishing. Estimates for alterations so far received amounted to approximately £768.

(d) Films - 35 mm. colour film: Details of the General Purposes Committee's recommendation regarding the granting of £500 towards the making of a 35 mm. coloured film had been given, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed to approve this sum.

16 mm. Black and White Film: It had been agreed to defer for the present the grant of £150 towards the making of the black and white film of Magazine Type.

(e) Pension Scheme for Staff: In view of the high cost it was decided not to proceed with a pension scheme, but to consider setting up a Pension Fund out of which a capital annuity could be purchased on retirement. The Treasurer was asked to obtain further particulars for consideration at the next meeting.

4. BRANCH APPLICATION:

The Secretary submitted an application to form a Branch in Sheffield /

Sheffield where there was a nucleus of twenty people and a fully certificated teacher. The application was unanimously granted.

5. FILMS:

By the courtesy of the Joint Production Committee of the Scottish Film Council, members of the Committee were shown 16 mm. colour film of Scottish Country Dancing in various parts of the country and of differing groups of people. Mr Elliot said that this film would be made into a short film suitable for showing to Branches, etc., and that the Society would not require to pay anything towards the cost of making the film. Miss Milligan thanked Mr Elliot for his hospitality.

Miss Kenyon proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 1.10 p.m.

Jean C. Milligan
29. 9. 55

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Thursday, 29th September, 1955, at 6.15 p.m. in 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss A. Anderson, Miss Arnott, Mr Hardie, Mrs Hutchison,
Miss Kenyon, Mrs Lesslie, Mr Macleod, Miss Mowat,
Mrs Rankin, Miss Hadden, (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Miss Collie and Mr Murray.

1. MINUTES:

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

2. PRETORIAN TOUR:

The Chairman told the meeting of correspondence which had been received from Dr Pellissier in Pretoria, emphasising the necessity of a Scottish team being sent to Pretoria and guaranteeing that he would be responsible for paying the balance of the air travel of the team. Because of this guarantee and the fact that promises of nearly £500 had been received, it was agreed that a team should be sent.

It was pointed out that time was short and it was necessary to know at once who would be free to go to Pretoria. From replies received to a letter sent to Branches and to members of the Demonstration Team, it was found that eight of the present team were able to go. It was agreed that Miss Milligan should choose one man and one woman to fill the gap and that recommendations of various pipers should be followed up as Mr Clement could not get leave of absence.

Miss Milligan was asked to accompany the team as leader but she could not give a decision at once. It was agreed that if Miss Milligan was unable to go, Mr Frizell, Director of Education for Edinburgh, should be invited as Dr Pellissier had asked that he might be leader in every letter which he sent. It was decided that if Mr Frizell was in charge of the team, the dance arrangements and details should be in charge of Miss Storrar.

3. TEAM'S VISIT TO BAVARIA - JULY 1956:

Miss Milligan reminded the meeting that at a previous meeting it was decided to give consideration to a proposal regarding an exchange visit of teams from the Bavarian Folk Dance Society and the R.S.C.D.S. in July, 1956.

A further letter had been received from Mr Frizell asking for a decision so that plans could be made.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the R.S.C.D.S. could not undertake the organisation of such a tour as it was beyond the scope of the Society, but that if required a team of dancers could be sent, and help with payment of fares given.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

Mr Macleod proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Jan Milligan
23. 2. 57

Minutes of a meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES Committee held on Saturday, 23rd February, 1957, at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, at 2.p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss B. Anderson, Miss Arnott, Miss Collie, Mrs Gudger,
Mr Hardie, Miss Kenyon, Miss Mowat, Mr Murray, Mrs Rankin,
Mr Sharpe, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer), Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGY: An apology was intimated from Mrs Lesslie.

Before the meeting commenced, Miss Milligan told the Committee of the death of Mrs Hutchison (Dundee) and the meeting agreed that letters of sympathy be sent to Mr Hutchison and Miss Crighton.

1. MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting held on 29th September, 1955, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

3. BAVARIAN TOUR: The Secretary read the letter from Bavaria accepting the Society's invitation to tour Scotland in September, 1957; the delay in replying had been caused by an incorrect address.

It was noted that there would be 15 people altogether in the team, 7 women and 8 men.

A letter putting forward certain suggestions regarding the organisation of the tour, was read from Glasgow Branch.

Miss Hadden announced that offers of hospitality for the Bavarians had been received from the following Branches:- Aberdeen, Ayr, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, London.

After considerable discussion the meeting agreed provisionally on the following itinerary for the tour:-

Bavarians in London	16th September.
Edinburgh	17th & 18th
Aberdeen	19th
Inverness	20th
Dundee	21st & 22nd
Ayr	23rd
Glasgow	24th & 25th
Return to London	26th.

It had been necessary to avoid the Autumn holiday Monday in three towns.

The Chairman made several suggestions for the Branches concerned and these were approved by the meeting.

- (a) Time of performance at an evenings demonstration - approximately 2 hours.
- (b) The programme to be a joint one, Bavarian dancing and singing, interspersed with Scottish dancing and possibly music or singing.
- (c) That accommodation should be found for the visiting team in medium priced hotels in preference to Youth Hostels.
- (d) That all meals and accommodation should be paid for the team and an allowance of 10/- a day per person to be given for out-of-pocket expenses.

The Secretary was instructed to find out about group travel arrangements.

It was decided to call a meeting of the Branches concerned on Saturday, 13th April, to be attended by a representative of the Branch who would be in charge of arrangements. At this meeting plans would be completed after the Branches had submitted their individual proposals and arrangements, and had prepared an estimate of expenditure and income expected.

4. B.B.C. - TELEVISION PROGRAMMES:

The Chairman told the meeting of a certain amount of dissatisfaction which had been expressed by various people in that arrangements for television broadcasts of S.C. dancing had not been made with Headquarters but by individual members or Branches.

There was some discussion on the matter, and also on the fact that teams from Edinburgh Branch had been given the opportunity more frequently than others. Correspondence explaining this point was read from Edinburgh Branch. The Committee appreciated the points made - the B.B.C. were trying to stabilize the programme and until this was done, did not want to invite other dancers. It was agreed that the B.B.C. should be approached by the Secretary asking that in future, arrangements for television broadcasts - if possible - should be submitted to Headquarters and that where the Society's title was used, the name of the Branch team should be included.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Invitations for teams abroad. An invitation had been received for a team to visit Westphalia from 31st July to 3rd August, 1957. This had been sent to Mr Frixell who passed it on to the Society. After discussion it was decided that the invitation which came from a group of Youth Leaders, was not a suitable one and must be declined.

(b) A letter had been received by Mr Iain Robertson who had been invited to take a team to Grenoble from August 6th to 12th, 1957, and had passed this on to the Society. He himself, was unable to go to France at that time. After discussion it was agreed that if the organisers still wished the Society to be represented, the International Team would be made available.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Branch Formation. Requests to form Branches in Harrogate and in Bury St. Edmunds were given due consideration. In both cases the Committee felt that it would be wiser for the groups concerned to apply for affiliation so that a nucleus of approximately 50 members should be established and qualified teachers prepared before applying for Branch status.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award. A letter was read from the Secretary of this scheme inviting the Society to give help and advice regarding the inclusion of S.C. dancing as a subject in the syllabus. A selection of dances for the three age groups of boys would be submitted and it would be recognised that the Society's adjudicators would judge the candidates when asked to do so.

7. REPORT FROM CONVENOR OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Convenor of the Finance Committee reported on a meeting held on 9th February, 1957. The main points were:-

- 1. A recommendation that the Summer School fees should be raised for residents from £7. 15. Od. to £8 per week; that the registration fee should be increased for residents and non-residents from 5/- to 8/-.
- 2. Autumn School, Dundee. The Finance Committee had recommended that Dundee Branch should be offered £50 to help towards the large deficit caused by the cost of hiring a suitable hall for the Autumn School Ball.
- 3. Mr Hardie told the Committee that Miss Mair had tendered her resignation as from the end of April and that the Finance Committee recommended that she should be given a token of the Society's appreciation of her work during the past three years.

The adoption of the report from the Finance Committee was proposed by Mr Murray, seconded by Miss Arnott and approved by the meeting.

The business of the meeting ended at 4.0'clock.

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

Miss Milligan 9.5.58

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 8th March, 1958, at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (In the Chair)
Lady Elgin, President
Miss Arnott, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Hardie, Miss Nowat,
Mr. Macleod, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sharpe and
Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated from Mrs. Lesslie (Convenor),
Miss B. Anderson, Miss Collie, Mrs. Rankin and
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer).

1. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd February, 1957, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

3. **APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:**

The following applications for affiliation were considered and accepted from:

1. St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C.
2. Heanor Scottish Country Dancing Club
3. Keighley Scottish Country Dance Club
4. North Staffordshire S.C.D. Society
5. Stockholm Scottish Country Dance Club
6. Luton Scottish Reel Club
7. The S.C.D. Group of the BAFCO Club
8. Bloemfontein S.C.D. Society

The application from Ladysmith Caledonian Society for affiliation was left in abeyance due to the fact that permission had already been given to Mr. D. Couper of Ladysmith, to form a branch in that town.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) **Cape Town Branch:** A letter from Mr. Nuttall (Cape Town Branch Secretary) was read. The suggestion that there should be a South African Standard Examination to take the place of the Society's Preliminary Test was fully discussed. It was pointed out that similar requests had been put forward by New Zealand and Australian groups and that these requests had been turned down as detrimental to the high standard set by the Society's examinations. Mr. Macleod proposed that there should be no South African Standard Examination. This was seconded by Mrs. Gudger and was unanimously passed by the meeting.

b) **Headquarters Members in the International Team:** The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Joyce Witcombe requesting that consideration should be given to the suggestion that Headquarters members should be given the opportunity of taking part in the audition for the International Team. Owing to the very large number of Headquarters members (at least 7/800) it was agreed that a general invitation to the audition could not be made. It was suggested, however, that those Headquarters members who wished to be included should try and attend the auditions held by the nearest branch in which potential International Team members are chosen to attend the audition.

c) **Badge or Brooch for International Team Members:** A letter from Mr. W. Hamilton was read in which he suggested that a badge be struck which the team members could take and give to hosts in foreign countries. This suggestion was fully discussed and it was agreed that such a badge was neither necessary nor desirable.

d) **Dundee Branch - Adjudicators' List:** A letter from Mr. G. Sharpe of Dundee Branch was read, asking that the name of Mrs. McLennan of Priockheim Branch be added to the list of Society Adjudicators. It was unanimously agreed that this should be done.

e) **Lossiemouth - Notice of Disbandment:** The Secretary announced that she had received /

received a letter from Lossiemouth Branch intimating that the Branch had had to disband. Miss Vaughan had received a note of the accounts and everything appeared to be in order.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

a) **New Zealand Country Dance Society:** In reply to the letter sent by the Secretary in which the Society agreed to send an examiner to New Zealand providing financial arrangements were satisfactory, another letter had been received asking if such an examiner would be prepared to teach as well. It was unanimously agreed that this would be the case. It was also agreed that those candidates who passed their Preliminary Test on the arrival of the Teacher/Examiner would then be permitted to attend an intensive course of instruction with a view to taking the Teacher's Certificate before the Examiner returned to the United Kingdom.

b) **Letter from Mr. D. Couper:** A letter was read from Mr. D. Couper (Ladysmith) asking that the Society consider giving approval to a visit from Miss A. McLellan as a teacher at the Winter School in Pietermaritzburg in 1958. Mr. Couper also asked if the Society would give a token payment towards the cost of Miss McLellan's travel. It was agreed that the Secretary should enquire to what extent the Society was expected to help financially as it had already been agreed to send a Teacher/Examiner to Ladysmith in 1959. It was unanimously agreed that Miss McLellan could be highly recommended as a teacher of the Society.

c) **Scottish Amateur Music Association:** Lady Elgin mentioned that the Society might be interested in the foundation of the Scottish Amateur Music Association by Dr. Herbert Wiseman. The Chairman recommended that further consideration should be given to this matter.

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

The meeting ended at 3.40 p.m.

Jean C. Milligan
18. 3. 61

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Saturday, 18th March, 1961, in 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
The Countess of Elgin (President)
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Collie, Mrs. Gudger,
Mr. Hardie, Miss Howat, Mr. Macleod, Miss Rae,
Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Sharpe, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer)
and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was intimated from Mr. Murray.

1. MINUTES:

Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th March, 1958, having been circulated were approved and signed.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: 28th January, 1961.

The recommendations contained in the Minutes of this meeting were approved, having been proposed by Mr. Sharpe and seconded by Mr. Hardie.

3. ROYAL VISIT: 28th June, 1961.

After discussion it was decided that the following people should be invited to be present at Headquarters on the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh: the Office Bearers, the Honorary Vice-Presidents, and all members of sub-committees with the exception of the Demonstration Selection Committee which now no longer meets and does not consist of members of the Executive Council only.

A suggested programme was drawn up and approved by the Committee. It was agreed that the Queen should be shown outline maps with coloured flags indicating where the Society's Branches and affiliated Groups are situated, and that she should be invited to sign a portrait of herself and a visitors' book. It was also decided that sets of Paxtons and Park Film Studios records should be presented. If time permitted it was agreed that the Royal Party should be shown part of the film "Scotland Dances".

It was agreed that tea should be served to everyone after the Royal Party had left.

4. BRANCH FORMATION:

The application received from London, Ontario, to form a Branch of the Society was unanimously approved.

5. AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were considered and accepted from:

- 1) Farnham S.C. Dancing Club
- 2) Lillington (Community Centre) S.C.D. Group
- 3) Salcombe S.C.D. Club
- 4) Spreydon Reel & Strathspey Club (Christchurch, N.Z.)
- 5) Hastings and St. Leonard's Reel Club

Owing to apparent lack of knowledge of the Society and insufficient information received the application for affiliation from the Newcastle S.C.D. Club (New South Wales) was refused.

6. PORTRAIT OF MISS MILLIGAN:

As a result of a suggestion made at the Open Forum after the Annual General Meeting in Perth, 1960, Miss Milligan had agreed to have her portrait painted and hung at Headquarters, and that, subject to the approval of the Committee, she had agreed that Mr. Raeburn Dobson of Edinburgh should do the work. It was expected that the inclusive cost would be in the region of £300. The Committee unanimously approved, and the Secretary was instructed to commission Mr. Dobson asking him to commence the work as soon as was convenient both to Miss Milligan and himself. It was agreed that all members of the Society should

be given an opportunity to contribute towards the cost of the portrait and that this should be done through Branches, and, for members not connected with any Branch, by an insertion in the 1961 Bulletin.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Invitation to Gisors, Normandie: Owing to the fact that the festival at Gisors is competitive an invitation to attend had been refused. Further correspondence indicating that a team from the Society need not compete but merely demonstrate had been received and it was decided that a team from Glasgow Branch should be given an opportunity of accepting.

2) Manchester Branch: A letter from the Manchester Branch requesting a grant to cover the expense of the examination class was read. After considerable discussion and consideration of the financial state of the Branch it was decided to recommend to Manchester Branch that the examination class fees should be increased to cover expenses or that profits made by other Branch activities should be made over for this purpose. The Treasurer indicated that the financial position of the Branch was sound and the Committee agreed that they could not recommend the making of a grant.

3) Newcastle Branch: The Secretary read a letter received from Newcastle Branch in connection with an accident sustained by one of the Branch pianists. The Treasurer agreed to consult the Society's Insurance Company in order to clarify the position.

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

The meeting ended at 1.15 p.m.

Guy Raife
Chairman

4/7/64.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Saturday, 4th July, 1964, at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh at 11.00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Sharpe (in the Chair)

Mr. Aitkenhead, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Cuthill, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Kinghorn, Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Mechan, Miss Mowat, Mrs. Rankin, Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Collie and Miss Milligan

1) Hamilton (Ontario) Branch: A letter received from the Chairman of the Hamilton (Ontario) Branch had been circulated to members of the Committee together with the Agenda for the Meeting. This letter asked the Executive Council to give further consideration to their decision at the Executive Council Meeting held on 9th May, 1964 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 Chairman of the Branch explained in his letter the difficulties which would arise from the decision as he maintained that some of the Hamilton (Ontario) Branch members paying only the Society subscription and not the Branch levy appeared to work against the smooth-running of the Branch. After much discussion a motion was put forward by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Lochhead that a person wishing to join the Society through a Branch must pay any Branch membership levy over and above the Society subscription or become a member of Headquarters paying the annual subscription direct to the Society's Treasurer.

Mr. Mechan proposed an amendment that Branches should have two forms of membership a) Society membership, such members being entitled to vote only on general Society affairs and b) Branch membership, such members being entitled to vote on internal Branch affairs in addition to General Society business. This amendment was seconded by Mr. Kinghorn. On a vote by a show of hands, the motion was carried and the Secretary was instructed to write to Hamilton (Ontario) Branch accordingly.

2) Festival - St. Jean-de-Luz 4th - 7th September: The Secretary explained that, going over the Summer School lists, there might be difficulty in selecting a team entirely from those members attending Summer School. The Committee agreed that, if sufficient members of ability were not forthcoming from those attending Summer School, Miss Milligan with the co-operation of the Demonstration Committee Members available should be given powers to complete the team by inviting members from the branches.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 12.5 p.m. after a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Miss Mowat.

Thomas H. Adams

4. 3. 17.

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Chairman : Dr. Currie

Vice-Chairman : Mr. MacLeod

Miss Milligan V-P

Mr. Taylor (Convener Finance)

Miss Collie .. Peterhead

Mr. Cunningham Hamilton-Clydesdale

Miss Cunningham West Lothian

Miss Gordon Aberdeen

Dr. Hall Manchester

Miss Martin Stirling East

Mr. Meredith East Lothian

Miss Nairn Perth

Mr. Savage Dunbarton West

Quorum: 5

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 4th March, 1967 at 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT : Miss Adams (In the Chair)
Miss Arnott, Miss Collie, Dr. Currie, Mrs. Gudger, Mr. Lochhead,
Miss Martin, Mr. Meehan, Miss Milligan, Miss Nowat, Mrs. Parker,
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, particularly Miss Arnott, Miss Martin and Dr. Currie, who were attending for the first time.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 4th July, 1964, previously circulated and approved by the Executive Council on 8th August, 1964, were signed.

2. REMIT FROM 1966 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, STIRLING :

Before considering the points remitted from the last Annual General Meeting, the Chairman felt that discussion should take place on the future of the Open Forum. Originally, the Open Forum consisted of a panel of experts answering questions from the floor, thus enabling the individual people attending the meeting, who were not delegates, to put forward any points that they were interested in and to test the feeling of the meeting. It was purely an informal discussion and was outwith the business of the A.G.M.

The meeting agreed that the character of the Open Forum had changed and after discussion, it was decided that the matters remitted from the last Annual General Meeting should be considered and a recommendation made to the Executive Council -

"that at the next Annual General Meeting the Open Forum should continue as a discussion by members, with no voting taking place, but it should revert to the original idea of having a panel of experts invited to answer questions."

This item should be mentioned on the Notice for the Annual General Meeting.

Consideration was given to the points remitted from the Open Forum and it was agreed to make the following recommendations to the Executive Council :

1. With regard to attracting the interest of young people to Scottish Country dancing :-
 - a) An approach be made to the B.B.C., S.T.V. or Grampian to feature some young mixed teams of dancers from the Society;
 - b) A letter should be sent to the Scottish Education Department, with a copy to the Education Authorities in the various counties;
 - c) That the Branches be asked to approach local Youth Organisations and to young people individually.

2. A Youth Council

Branches be invited to consider setting up Youth Panels within their Branches to enable the young people to voice their views. The Branches, in due course, to inform the Executive Council of what progress has been made.

3. With regard to a publicity campaign in the Branches as suggested by Mr. Wadsworth, Gatehouse-of-Fleet, it was decided to remit this to the Finance Committee for consideration.

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3. OTHER BUSINESS : Constitution

Mr. Lochhead stated that he felt an alteration should be made to the Constitution in order that the retiring Chairman of the Executive Council, after a maximum term of service in office, be automatically a member of all Sub-Committees and the Executive Council for a period of one year.

This was unanimously agreed and recommended to the Executive Council for consideration.

Invitation to send team to International Folk Dance Week in Holland

The Secretary reported that she had had correspondence with the Dutch Folk Dance Society in Rotterdam who had invited the Dunfermline Branch to send a team of dancers to their International Folk Dance Week during July, 1967. The Dunfermline Branch had declined the invitation and the Dutch Society were now asking for another team to be sent.

The Committee were of the opinion that there was not sufficient notice to arrange for a team to be sent this year to the Festival and the Secretary was instructed to inform the Dutch Society accordingly.

Discussion took place on the financial aspect of the invitations received from abroad and the extent to which the Society should subsidise teams. It was decided to submit this to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12.10 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Dr. Currie.

J. Wadsworth
11/1/69

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 11th January, 1969 at 10.15 a.m.

PRESENT : Mr. Lochhead (In the Chair)
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)
Mr. Brown, Mrs. Couper, Dr. Hall, Miss F. Martin,
Mr. Meredith, Miss Lowat, Miss Prentice,
Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:
Miss Collie, Miss Lawson and Miss McCulloch.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 4th March 1967,
previously circulated and approved by the Executive Council
on 6th May 1967, were signed.

2. REMIT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING : 7th December 1968

i. Youth in the Society

In general discussion several ideas were put forward which would encourage younger members to feel that they were an essential part of the Society and it was finally agreed that an endeavour should be made to have a Day School, probably during the Easter holiday period, which would be limited to those in the age group 16-20 years. A charge would require to be made but it would be hoped that Branches would assist with travelling expenses. If the venture proved successful, the Society would hope to make it a regular event. Should this event take place, it would probably be conducted at a College of Education where facilities and accommodation are available.

It was then agreed that a circular should be sent to Branches inviting them to look around their membership in this age group to see if they had any who would benefit from such a School.

ii. Colleges of Physical Education

It was indicated that the Executive Council has taken action to persuade the Colleges of Physical Education to encourage students to complete the Full Certificate and a reply is awaited. Miss Milligan stressed the need for Branches to contact successful candidates in their area - the necessary information is supplied on the examination stub sent to Branches from Headquarters - in this way qualified teachers would be aware of activities in their home area and encouraged to make use of their qualification.

iii. Examination Syllabus

The Chairman pointed out that the new Syllabus and Teachers' Notes prepared by the Examinations Committee had been approved at the December Executive Council Meeting.

Miss Prentice of Glasgow indicated that that Branch thought it would have been advisable to invite teachers who conduct examination classes to choose alternative dances for the Examination Syllabus, and there was disappointment that certain dances had been re-introduced on the syllabus.

Miss Milligan reminded the meeting that it was essential to teach the formations contained in the dances listed on the syllabus and for candidates to be able to apply the knowledge to other dances.

iv. Twining of Branches

The Committee felt that this was a matter for Branches. Weekend Schools encouraged inter-branch interest. It was suggested that Branches might care to provide Headquarters, monthly, or as available, with lists of events in their area so that visitors calling at Headquarters could be advised of Branch activities.

v. Piper at A.G.M. Ball

It was agreed that this was a matter for consideration by a Branch arranging this function.

vi. Society Badge or other visual identification

In general the Committee were not in favour of this, but Dr. Hall (Manchester) indicated that not everyone was against the idea.

Miss Milligan then indicated that the Society as a whole does not approve such means of identification as it is out of character with the Society.

3. OTHER BUSINESS : South African Tour

Miss Milligan took the opportunity to remind the meeting of the forthcoming visit of a South African Folk Dance Group. The matter is to be fully discussed at the Finance Meeting to be held in the near future but it was felt there was no harm in reminding members of the Committee that it was hoped that all Scottish Branches would endeavour to contribute towards making the visit a success.

Mr. Brown of Edinburgh Branch indicated that his branch had made a few provisional arrangements for the entertainment of the party.

Dr. Hall (Manchester) commented on the fact that the Committee had not met since 4th March 1967. The Chairman advised him that it was only necessary to convene a meeting of the Committee for emergency business and this was the first occasion since then that it had been necessary to bring members together.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 11.30 a.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Milligan.

James B. Brown
Brown
4/4/71

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 4th September 1971 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss Adams, Miss Collie, Miss Grieve, Dr. Hall, Miss F. Martin,
Mr. Meredith, Miss McCulloch, Miss Redford.
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from:
Mr. Hunter and Mr. Lochhead

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 11th January 1969, previously circulated and approved by the Executive Council on 3rd May 1969, were signed by the Chairman.
2. HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY : The Chairman drew attention to the notes prepared on the subject and said that the matter had had careful consideration by the Finance Committee at its meeting in July. At present a Caretaker was engaged for limited cleaning in the office and in return for this a small remuneration, free house, heating and lighting was given. There was a need to economise in the running of the property. The Finance Committee had recommended dispensing with the services of the Caretaker, giving reasonable notice to vacate the premises and instead engage a cleaner. The Finance Committee had not felt it could advise on the disposal or alternative use of the property and the matter had now been referred to the General Purpose Committee. At present the premises was an annual drain on funds. As a long term view to save on annual costs the possibility of the sale of the property for £3,000 was considered; of this a considerable proportion would require to be spent in alterations and separation of services. Sale of the property would lose the store-room and necessitate the installation of additional cloakroom facilities at street level. A further advantage of sale would be one more owner to share expense of common building repairs.

The alternative was to let the property, but if let as a dwelling house this could restrict the Society re-gaining possession for later sale due to tenant's rights. There would still be the expense of dividing the premises and separating services. The possibility of a full repairing lease was also mentioned but there too problems could arise. It was suggested that the basement premises might be of use for other purposes, such as a members meeting place.

At this point the members of the Committee adjourned to inspect the premises and thereafter the meeting resumed and discussion took place. From this, the Chairman put forward recommendations that:

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

These recommendations were endorsed by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Miss Martin and approved by a majority vote.

It was also agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that the Caretaker be given notice to terminate her employment on 30th November 1971 on which date the house would also require to be vacated. Should the Caretaker be in a position to remove before that date, the Society would not be inconvenienced.

The Treasurer mentioned that the question of redundancy payment would have to be borne in mind, although as a part-time employee, this might not apply.

MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL :

The Chairman reported the concern of the Finance Committee at the rising cost of meetings of the Executive Council which were held three times per year, in addition to the meetings of sub-committees. It was felt that greater use should be made of sub-committees for more detailed discussion; the present Executive Council was rather large for this.

After discussion, it was agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that the Executive Council meet normally only two times per year and that the meetings should be held in March and September and that a resolution amending the Constitution be put forward to the Annual General Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS :

a) Branch Formation - National Capital, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

The Chairman outlined the events which had occurred in Washington over the past few years in connection with the setting up of a Branch of the Society in Washington, D.C., the most recent of which was a valid application by individual members of the Society in the area who had been given permission to endeavour to form a Branch in Washington, D.C. Subsequently, there appeared to have been some unsatisfactory arrangements in this connection.

After general discussion, the Committee decided to recommend to the Executive Council that:

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

A request had been received from San Francisco Branch to amend their Constitution to incorporate under United States Law. The Branch would then be free of certain liabilities.

After discussion, it was agreed to remit the matter to the officials who would seek advice.

c) Office Equipment and Supplies

The Chairman invited the Secretary to outline requirements in office equipment. The existing Roneo duplicator, although in excellent order, was totally inadequate for the present volume of work and required to be replaced by an electric model, the estimated cost of which was £282.

Additional filing cabinets were required for addressograph plates, record cards and correspondence - these were estimated to cost £18, £30 and £28 respectively.

The Secretary also asked if a trial order should be given to Social Service Supplies, a non-profit stationery organisation whose rates seemed very favourable.

These requirements were approved subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman thanked members for their contribution to the discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12.55 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Adams.

*James B. Brown
15/9/72
Chairman*

MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 6th May 1972 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss Adams, Miss Cunningham, Mrs. Dunn, Dr. Hall, Miss F. Martin,
Mr. Meredith, Miss McCulloch, Miss Redford, Mr. Savage,
Miss M.L. Ross (Glasgow), Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and
Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : An apology for absence was intimated from Miss Collie.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 4th September, 1971, previously circulated and approved by the Executive Council on 4th December, 1971, were signed.

The Chairman intimated that he had invited Miss M.L. Ross of Glasgow to attend for the discussions in connection with the Fiftieth Anniversary.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Headquarters Property

The Chairman reminded members of the decision to lease the premises for use as an Art Gallery.

The Finance Committee had authorised expenditure up to £1,000 on

1. Re-wiring whole premises to provide separate supplies at an estimated cost of £600.
2. Erection of a partition at the top of stairs to separate the two premises and other necessary maintenance work at an estimated cost of £200.
3. Necessary cleaning thereafter.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the Society enter into a lease at a rent of £300 per annum.

The Chairman then outlined the obligations which might be written in to the terms of the lease:

Society Obligations

1. External repairs to property
2. Feu Duty
3. Permit access to Gents Cloakroom - tenant's personal use only.
4. Fire Insurance - Building only.

Tenant's Obligations

1. Rent - £300 per annum
2. Payment of Rates
3. Internal decoration and additional lighting for his own purposes.
4. Payment of Electricity and Gas
5. Minor internal alterations - with permission of Society and to its reasonable satisfaction.
6. Maintenance of external paintwork - subject to Society approval and reasonable satisfaction.
7. Cleaning of premises.
8. Erection of suitable sign - with permission of Society.
9. Public Liability Insurance.
10. No sub-letting of premises.

This would be passed to our legal adviser who would prepare an agreement. The Chairman said that this agreement would be for five years in the first instance.

Mr. Meredith formally moved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be accepted and that the officials make the necessary arrangements regarding the lease as outlined above. This was seconded by Miss Redford and approved.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Annual General Meeting in 1973 would take place at the usual time of year on 3rd November, in Glasgow.

As this would be a special year, the weekend might depart from normal with not only the Executive Council attending the Fiftieth Anniversary Luncheon, but as many individual members as possible being present. The Annual General Meeting itself would commence later and be short and formal.

Miss Ross had approached the University Court of Glasgow for the use of Bute Hall for the Annual General Meeting and Afternoon Tea. She had also provisionally booked the Luncheon at a hotel which could accommodate 300 in one room and 100 in another.

The Chairman asked her to enquire if it would be possible for the Luncheon to be served in Bute Hall. If this were possible it would be more convenient to members. This she agreed to do.

The City of Glasgow had offered a Civic Reception on the Friday evening, 2nd November 1973 in the City Chambers.

The Saturday evening informal dance would be held in Jordanhill College of Education, with accommodation for 600-700 dancers in two halls with two bands.

Miss Ross asked if it would be possible for an insertion in the Bulletin this year. This would enable members to state their interest in the events of the weekend, but would not accord priority in booking.

There was considerable discussion on whether the tickets should be inclusive or for individual events but no decision was made. Miss Ross indicated that Glasgow Branch would try to accommodate all who wished to attend the events.

The Chairman reminded members of correspondence between H.M. The Queen's Private Secretary and the President, Lord Macdonald, in which we were advised that Her Majesty would be unable to attend any functions in November, but that it might be possible for Her Majesty to attend a Ball during her stay in Scotland in July. The President had written indicating the Society's willingness to arrange this in Glasgow or elsewhere to suit Her Majesty and a reply was now awaited. Should this event take place, the Society would be the host and Miss Ross was enquiring if Bute Hall would be available at that time.

It was also suggested that at St. Andrews Summer School another special event to celebrate the anniversary of the Society could be arranged.

In addition to these special events, the Chairman thought Branches should be encouraged to have celebrations during 1973 to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Society. This might take the form of Concerts with dancing demonstrations and Weekend Schools. In this connection, a letter from Miss Milligan or the Chairman would appear in the forthcoming Bulletin.

Detailed arrangements for the special events would probably be managed by a small group.

4. BRANCH FORMATION : HAMILTON/BURLINGTON (ONTARIO)

The Chairman regretted to have to advise of difficulties in connection with the formation of Burlington Branch. As far as the Executive Council was aware, the correct procedure with regard to the application to form a Branch at Burlington had been followed. At the same time, an application for affiliation had been received and accepted from Strathcona Social and Scottish Country Dance Group of Burlington. Both applications were endorsed by Hamilton (Ontario) Branch. Since that time there had been considerable correspondence from members involved, which indicated that there were internal difficulties.

The Chairman then recommended that as the Executive Council had made its decision in good faith, this should stand and this was agreed, and letters to this effect would be sent to the people concerned.

With regard to future applications for Branch status, the Committee recommended to the Executive Council that after satisfactory completion of the procedure laid down in the Rules of the Society, the application should receive interim acceptance for a specified period to allow for any objections which might arise.

5. CONSTITUTION : At the last meeting of the Executive Council, it was suggested that the Constitution was not clear on the subject of affiliation and that the General Purposes Committee should give this their consideration.

After discussion, the Chairman suggested that the paragraph on affiliation be amended as follows:-

"Firms, Companies, Societies, Groups, Associations or other bodies interested in the objects of the Society may apply to become Affiliated Groups.

The decision as to whether any body shall be admitted as an Affiliated Group, shall be at the absolute discretion of the Executive Council who shall have regard to any recommendations of the General Purposes Committee.

Where there is in the area in existence a Branch of the Society of which the members of such body could conveniently become members, then the Executive Council in making its decision will have regard to any views submitted by neighbouring Branches."

The wording would be circulated to members of the Committee for their further consideration and if accepted could be presented to the Executive Council for consideration as an amendment to the Constitution which would be put forward as a resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

6. REPRINTS : Teachers' Certificate

The Chairman advised the meeting that the present supply of Teachers' Certificates was exhausted. The Secretary had obtained a specimen of the Certificate reduced in size. The Meeting agreed that this new size would be more suitable and that a supply in this style should be obtained.

7. OTHER BUSINESS : a) Society Badge

The Chairman reported that another request for the adoption of a Society Badge had been received. This was supported with drawings and estimate of production costs.

After some discussion, Mrs. Dunn moved that no action be taken. Mr. Savage seconded and this was agreed.

b) Representation on Sub-Committees

The Committee considered the recommendations for appointments to sub-committees previously discussed at the Executive Council Meeting in March. It was agreed that there was some merit in limiting the number of committees to which any individual could be appointed. Rather than amend the Constitution, it might be that a policy paper could be prepared on this subject.

The Committee decided to give this more thought and the matter would be more fully considered at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 4.20 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Milligan.

James B. E. Brown
Chairman
4/11/72

The MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on SATURDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 1972 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss Adams, Miss Collie, Miss Cunningham, Mrs. Dunn, Dr. Hall,
Miss Martin, Mr. Meredith, Miss Redford, Mr. Savage,
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

also present for Item 4 : Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Parker, Miss Rae,
Miss M.L. Ross, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Thomson - members of Finance
Committee.

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were intimated from Mr. Hunter and
Miss McCulloch.

The Chairman apologised for the short notice in calling the meeting.
The main business also concerned the Finance Committee, a meeting
of which had been called for later in the day and the two might
combine for this. An early meeting of the General Purposes Committee
would have been necessary and other business had therefore been
included for their consideration.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th May 1972, previously
circulated and approved by the Executive Council on 2nd September,
1972, were signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Hamilton/Burlington (Ontario)

The Chairman reminded members of the position at the last meeting
of the Executive Council when it was agreed unanimously to adhere
to the decision to grant Branch status to the Burlington Group.
After that meeting the Chairman had written at length to Dr. Smith
who had by then some official standing in Hamilton (Ontario) Branch
giving the reasons for the Executive Council's decision. Copies
of the letter were sent to Mr. McDougall of Burlington and to the
Secretary of Hamilton (Ontario) Branch. A request from that Branch
for further copies of correspondence and minutes was refused as it
was obvious from the recording of their Special General Meeting
that these were already in their possession.

b) Constitution

The Chairman drew attention to the amendment which had been made to
the original resolution to the Annual General Meeting regarding
Affiliated Groups. The revised wording was as follows:

"Firms, Companies, Societies, Clubs, Associations or other bodies
interested in the objects of the Society may apply to become
Affiliated Groups.

The decision as to whether any body shall be admitted as an
Affiliated Group, shall be at the absolute discretion of the
Executive Council who shall have regard to any recommendations of
the General Purposes Committee.

Where there is in the area in existence a Branch of the Society of
which the members of such body could conveniently become members,
then the Executive Council in making its decision will have regard
to any views submitted by that Branch; the Executive Council will
also have regard to any views submitted by neighbouring Branches."

The resolution in the amended form was passed at the Annual General
Meeting.

a) Headquarters Property

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the appeal to Edinburgh
Corporation Planning Department for change of use had failed. The
Society's Solicitor had drafted an appeal for presentation to The
Secretary of State for Scotland and, provided the prospective
tenant was still interested, the appeal would be lodged in the near
future.

Should this fail, the committee would have to consider
recommending letting for alternative use, but not as a private
dwelling house, with responsibility for change of use left to the
prospective tenant, or, sale of the property which leaves the onus
regarding use with the Planning Department. As the Society has
failed to obtain change of use it was unlikely others would succeed.

If the Executive Council accepted a recommendation to sell, an
application would require to be made to the Dean of Guild Court
for permission to make the necessary alterations to divide the
property.

The position was noted and the Committee agreed to this course of
action.

b) Executive Council Sub-Committees - Policy Paper

After considerable discussion, the committee recommended the
following policy on the appointment of sub-committees from the
Executive Council and a paper setting out these proposals is to be
circulated to Branches and members of the Executive Council for
their consideration. The committee appreciated that the decision
on the course to be adopted lies with the Executive Council.

1. A list of representatives to the Executive Council, with some
biographical detail of these members and their work, both in the
Society and outside, and indicating if they would be willing to
serve on a sub-committee if invited, be sent to Branches who
could make nominations in advance for membership of any committee.

2. Where possible a member should serve on only one committee
and preferably on not more than two.

3. When co-option was necessary this should be from within the
Executive Council although it was appreciated there could be
circumstances which would warrant the inclusion of non-members of
the Executive Council.

4. A time limit on length of service on committees should not be
introduced at present. The system of nominating members in advance,
if adopted, would cause sufficient changes.

5. As the Executive Council now meets only twice in a year, the
Council might wish to determine how frequently sub-committees
should meet instead of the present system of arranging meetings
as required. In any event an indication of probable meeting dates
should be given to members when the committees are formed.

6. To restrict appointments on the grounds of the distance a member
must travel, may not be in the best interest of the Society, but due
regard must be given to an individual's contribution to any
committee, certain of which must meet fairly frequently and/or at
short notice.

7. The expense of meetings is causing anxiety and consideration
might be given to the following suggestions :-

a) A Branch contributes a proportion of their representative's
expenses attending an Executive Council meeting.

b) Expenses attending Committee meetings are paid by the Society.

In conclusion the Chairman said the draft proposals would be
circulated at an early date and, if possible, a final draft
prepared without calling a further meeting of the committee.

c) 1975 Annual General Meeting

The Committee re-considered the Inverness Branch invitation but
expressed concern at the type of hall available for the events of
an Annual General Meeting /weekend. Past experience of games type
halls had not been entirely satisfactory and it was agreed a more
detailed description, together with information about acoustics
and catering facilities should be obtained.

The Chairman's offer to make some additional enquiries through
personal contacts was accepted.

3. REMIT FROM
EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL :

d) Affiliation Application Form

The Committee studied the revised draft form which included the recently amended paragraph in the Constitution on Affiliation and a recommendation that a proportion of an applicant group's membership should be members of this Society. After discussion, the revised draft, with minor amendments, was approved.

e) 50th Anniversary

After general discussion, the committee agreed that the preparatory work in connection with the celebrations in 1973 should be allocated as follows :-

July Ball: An ad hoc committee be formed consisting of the Chairman, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Miss Milligan, Miss Adams, Mr. Meredith, Miss Redford and one representative from Glasgow Branch. In addition, the Treasurer and Secretary would attend as required.

Mr. Meredith agreed to enquire if the Atholl Players would be available for the engagement and it was agreed to engage a second band. It seemed almost certain this event would take place in Edinburgh and the Secretary was instructed to write to the Lord Provost's Secretary to make official reservation of the Halls.

Other items for consideration were - reception of guests - stewards of dancing - dance programme - charges. For this event the Society as a whole would be the host - not any one Branch.

St. Andrews: There were no firm arrangements for celebrations at St. Andrews but the town had indicated it might recognise the occasion and it was thought the university authorities would also mark the event in some way. Miss Milligan said she had requested the use of the Younger Hall for two nights and had been promised the services of a band. The Chairman suggested there might be a Garden Party. This could be open to all and a nominal charge made to cover catering and expenses.

The Committee agreed that the organisation of events at St. Andrews be left in the hands of the Summer School Committee.

Annual General Meeting, Glasgow: The Glasgow Branch had the arrangements well advanced. On this occasion the Guest List would be larger than usual and should be the responsibility of the Society and not the Branch as was customary. The choice of speakers at the Lunch and other functions would be a matter for the consideration of the ad hoc committee in conjunction with Glasgow Branch.

Members expressed anxiety over the allocation of tickets for the various functions. When there was an indication of the demand for places a method of allocation would be devised by the ad hoc committee.

Souvenir Brochure: The Committee accepted the Chairman's recommendation that the production of the Brochure should be in the hands of the Publications Committee one of whose members be appointed Editor. It was agreed that professional advice be taken to ensure a satisfactory publication and the Editor would work with the advisers and printers.

It was suggested to the Publications Committee that the Brochure contain photographs of Her Majesty The Queen, Patron of the Society, The President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and possibly former Presidents and Officials, a list of Branches and perhaps Affiliated Groups. The Chairman suggested it would be appropriate if Miss Milligan prepared an article on the history of the Society for inclusion. The meeting hoped it would be possible to have all material prepared in advance and waiting only for the recording of the events of the Annual General Meeting Weekend.

The Committee agreed that the ad hoc committee and Summer School and Publications Committees should make regular progress reports to the General Purposes Committee who should also be kept fully informed by the Glasgow Branch of their preparations.

4. RESIGNATION
OF SECRETARY :

For this item the General Purposes Committee were joined by the members of the Finance Committee and Miss Grubb withdrew.

The Chairman intimated that for domestic reasons Miss Grubb had intimated her resignation as Secretary of the Society and was hoping to take up another post as soon as could be arranged.

After noting the position regarding the requirement to give three months' notice, the Committee accepted Miss Grubb's resignation with regret; agreed to waive the three months' notice and to permit Miss Grubb's resignation to take effect from 15th December 1972; and placed on record their appreciation of Miss Grubb's services to the Society since her appointment as Secretary.

Mrs. Park had advised the Chairman that she did not wish to be considered for the post and it was remitted to Mr. Brown, in conjunction with Miss Milligan and Miss Adams, to make all the necessary arrangements to advertise and fill the post after consultation with the Finance Committee as to salary and conditions of service. It was further decided that attendance at St. Andrews Summer School would not be a condition of employment as alternative arrangements could be made.

Branches would be informed of the vacancy simultaneously with its being advertised in the Press.

5. OTHER
BUSINESS :a) Reprint of Constitution

The cost of reprinting the Constitution had been authorised by the Finance Committee some time previously but the work was delayed to allow further amendments to be included. The meeting agreed with the Chairman's recommendation that the Constitution should be reprinted now and the Secretary was instructed to obtain new quotations.

b) Branch Celebrations

Miss Martin (Stirlingshire East) asked if it would be possible to list the dates of functions being organised by Branches as there was a danger of more than one event being arranged for the same date.

The Chairman said this could be done and instructed the Secretary to circularise Branches requesting this information.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 2.40 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mrs. Dunn.

James B. C. Brown
Chairman
24/3/73

MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on SATURDAY, 24th MARCH, 1973 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss M. Collie, Miss M. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. A. Falconer,
Dr. I. Hall, Miss F. Martin, Mr. G.H. Meredith, Miss D. Paterson,
Miss I. Redford, Miss M.M. Ross,
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Mrs. Ann Burt (Secretary).

APOLOGY : Miss F.H. Adams.

The Chairman in his opening remarks welcomed new members to the Committee and explained that much of the work was of a confidential nature.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 4th November 1972 and approved by the Executive Council on 3rd March, 1973 (previously circulated) were signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Headquarters Property

The Chairman reported that he and the Society's Solicitor had attended a meeting of the Edinburgh Corporation's Planning Committee on March 8th which had before it a recommendation, from the sub planning committee, that permission to grant 'change of use' for the basement flat be refused.

After the solicitor had explained that the Planning Committee had mistaken Coates Crescent for the residential area of Coates Gardens, and that the sign which the proposed tenant wished to use to advertise his art gallery would not be obtrusive, the matter was referred back to the planning sub-committee and the Chairman was asked to consult with the Planning Officer regarding the size and position of the sign. This he had done and the matter was to come before a future meeting of the sub-committee.

b) Policy Paper on appointments to Executive Council Sub-Committees

The Chairman reported that the Policy Paper on appointments to Executive Council Sub-Committees, recommended by the General Purposes Committee, had been amended and accepted by the Executive Council on March 3rd as follows:

1. That a list of representatives to the Executive Council, indicating in which area of the Society members were particularly interested, be sent to members of the Executive Council indicating if they would be willing to serve on a sub-committee, if invited.
2. That, where possible, a member would serve on only one committee.
3. That when co-option was necessary, this should be from within the Executive Council, although it was appreciated there could be circumstances which would warrant the inclusion of non-members of the Executive Council.
4. That a time limit on length of service on committees should not be introduced at present.
5. That an indication of probable meeting dates should be given to members when the committees were formed.
6. That due regard to expenses of attending meetings and to an individual's contribution to any committee should be given when electing members of Committees.
7. That the expenses of members attending committee meetings be paid by the Society.

In reply to a question by Miss Milligan, the Chairman said that should a sub-committee feel that a person with special knowledge or expertise could usefully serve that committee, such a person might be invited to attend a particular meeting without actually being co-opted.

c) Fiftieth Anniversary

i. Jubilee Ball. The Chairman said that this would be discussed under Item 3.

ii. St. Andrews Summer School. The Chairman listed the special events and Miss Milligan explained them more fully:

Tuesday, 24th July: Dinner Party to be given by the University Court for residents of the School. Numbers would be limited because of the size of the dining hall and it was very much regretted that those staying in an annexe, or those members of the school who were non-resident, would not be invited.

Certain privileged guests would be invited to the High Table including Miss Haddon, Dr. Caithness, the Chairman, President and special officials. Miss Milligan said that this would be a personal matter and she would talk it over with Miss Walker.

Tuesday, 31st July. The Summer School would give a Dinner Party, for the residents of the School, followed by a full dress ball to which all members of the School would be invited.

Thursday, 9th August. The Town Council of St. Andrews would give a civic reception to resident members of the School. This would be a formal occasion and would be followed by a Ball which would be open to non-residents. Further arrangements were left to Miss Milligan and the Chairman.

Wednesday, 15th August. Garden Party to be held on the lawns of University Hall, if fine, but with a buffet table inside the University, if wet, between 3 and 5 p.m. It was hoped that there would be music and a dancing demonstration.

The Garden Party would be open to all members of the Society and it was hoped that former members would wish to attend.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Branches informing them of the arrangements.

The Garden Party was to be funded partly from Miss Milligan's mile of pennies and partly from the general funds.

Miss Milligan explained, and the Chairman agreed, that as this was not the fiftieth anniversary of the Summer School, a proper balance between classes must be maintained which would probably necessitate refusing some members who had attended in previous years.

iii. Souvenir Brochure. The Chairman reported that the Publications Committee had this well in hand and that the cover was to be designed by Mr. Jim Nicholson of the National Trust for Scotland.

d) 1975 Annual General Meeting

The Chairman reported that Inverness Branch had reluctantly decided that it was unable to accommodate the Annual General Meeting Residential Weekend and the matter had been referred to Aberdeen Branch.

The 1974 Annual General Meeting would be held in Edinburgh.

e) Reprint of Constitution

The Chairman reported that a copy had been sent to all Branches and it was agreed that further copies could be obtained at cost price plus postage.

3. JUBILEE BALL :

The Chairman reported that the Ball, which would be held on Thursday, 12th July 1973 in the Assembly Rooms and Music Hall, would be attended by Her Majesty The Queen, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh and H.R.H. Princess Anne.

A meeting had already been held between Lord Macdonald, Sir Herbert Brechin, Miss Milligan, the Chairman and Secretary: Lord Macdonald was to visit The Queen's Private Secretary in London.

After discussion, the following were agreed:

Time : That the time of the Ball be from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Cost: That so far as possible the Ball be self supporting although it was recognised that the Society might have to subsidise it especially if there was a great number of invited guests. The final cost of tickets would be left to the Ball Committee allowing for the fact that there would be a maximum of about 600 attending.

Programme: That this be remitted to Miss Milligan and one other with the knowledge that it seemed that The Queen preferred simple dances. Only Society publications would be used.

Bands : That (i) The Atholl Players, and (ii) Jack Delaney's Band be invited, asking them to augment their bands with violins and to play traditional tunes.

Catering : That this be remitted to the Ball Committee. It was expected that there would be two sittings and that the principals involved in meeting The Queen would dine first.

Floral Decorations : That the Edinburgh Corporation Parks Department be asked to provide floral decorations. Remitted to Ball Committee.

Tickets : That Branches be sent the number of their allocation of tickets, previously agreed by the Chairman and Treasurer, to be distributed equally to men and women. Branch Secretaries would be recommended to offer tickets in the first instance to members of Executive Council. Money and names of individual purchasers to be sent to Headquarters by a given date after which programmes would be forwarded.

Allocations of tickets surplus to requirements would be shared between Edinburgh and Glasgow Branches.

The Committee regretted that it would be impossible to notify Headquarters members but a number of tickets might be allocated to them if a surplus were available.

Ball Committee. Bearing in mind the Minute of the Meeting of 4th November 1972, the following members of the Ball Committee were appointed: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Vice-President, Mr. Hamish Allan, Vice-Chairman of Glasgow Branch, Mr. A. Falconer, Chairman of Edinburgh Branch, Miss Redford of St. Andrews, Mr. G. Meredith of East Lothian and the Treasurer and Secretary as required.

Presentations and Arrangements for the Evening. That these matters be remitted to the Ball Committee under the guidance of the Chairman.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS :
a) The Chairman reported that Mrs. E. Hood, on behalf of Grampian Television, had requested the Society's assistance in research into the origins and development of Country Dancing and other dancing in Scotland.

The matter was remitted to Miss Milligan and the Secretary.

b) The Chairman read a letter from Mr. A.P.S. van der Merwe advising that he would be visiting Edinburgh in April to discuss the possibility of a team of Society dancers visiting South Africa in 1974.

It was agreed that if Mr. A.P.S. van der Merwe came to Edinburgh, accommodation should be arranged for him at the Society's expense and that the Secretary should have purely exploratory talks with him.

c) The Chairman reported that an invitation had been received to send a team of dancers to a Festival in Greece during May, 1973. The Committee regretted that owing to the short notice, no action was possible.

d) Miss Paterson drew the Committee's attention to a Caithness Glass which the Glasgow Branch were ordering for resale to commemorate the Society's 50th Year at a cost price of £3.50 plus 70p for a presentation box.

e) In answer to Miss Paterson's enquiry, the Chairman said that if the details were listed and sent to Headquarters, Annual General Meeting requirements could be ascertained.

f) The Chairman drew attention to the 50th Anniversary notice board designed and kindly sent by the Rochdale Branch which could be borrowed by any Branch.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Saturday, 12th May, 1973 at 10.45 for 11.00 a.m.

James P. C. Brown
12/5/73

MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 12th MAY, 1973 at 10.45 for 11.00

PRESENT: Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss M. Collie, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. A. Falconer, Dr. I. Hall, Miss F. Mart
Mr. G.M. Meredith, Miss D. Paterson, Miss I Redford, Miss M.M. Ross.
Mr. Hamish D. Allan by special invitation.
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Mrs. Ann Burt (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Miss F.C. Adams and Miss M. Cunningham.

The Chairman reported with regret the deaths of the Vice President, The Duke of Hamilton and of the previous Chairman, Mr. J.L. Lochoad. Miss Paterson said that Miss. Molly McKay of Glasgow had also died.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Hamish D. Allan from Glasgow Branch.

1. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 24th March 1973 having been previously circulated were signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING: a. Headquarters Property.

The Chairman reported that permission to change the use of the basement from residential quarters to a commercial art gallery, for a limited period of five years in the first instance, had been granted. This consent would be subject to loading and unloading taking place in off-peak traffic hours and to the advertising display being restricted to a wall mounted plaque (20" x 24") between two of the basement windows. The Society's Solicitor had been instructed to enter into a lease with the owner of the art gallery.

b. Visit of Mr. A.P.S. van der Merwe. The Secretary reported that Mr. van der Merwe wished that his tentative enquiries regarding a visit by a R.S.C.D.S. team be treated confidentially. It was proposed that the team should consist of twenty people including a musician and that the visit, which would be under the umbrella of the Settlers' Festivities, would last four weeks. Hospitality and internal travel would be provided but cost of travel to South Africa would be borne by the visiting teams. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Secretary should decline the invitation explaining that two visits to South Africa had already been made although visits to one country were not usually repeated as the demands made upon the Society for time, people and money were extensive.

c. 1975 Annual General Meeting. The Chairman reported that information had not yet been received from the Aberdeen Branch.

d. Reprint of Constitution - It was agreed that, apart from the copy sent free to all Branches, further copies should be sold at 5p plus postage.

e. Grampian TV. Miss Milligan reported that Mrs. Hood had made contact with her and exploratory talks were to take place in Aberdeen. Miss Milligan further reported that the BBC were proposing to film at the St. Andrews Summer School. The film made by the BBC at Blair Atholl would be shown internationally which had caused the delay in transmission.

3. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: Miss Paterson and Mr. Allan reported on the arrangements being made for the Jubilee Weekend in Glasgow and a Draft Programme was tabled. The number of members who had indicated that they wished to attend was over 1,000 and the Glasgow Branch were congratulated on the way they had tackled the problems.

The programme was as follows:-

Friday, 2nd November, 1973.

CIVIC RECEPTION - Ball and Buffet, City Chambers from 7.30 to 11 p.m. Dress Formal. Cost £2.

BALL. As numbers for the Civic Reception would be limited an alternative Ball had been arranged at Leverdale Hospital from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Cost £2.

LATE NIGHT DANCES, for those attending the Civic Reception would be held in hotels in the city from 11.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Saturday, 3rd November, 1973.

LUNCHEON. The Albany Hotel 12.00 for 12.30 p.m.

Accommodation for 800 in Banqueting Hall and 100 in separate Hall. Cost £1.80 subsidised by about £1.00 per head from Miss Milligan's 'Mile of Ponnies'.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 3.30 p.m. Albany Hotel. Delegates would have the right to attend but spectators might be precluded if space did not permit.

INFORMAL DANCE. Dances to be held in several halls in Jordanhill College of Education 7.30 to 11.30 p.m.

TICKETS. Requests for all tickets to be made before 15th September, 1973.

It was agreed that:-

- a. Classes would not be held during the weekend.
- b. Afternoon tea would not be provided.

b. GARDEN PARTY. The Chairman reported that replies had indicated that from 9 Branches there would be 57 visitors. Miss Redford said that preliminary enquiries suggested that refreshments would cost about 15 to 25p. per head. It was thought possible that individual members of the Summer School Committee would be willing to eat sandwiches and Miss Milligan hoped that part of her 'Mile of Ponnies' Fund would help to defray the cost.

c. SOUVENIR BROCHURE. The Chairman reported that the Publications Committee was progressing satisfactorily with the Golden Anniversary Brochure. Three Jubilee Dances would be included, in the centre pages for ease of removal, and in addition separate copies would be produced (price 10p) in time for the Summer School where they would be taught.

d. JUBILEE BALL, THURSDAY, 12th JULY, 1973. A report from the Ball Committee was tabled forming the basis of a discussion and the following were agreed:-

- i. Time - 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 - ii. Venue - Assembly Rooms and Music Hall, Edinburgh.
 - iii. Bands - Atholl Players and Jack Delaney.
- (Mr. Jim McLeod's offer had been declined and an earlier decision of the General Purposes had been upheld).
- iv. Programme - The suggested programme by Miss Adams and Mr. Allan was discussed and amended by Miss Milligan and agreed by the Committee.
 - v. Meal Timing - to allow maximum number of people to see The Queen arrive.
 - vi. Floral Decorations - expense to be partly met by Edinburgh Corporation.
 - vii. Tickets - allocated to Branches, both home and overseas, on a pro rata basis. No Branch to get less than two tickets.
 - viii. Catering - by Macvitties Guest
 - ix. Cost of Ticket - £3.00.

4. BRANCH FORMATION:

a. Worthing. It was agreed that this Group be granted Branch status but that the Secretary should write asking them to note that the Society was not sent a copy of the Public Notice which showed the intention to form a Branch as distinct from a notice saying that such a meeting had been held.

b. Victoria B.C. It was agreed that this group be granted Branch status subject to a satisfactory disbandment clause being inserted in their constitution.

c. Hawaii. Mrs. Mary S. Brandon, late of Los Angeles, had asked for permission to form a Branch; there was a small group of dancers and both she and her husband were fully certified teachers. It was agreed that permission be granted to endeavour to form a Branch of the Society but it would be necessary for Mrs. Brandon to let the Secretary know the numbers attending and the numbers who were members of the R.S.C.D.S. It was further agreed that should the numbers not warrant a Branch formation the group might become affiliated.

5. ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

a. Application for Affiliation.

i. Oakbay Scottish Country Dance Group, Victoria, B.C.

This application was accepted subject to the approval of the newly formed Branch at Victoria, B.C.

ii. The Shelton Scottish Country Dance Society, Stoko-on-Tra

This application was accepted.

iii. Epping YMCA Scottish Country Dance Group.

This application was accepted.

b. Bulletin. It was agreed that a reduced version of the Bulletin be produced which would include:-

i. Annual Report prepared by Secretary and approved at Executive Council on 1st September 1973.

ii. Branches of the Society, their Secretaries, addresses, membership and classes.

iii. Affiliated Groups, both Home and Overseas, with their addresses and secretaries.

iv. Minutes of Annual General Meeting October 1972.

v. Balance Sheet and accounts, if necessary as a separate leaflet.

The Meeting concluded at 12.55 p.m.

James B. G. Brown
1/9/73

MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on SATURDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1973 at 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss F.H. Adams, Miss M. Collie, Miss M. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Dunn,
Dr. I. Hall, Miss F. Martin, Mr. G.M. Meredith, Miss D. Paterson,
Miss I. Redford, Miss M.M. Ross.

In attendance: Miss M.L. Ross (by invitation of the Chairman)
Staff: Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Mrs. Ann Burt (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Mr. Alex Falconer

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 12th May, 1973 having been previously circulated, were signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

a) 1975 Annual General Meeting

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the Secretary, Miss A. Cumming, of the Aberdeen Branch explaining that the Beach Ballroom and the large Music Hall would not be available for the 1975 Annual General Meeting. The Chairman, Mrs. Cramb, had obtained permission from Aberdeen University to hold two dances on the last Friday and Saturday of October, 1975 in the Mitchell Hall and Picture Gallery in Marischal College. These two halls could accommodate 464 dancers. It would not be possible to feed all the dancers together but choice of times for going to buffet would be offered. After discussion Miss Adams proposed and Miss M.M. Ross seconded that it should be recommended to the Executive Council that Aberdeen's offer to hold the 1975 Annual General Meeting be accepted.

b) Anniversary Celebrations and Summer School

The Chairman reported that the Garden Party at which the Society had acted as host had been a tremendous success and particular thanks for the catering provided were due to Miss M.L. Ross and her helpers drawn from members of the Summer School and from members of the St. Andrews' Branch. The occasion had been greatly helped by a brilliantly sunny day and Miss Martin expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet people of yester years.

Miss Milligan reported on the celebrations which had been organised for the three preceding weeks. The University Court had given a dinner at which the Vice-Principal had expressed the warm feelings of the University for the Society and Miss Walker, warden of the University Hall, had made it plain that the Summer School was considered an asset to the University. The Ball, organised by Miss Milligan after the Dinner given by Miss Walker, had been a great success and during the third week the Reception given by the Town Council, which had been followed by a Conversazione, had been a most pleasant evening. On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Miss Milligan for all her earlier preparations which in the event had proved so delightfully successful.

c) Jubilee Ball

It was with pleasure that the Chairman reported that the Jubilee Ball had been a most successful occasion and he acknowledged with thanks the work of the Ball Committee, the Stewards and the General Purposes Committee. He then read letters of thanks and tributes to the organisation of the evening from The Queen's Secretary, Sir Martin Charteris; the Vice-Presidents, Col. Malcolm of Poltalloch and Sir Herbert Brechin; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas; The Lord Chamberlain; Mrs. Lochhead, widow of the ex-Chairman and Mrs. Cooper, Secretary of the Newcastle Branch. The Committee felt that the Queen and her party had enjoyed the evening and had paid the Society a great compliment by attending.

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND JUBILEE WEEKEND 2nd NOVEMBER, 1973 :

1. The Chairman reported that Branch secretaries had been told of the arrangements for the weekend and it was noted that the time for the A.G.M. should have read 3.30 p.m.

2. The Chairman asked if the Headquarter's Life Members, which now numbered well over a thousand, should receive individual intimation but it was agreed that this would be an unnecessary expense.

3. Official guests. It was agreed that the following be invited:

President : The Rt. Hon. Lord Macdonald and Lady Macdonald
Vice-President: Miss J.C. Milligan
Chairman : Mr. J.B.C. Brown and Mrs. Brown
Vice-Chairman : Miss F.H. Adams
Hon. Vice-Presidents : The Duke of Atholl
The Countess of Galloway
Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that Ilk and Lady Moncrieffe
Col. G.I. Malcolm of Poltalloch and Mrs. Malcolm of Poltalloch
Lt. Col. Colin C. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell
Sir Herbert A. Brochin and Lady Brechin

Treasurer : Miss D.M. Vaughan
Secretary : Mrs. Ann Burt
Bailie Mrs. Forman of Glasgow
Mrs. Campbell, niece of Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich
Miss Lorna Walker, Warden, University Hall, St. Andrews
Miss M.L. Ross, Chairman of the Glasgow Branch

Former Officials of the Society: Mrs. M. Brown
Miss M. Hadden
Miss H.D. Leitch
Mrs. F. Lesslie of New Zealand
Mrs. N. Lochhead
Miss J. McLellan
Mr. George Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe

The Chairman reported that unfortunately four of the Vice-Presidents were unable to attend, viz. The Duke of Atholl, The Countess of Galloway, Col. Malcolm of Poltalloch and Lt. Col. Colin C. Mitchell.

5. Official Luncheon - Order of proceedings. The following programme was agreed:

Grace
Luncheon
The Loyal Toast by the President
A Welcome given by the President
Loyal Message to Her Majesty the Queen by the President
Message read from Her Majesty the Queen by the President
Toast - The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society - Bailie Mrs. Forman, representative of the Lord Provost of Glasgow
Reply by the Vice President and Co-Founder, Miss Joan C. Milligan
Message of Greetings by representatives from each Branch
Vote of Thanks, by Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Chairman

It was agreed that this order of events should be incorporated in the Menu and Toast List and the final arrangements were left to the Chairman and to the representatives of the Glasgow Branch.

It was agreed that if Vice-Presidents decided to attend for the whole weekend they would be the guests of the Society. Miss Ross reported that numbers would not be known for at least two more weeks as the closing date of the applications was 15th September. It/

It was hoped that Balls would be provided for all those wishing to attend and the Chairman said that the Society could rest assured that the Glasgow Branch would organise events in a fitting manner. Miss Adams asked if transport would be arranged for those attending Balls at some distance from their hotels and, although transport was not usually provided for such an occasion, Miss Paterson agreed that this could be considered; it might be possible to arrange transport from the Balls to a central point.

4. STAFFING AT HEADQUARTERS

The Chairman introduced this subject by reading Minute 4 of the General Purposes Committee of Saturday, 1st November, 1972 when Miss Grubb's resignation was placed on record and it had been decided that attendance at St. Andrews Summer School would not be a condition of employment. Mrs. Park had not wished to be considered for the post as Secretary, subsequently became a part-time member of staff and had recently resigned to the very great regret of the Chairman and members of the Society. During the period of time she had worked part-time, an additional part-time member of staff, Mrs. Lauener, had been employed; she had subsequently left to enter a business venture. At the meeting of the Finance Committee on Saturday, 7th July, it had been agreed that an Assistant would be appointed to the Secretary who would be required to attend St. Andrews for four weeks at a Salary recorded in the Private Minute Book. To date no applications had been received for this post. Mrs. Lauener's part-time position had been filled by Mrs. Douglas, a clerkess/typist. The present position was therefore as follows:

Full-time Secretary, Mrs. Ann Burt
Part-time clerkess/typist, Mrs. Florence M. Douglas
Part-time clerkess, Mrs. M. Erskine
Agency typist - full-time when possible

The Chairman said that it was quite clear that the salary recommended by the Finance Committee was too low and one of the stumbling blocks in gaining a new assistant to the Secretary. In reply to a question by Miss Paterson, the Treasurer said that all full-time staff could be superannuated through the Social Worker's Pension Fund. Miss Milligan said that it was absolutely essential for a knowledgeable member of staff to be at the Summer School. The Chairman then read the following alternatives which had been prepared by the Secretary.

- A. Increase salary scale and readvertise post of Assistant to the Secretary.
- B. Appoint new Secretary at an increased salary making residence at the Summer School a condition of the post. All other duties as before.
Appoint Assistant to the Secretary who would be her deputy not only during holidays but for the four weeks of the Summer School.
Two part-time assistants as above.
- C. Present Secretary
Shorthand Typist
Conference Secretary - someone interested in Scottish Country Dancing, an intelligent clerkess, willing to work part-time for most of the year in Edinburgh, yet able to be resident at St. Andrews for four weeks.
Part-time clerkess.
- D. Present Secretary to be resident (with certain provisos) at the Summer School from Monday to Thursday. Assistant to, and deputy for, Secretary during holidays and Summer School - realistic salary.
Part-time clerkess/typist
Part-time clerkess

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It was agreed that course A be followed at a salary to be recorded in the Private Minute Book but if this did not bring a suitable candidate then course D would be considered. The Chairman explained that this revised salary would alter the differential between the other members of staff, especially the Secretary and this would have to be considered at the next meeting of the Finance Committee. This recommendation was agreed. It was agreed that the post be advertised and the appointment was left to the Secretary and Miss Milligan in the absence of Mr. Brown, the Chairman, who would be on holiday.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS :

a) Mill Valley

The Chairman reported that this Group, part of the San Francisco Branch, was not interested in the business side of the Branch and wished to disassociate from the business activities. They had written to Headquarters for guidance, particularly on their future status and the ownership of certain equipment. The Chairman read a letter which he had prepared for the Secretary to send explaining that the members of the Mill Valley Class should:

- (a) form themselves into a Club yet remain associated with the San Francisco Branch, paying their annual Subscription to the RSCDS through the San Francisco Branch per the Treasurer of the Club; or
- (b) disassociate themselves completely from the San Francisco Branch and make application to the RSCDS to become an Affiliated Group;
- (c) he had suggested that the question of class equipment might have to be decided in the light of the Constitution of the San Francisco Branch but that it would seem equitable that it should remain with them.

This letter was considered appropriate and in a response to a suggestion by the Treasurer it was agreed that a copy be sent to the Secretary of the San Francisco Branch.

b) East Lothian County Council

The Chairman read a letter from East Lothian County Council explaining that prior to the Annual Country Dance Festival to be held in November, the Committee wished to run a short course of instruction for team coaches in Knox Academy, Haddington. It was hoped that the Society could supply the names of recognised teachers to act as coach. The Secretary was given the following names to be sent to the East Lothian Education Committee.

Mr. Stanley Wilkie of Knox Academy
Miss Dorothy Leurs
Mrs. June Scott
Miss Irene Dickson

c) The Chairman read a letter from Dr. Short saying that she had been told that some teachers and examiners visiting branches were being overworked and their fees and expenses were inadequate. It was recognised that it was difficult for Headquarters to lay down rules as Headquarters was not involved with the arrangements. Where possible branches should be advised that the work should not be over strenuous and the expenses should be reasonable, but the final arrangements were left to the individual teachers.

c) Victoria B.C. Branch - Oakbay Group

The Chairman reminded the Committee that Victoria was granted Branch status by the General Purposes Committee in May, 1973. The Oakbay Scottish Country Dance Group had applied for affiliation which had been accepted by the General Purposes Committee subject to the approval of the newly formed Branch at Victoria B.C. The Chairman reported that no further information had been received.

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The Chairman reported that Mrs. Bremner (not then a member of the Society but subsequently joined) had brought a petition to Headquarters complaining of the inadequate teaching at Victoria. As the signatories were not members of the Society this was noted but not considered competent business. It was decided to take no further action.

e) Los Angeles Branch - Revised Constitution

The Chairman reported that he had carefully studied the Los Angeles Branch revised Constitution and had instructed the Secretary to let the Branch know that:

- (a) the RSCDS lower age limit was 16 and not 18 as in the Los Angeles bye-laws;
- (b) the RSCDS did not have Honorary Members;
- (c) the disbandment clause should comply with the Society's Constitution and Rules.

f) West Midlands Sports Council

This organisation centred in Birmingham had asked for the name and address of someone in the West Midlands who could act as representative to the proposed group on Movement and Dance. It was agreed that Mrs. Anna Holden of Birmingham be approached.

g) Chardon d'Ecosse

The Chairman reported that the Vice-Chairman, Miss Adams, had been asked by Mme Chamoin about the possibility of forming a Branch in Paris explaining that they would like to retain the name "Chardon d'Ecosse" so that they could continue their links with the French Ministry of Education. It was agreed that they should apply for permission to form a Branch with the suggestion that the new name could be RSCDS Paris Branch (Chardon d'Ecosse).

h) Mrs. Joan Kirk

The Chairman referred to correspondence he had received from Mrs. Joan Kirk in connection with the article in the January issue of the Scots Magazine concerning the RSCDS.

None fixed.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

The Chairman thanked the members of the Committee for their support and the meeting closed at 12.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Miss Adams.

Lerlie R. Currie
11th May 1974.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 11th May 1974 at 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT: Dr. L.R. Currie (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan
Mr. J.B.C. Brown
Mr. J.E. Cunningham
Miss F.K. Gordon
Miss M.E. Grieve
Dr. I.M. Hall
Miss F. Martin
Mr. G. Meredith
Miss B.A. Nairn
Miss I. Redford
Mr. T. Savage
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer)
Mrs. A. Burt (Secretary)
Mr. J. Taylor

APOLOGIES: Mr. D. Macleod

The Chairman welcomed new members to the first meeting of the General Purposes Committee which he had chaired.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st September 1973 previously circulated and approved by Executive Council on 2nd March 1974 were approved and signed.
2. BUSINESS ARISING: (a) Mill Valley Scottish Country Dance Group: The Chairman reported that the application for affiliation from this group had been approved by the Executive Council on the 2nd March 1974.
3. REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Taylor, the Convener, reported that Mrs. M. Hall had taken up her duties as Clerical Assistant from the 15th of April.
Subsistence allowances had been revised.
A final decision of the review of the Subscription had been deferred until the end of the financial year.
The Treasurer said that the Accounts of the Branches had been studied in detail and she was glad to report a good standard of accounting although some Branches were in deficit.
4. DISTRIBUTION OF BULLETIN AND ACCOUNTS: The Chairman, in introducing this item, said that for many years there had been complaints about the late arrival of the Bulletin and Accounts but after investigation he had concluded that the secretariat was blameless.
He reported that this matter had been raised at the Executive Council in March when it had been suggested that a change in the financial year might be helpful.
Certain constraints made the timely despatch of the Bulletin and Accounts difficult, namely,
(i) Production and Audit of Accounts.
(ii) Collection of statistics from Branches and affiliated groups.
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- (iii) Length of postal delivery.
- (iv) Set date for approval of the Annual Report (in 1974 September 7th).

The following time table for 1974 had been devised:

- July 1st: From this date Headquarters able to gather details of Branches and affiliated clubs, edit and submit them to the printer.
- Aug. 3rd: Finance Committee to approve accounts.
- Sept. 7th: Executive Council to approve Annual Report.
- Sept. 9th: If all copy, including accounts, at printers and proofs read by this date, printer could begin. He would perhaps take three or four weeks for printing and a further week for despatch so that,
- Oct. 15th: UK Branches would expect to receive copies.
- Nov. 26th: Overseas Branches could expect to receive copies by surface mail.

The Chairman also reminded the Committee that:

- a) this preparation took place largely during the busy Summer School period and
- b) Headquarters' tiny staff and the printers might be on holiday.

Constitution: Certain mandatory timings mentioned in the Constitution were impracticable especially in view of the lower standard of postal delivery service.

After discussion Mr. Brown proposed, Mr. Taylor seconded, and it was agreed that a small Committee be set up to consider the distribution of the Bulletin and Accounts especially with regard to any changes required in the Constitution.

It was hoped that, if possible, the AGM date would remain as at present.

The ad hoc Committee's findings would be made known to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee who would bring it forward to the next meeting of Executive Council. If any changes in the Constitution were thought desirable the resolution would go forward from the Executive Council to the next Annual General Meeting.

It was agreed that the Committee should consist of:

Dr. L.R. Currie, Chairman.
Mr. Duncan Macleod, Vice-Chairman, (subject to consent)
Mr. James Taylor, Convener of the Finance Committee.
Secretary and Treasurer.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION: (a) Oak Bay Scottish Country Dance Group - Victoria Branch.
- The Chairman reported that this affiliation had been deferred by the Executive Council on the 2nd of March. After this decision had been intimated to Mr. Stuart Walker he had written regretfully to say that the members of this group wished to consider the application for affiliation null and void.
- (b)/

- (b) Scottish Dance Ensemble.

The Chairman reported that a decision regarding this group had also been deferred by the Executive Council until it was known if it was a commercial organisation. Having cognizance of the views of the Los Angeles Branch it was decided that this group's application for affiliation be accepted.

- (c) Moorooka Scottish Country Dancers, Australia.

After hearing the Chairman's report it was decided that this group be accepted.

6. SIZE OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Chairman reminded members of Mr. Ireland's suggestion at the Executive Council on March 2nd 1974 that it was improper for a Committee to be made up of more co-opted members than elected members; this had been referred to the General Purposes Committee.

After discussion it was agreed that no change be made in the constitution of the Publications Committee.

7. CENTRAL COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL RECREATION:

The Chairman reminded members that, at the Executive Council on March 2nd, Mr. Ireland had reported that a Seminar was to be held in September 1974 of senior administrators and he had suggested that the Society should be represented by five principal Office-Bearers.

After discussion it was agreed that no representation from the Society be made at this Conference.

It was further recommended that the Society should withdraw from the CCPR.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) Melbourne and District Branch.

The Chairman reported that their revised Constitution had been received and Mr. Brown agreed to consider this.

- (b) Burlington Branch.

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received asking for the Society's approval, before September 1974, of the fact that the Burlington Branch had decided to adopt the RSCDS Constitution.

It was agreed that this was acceptable.

Every Branch who so wished could adopt the RSCDS Constitution and Rules but any further rules which it adopted should be passed to Headquarters for approval as they must not contravene the RSCDS Constitution.

It was suggested that a model Branch Constitution might be drafted.

Should a Branch decide to have a written Constitution this should be sent to Headquarters for approval.

- (c) Leaflet Dances.

Miss Milligan reported the increasing concern felt about the use of leaflet dances.

It was agreed that Branches should be encouraged to have Ball programmes largely compiled from RSCDS publications so that members from outwith the local area could take part in most, if not all, of the dances.

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(d) Vancouver Branch.

It was noted that the Vancouver Branch proposed to appoint a Teacher Co-ordinator (previously a senior instructor).

(e) International Team.

The Edinburgh Branch had been unable to send a demonstration team to Sweden and had suggested that the idea of an International Team should be revived.

After discussion it was agreed that the present policy of encouraging Branches to send their own teams should be continued.

The Secretary reported that she had compiled a bank of information from those Branches which desired to make overseas visits so that invitations could be appropriately channelled.

(f) Hamilton and Clydesdale Branch.

The death of Mrs. Rankin was reported with great regret.

9. DATE OF
NEXT
MEETING:

7th September 1974. ad hoc Committee 22nd June 1974.

Leslie R. Burnie
7th Sept 1974

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF

Minutes of a Meeting of the ad hoc Committee to consider the Constitution held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, on Saturday 22nd June 1974.

Present: Dr. L.R. Currie (In the Chair)
Mr. D. Macleod
Mr. J. Taylor
Mrs. Ann Burt, Secretary.

Apologies: Miss D.M. Vaughan, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION

The General Purposes Committee had requested that consideration be given to the Constitution with especial reference to the annual distribution of the Bulletin and Accounts.

After discussion it was agreed that the following amendments be suggested and referred to the General Purposes Committee.

VI Executive Council

(c) The representative from each Branch shall be appointed by the Branch. Notification of such appointment shall be in the hands of the Secretary eight weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
(The words underlined to replace 'twenty one clear days'.)

(e) Nominations for all appointments to be made at the Annual General Meeting shall be in writing, shall be signed by a proposer and seconder and shall contain a statement that the consent of the person nominated has been obtained. They shall be in the hands of the Secretary eight weeks before such meeting and shall in the case of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and six members annually appointed be circulated by the Secretary to the Branches at least fourteen days before such meeting.
(The words underlined to replace 'twenty one clear days'.)

VII General Meetings

7. A Branch wishing to have a matter discussed at the Annual General Meeting shall send to the Secretary at least eight weeks before such meeting a copy of the Resolution relating to such matters passed at either a Branch General Meeting or a Branch Committee Meeting.

These suggestions were the result of a detailed study of the time table preceding the distribution of the Bulletin and Accounts. It was hoped that Branches would be able to make returns earlier than had been requested in former years but it was recognized that factors not entirely in the Society's control e.g. auditing and printing played a part in the final timing.

MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 7th September 1974 at 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT: Dr. L.R. Currie (In the Chair)
 Mr. D. Macleod
 Mr. J.E. Cunningham
 Miss F.M. Gordon
 Miss M.E. Grieve
 Miss F. Martin
 Mr. G.M. Meredith
 Miss B.A. Nairn
 Miss I. Redford
 Mr. T. Savage
 Mr. J. Taylor
 Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer)
 Mrs. A. Burt (Secretary)

APLOGIES: Miss J.C. Milligan, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Dr. I.M. Hall

1. MINUTES: (a) The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th May 1974 was proposed by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Miss Nairn and signed as a correct record, after Mr. Taylor's name had been added to the list of those present.

(b) The Minutes of the ad hoc Committee held on 22nd June 1974 were also approved.

2. BUSINESS ARISING: (a) Distribution of Bulletin & Accounts

Recommendations from ad hoc Committee. In speaking to the ad hoc Committee's decisions the Chairman said that:-

(i) It was hoped that Branches would make all their appointments at the end of the closing season before the Branches dispersed for the summer.

(ii) If the Branches co-operated in making their Returns earlier i.e., 8 weeks before the A.G.M. this would make it possible to produce the Bulletin more quickly.

(iii) Although the ad hoc Committee had suggested that the length of time for the Secretary to inform Branches of nominations be left constitutionally at fourteen days, it was anticipated that this time would be lengthened.

(iv) The ad hoc Committee had thought it wise not to tie the Secretary constitutionally to a time table as postage and printing would be outwith her control.

(v) 3(c) of the Constitution was considered - "the Executive Council shall present at the A.G.M. of the Society a Report of their administration of the affairs of the Society during the previous year".

Although, in previous years this clause had been interpreted as requiring that the Secretary's report be approved by the whole Executive Council before being sent to the printer, it was agreed that this need not necessarily be so.

The ad hoc Committee suggested that the Secretary's report be approved by the Office Bearers, sent to the printers and later presented to the Executive Council.

It was agreed to accept the ad hoc Committee's recommendations.

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(b) Central Council for Physical Recreation

The Chairman reminded the Committee that at its last meeting the Society had decided to withdraw from the C.C.P.R. and this decision had been influenced by the fact that it was thought the annual subscription would be about £50. Since then it had been ascertained that the affiliation fee required would amount to £15.16.

Meanwhile the Secretary had sent a questionnaire to all U.K. Branches (except Scottish where the C.C.P.R. no longer existed) asking for details of any help received. Three Branches had replied, namely, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Newcastle and Birmingham, and all three reported having received useful help from the C.C.P.R.

After discussion it was decided to recommend to Executive Council that the Society should affiliate to the C.C.P.R. for one year in the first instance.

It was further agreed that Branches be asked to substantiate a case for continuing the subscription.

(c) Revised Constitutions

The Chairman expressed the Society's thanks to Mr. Brown for considering and approving the Melbourne Constitution and Perth Constitution and his suggestions were duly noted.

Miss Nairn, Secretary of Perth and Perthshire Branch, confirmed that a Disbandment Clause would be discussed at their next Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer emphasized that a Disbandment Clause was very important for the charity status of the Society and agreed to draft a letter advising Branches of this situation.

3. REVIEW OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: The Chairman said that it had been agreed at the Finance Committee on 3rd August 1974 to recommend to Executive Council that the Annual General Meeting be asked to raise the Annual Subscription from 40p to 60p, the increase to be divided equally between the Branches and Headquarters, with a warning that it would be necessary to suggest a further increase in the near future.

The Convener of the Finance Committee then gave a full report of the financial year and emphasized that any increase in subscription could not take place until 1st of July 1975. During the current year he anticipated, in view of the rising cost of administration, an estimated deficit of £1,000. For the year ended 30th June 1974 after including the balance from the Mile of Fennies and the balance from the Jubilee Ball, in the revenue a/c, the year showed a small profit.

Although the recommendation from the Finance Committee was noted by the Committee, representatives of Dumbartonshire and Roxburghshire strongly opposed the suggestion as, at the time of the last increase in annual subscription, those Branches had lost one third of their members.

No decision was reached regarding a family subscription.

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4. A VIAL
GENERAL
MEETING
WEEKEND
1st/2nd
NOV. 1974:

Leaflets regarding the weekend were tabled.

The Committee agreed that the wording of the ad hoc Committee Minute regarding alterations in the Constitution be put forward as resolutions.

5. JUBILEE
BROCHURE:

The Chairman reported that there were seventeen copies signed by Leri MacDonall, President, Miss J.C. Milligan, Vice-President and Mr. J.B.C. Brown, who had been Chairman during the Jubilee Year.

It was suggested that one could be framed for Headquarters but it was finally decided that the Branch representatives at the Executive Council should be invited to submit suggestions as to their disposal at their next meeting.

6. ANY OTHER
BUSINESS:

(a) Hawaii Branch had asked that their Bye-Laws be approved and their Committee agreed to ask Mr. Brown if he would kindly consider them.

(b) Staff. Whilst this item of business was being taken Mrs. Burt withdrew from the meeting.

The Chairman reported that, on 2nd September, Miss McColm had submitted her resignation as Assistant to the Secretary. As a result he had consulted with the Vice-Chairman, the Convener of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer on the whole question of Headquarters' staff. They had reached the conclusion that the Society could no longer afford the luxury of a Secretary who acted as an organising secretary only and did no typing and who was not able to be in residence at St. Andrews during the Summer School.

The Chairman said that he had put these points to Mrs. Burt earlier on the day of the meeting and had asked for her resignation. She had replied by pointing out that, under certain circumstances, she did do some of the typing. Nevertheless she had acceded to his request and had submitted her resignation.

It was now proposed to offer the job of Secretary to Miss McColm.

7. DATE OF
NEXT
MEETING:

To be announced.

Leslie R. Burnie 12.4.75.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 12th April, 1975, at 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT: Dr. L.R. Currie (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss M. Collie
Mr. J.E. Cunningham
Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham
Miss F.M. Gordon
Dr I.M. Hall
Miss F. Martin
Mr. G.M. Meredith
Miss B.A. Nairn
Mr T. Savage
Mr J. Taylor
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer)
Mrs M. Hall (Acting Secretary)

1. MINUTES The Chairman in signing the minutes of the last Meeting held on 7th September, 1974, explained that they had already been approved by the Executive Council.
2. APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY The Chairman intimated that a formal letter of resignation had been received from Miss McCollm. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a Sub-Committee be appointed, consisting of Dr Currie, Miss Milligan, Miss Vaughan, and Mr Taylor to interview applicants, that the post be advertised and also notices be sent to Branches, and a job specification should be drawn up. The following items were suggested for the job specification:-
- The Secretary will be in charge of Headquarters.
 - The Secretary must be capable of doing shorthand and typing.
 - The Secretary must be in residence at the Summer School.
 - The Secretary must be capable of dealing with all enquiries.
 - Four weeks' annual holidays plus all statutory holidays.
 - Salary Scale to be specified and reviewed annually.
 - Office hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Attendance at the Annual General Meeting and Committee Meetings held on Saturdays is essential.
- The Chairman said that he was of the opinion that the question of the appointment of a new Secretary should not be hurried, and added that, since the previous Secretary left, the Society had had good service from Mrs Hall and Miss Cook. They had worked extremely hard and had coped with all the applications for the Summer School. He hoped they would carry on for a few more months. Miss Macdonald had offered her services for the whole month of the Summer School. Miss Milligan said that in order to allow Mrs Hall to take some holidays before the Summer School, Miss Bowie from the Stirlingshire Branch had agreed to come in to Headquarters.

3. JUBILEE BROCHURE: It was reported that fifteen signed copies of the Brochure had not been distributed. After discussing various suggestions for their disposal it was agreed that copies be sent to Her Majesty The Queen and Lord Macdonald and when any new Branch is formed a signed copy should be sent to that Branch.

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4. APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION: An application for Branch formation from Northern Virginia was received and it was agreed that during Miss Milligan's impending visit to Canada and America she would make further enquiries and, if satisfied, this Committee would recommend to the Executive Council that Northern Virginia be accepted.
- An application from York for Branch formation was discussed and it was agreed to recommend that this application be granted subject to the approval of the other Branches in the area. The Chairman was of the opinion that the name of the Branch should be York and not North Humberston.
- It was agreed to recommend that Branch formation be granted to Perth Scottish Country Dance Society, Western Australia. They had seventy members of whom nine were individual members of the Society.
5. GUIDANCE ON FEES TO VISITING TEACHERS It was agreed that the General Purposes Committee recommended that out-of-pocket expenses should be paid by Branches to visiting teachers but the question of fees should be left to individual branches.
6. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS (a) Applications for affiliation
- An application for affiliation was received from:-
- Round of Scottish Country Dance Club, Arbroath.
 - The Scottish Country Dance Society, Chicago. It was reported that the group has a membership of twelve of which there are no individual members of the Society and no qualified teacher. After discussion it was agreed to write to the Secretary stating that the Executive Council does not look favourably upon applications for affiliation where there are no individual members of the Society.
- (b) Change in Constitution
- Dr Hall, Manchester, asked that the paragraph in the Constitution about the appointment of a Secretary should be changed. It was agreed that this was a matter for the Executive Council. Manchester Branch were recommended to take up the question direct with Headquarters at the appropriate time.
7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 6th September 1975 (Morning of the next Executive Council Meeting)

Leslie R. Currie
6th Sept 1975.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT,
EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1975
AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss M. Collie, Mr. J. E. Cunningham,
Miss A. Y. K. Cunningham, Miss F. M. Gordon,
Dr. I. M. Hall, Miss F. Martin, Mr. G. M. Meredith,
Miss B. A. Nairn, Mr. D. M. Napier, Mr. T. Savage,
Mr. J. Taylor.

Attending: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)
Mrs. M. G. Hall (Assistant Secretary)
Miss D. M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

APOLOGIES Mr. Duncan Macleod

MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting on 12th April, 1975, were approved unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING The Chairman read a letter conveying to the Society the Queen's thanks for the copy of the Golden Jubilee Brochure which had been sent to her.

APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION It was decided to recommend to the Executive Council that approval should be given to the following applications:-

- (a) Northern Virginia
- (b) Washington D. C.
- (c) Tunbridge Wells and Crowborough

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION The Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Council that approval be given to the following applications:-

- (a) Fleet Scottish Country Dance Society
- (b) Grimsby Scottish Country Dance Club, the Club to be asked to encourage their teacher to acquire a R.S.C.D.S. qualification.
- (c) Redditch and District Caledonian Society
- (d) St. Ninians Scottish Dancers; the Group to be advised to encourage their two teachers with the preliminary test qualification to go on to take the Teachers' Certificate.
- (e) St. John's Scottish Dancing Club; the Club to encourage its members to become members of the R.S.C.D.S. and to become qualified teachers.
- (f) Scottish Country Dance Club of Canberra Inc.

The Committee decided not to recommend approval in the following applications for the reasons shown:-

- (a) Vancouver Island Group. It was decided that a letter should be sent to the Victoria Branch for their comments and suggesting tactfully that peace overtures might be made to the Group.
- (b) Scottish Country Dance Society of Chicago. Application to be carried forward until a reply was received regarding the number in the Group who were members of the R.S.C.D.S.
- (c) Nittany Scottish Dancers. Before making a recommendation the Committee wished to know whether "State College" was a College or the name of a town and if the members were citizens, College staff or students.

6. FUNCTIONS OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEES
(a) It was unanimously decided to recommend to the Executive Council that, as part of the permanent remit, the Finance Committee should deal with staffing in its entirety.
(b) For many years an ad hoc committee of ten members had been set up to deal with Summer School. The Committee agreed unanimously that this ad hoc committee was not necessary since the bulk of the work was routine and could be done by HQ staff. The General Purposes Committee could deal with any necessary administrative matters and the Finance Committee with financial aspects. It was decided to recommend to the Executive Council that an ad hoc committee should not be formed.
7. EXPENSES Miss Collie commented on the escalation of expenses to attend meetings. It was decided to request the Finance Committee to review the recommended expense level and the Secretary was asked to avoid peak periods of demand for accommodation when arranging dates of meetings.
8. STAFFING Dr. Hall said that his Branch had some reservations about the appointment of Secretary being made by the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman suggested that, as time made it impossible this year, Dr. Hall's Branch might put a constitutional amendment forward next year if they so desired.
9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING A date would be fixed after the election of the new committee on 1st November.

Lester R. Currie
7th Feb 1976.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH
ON SATURDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1976 AT 10.30

A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman)
Mr. Duncan Macleod
Mr. J. Taylor
Miss N. J. Arnott
Miss F. M. Gordon
Dr. I. Hall
Miss F. Martin
Miss B. A. Nairn
Mrs. J. Thomson
Mr. J. C. Douglas

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)
Mrs. M. G. Hall (Asst. Secretary)
Miss D. M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

- AF GP76/ 1 APOLOGIES Miss Milligan, Miss Collie, Mr. Cunningham
- MI GP76/ 2 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting on 6th September were approved unanimously.
- BU GP76/ 3 BUSINESS It was noted that the Executive Council had given approval
AF ARISING for the affiliation of the Nittany Scottish Dancers Group.
- AF GP76/ 4 REMIT FROM Miss Paterson, Secretary of Glasgow Branch, was present
FC AGM(Glasgow during consideration of this item. After discussing the
FC Branch matter fully it was decided to put the following
Resolution) recommendation to the Executive Council:
- AF "Whenever possible Branches should be requested or advised to
AF put resolutions in as early as possible in the season for
discussion by the Executive Council who may remit the
matter to any competent sub-committee thereof, thus allowing
the Society as a whole to know what is in the mind of the
Branch. Where a matter is urgent the present procedure be
adopted with some change in timing i.e. resolutions must be
in by the end of the Society's financial year (30th June).
Thereafter, if possible, they will be discussed by the
Executive Council and if not possible then by the General
Purposes Committee or the principal officers of the Society.
- Amendments must reach the Secretary by the end of August.
The only amendments to be taken at the AGM will be those
submitted by the end of August and notified to Branches at
least 14 days before the AGM.
- Resolutions concerning finance may require to have special
rules."
- The Committee agreed that the purpose of any changes in
procedure concerning the submission of resolutions and
amendments should be such that the business of the Society is
made more open to the Branches and to give time for considera-
tion of resolutions and amendments before the Annual General
Meeting.
- The Secretary was asked to be prepared to give a timetable
for the preparation of the A.G.M.
- GP76/ 5 BUSINESS (a) Headquarters during Summer School: It was decided in
REMITTED principle that Headquarters should remain open during the
FROM THE period of Summer School and the matter was then remitted
EXECUTIVE to the Finance Committee to make the necessary staffing
COUNCIL arrangements.

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(b) Committee Arrangements: It was agreed to recommend
that there be three Executive Council Meetings per year,
the first to be two to three weeks after the AGM which
would have as its principal business the election of
Committees, and another to be held during the summer
School period either at St. Andrews or Edinburgh.
Mr. Douglas asked that his dissent be recorded to having
a meeting during August and at St. Andrews.

It was further decided that before the first meeting
after the AGM Branches should be supplied with a note of
the previous year's Committee members and the list of
Branch representatives for the ensuing year from whom
the new Committee members would be selected.

- GP76/ 6 ARBROATH The Committee received a report from the Arbroath Branch
BRANCH Secretary that no AGM had been held since May, 1969, that
classes were no longer held and that he felt the possibility
of a fresh start should be explored.
- It was decided that, in conjunction with the Branch Secretary,
a General Meeting of the Arbroath Branch should be called by
Headquarters and that any Groups in the area should be
invited to attend and an effort made to resuscitate the
Branch and to form a Committee.
- GP76/ 7 HUNTER Three of the formerly affiliated Groups who had been included
VALLEY in the Hunter Valley Branch (Australia) in 1975 had put
BRANCH forward representations querying their present status
(St. David's, Strath Hunter, Newcastle Colleges). It was
resolved to write to Hunter Valley Branch for their
observations in the first instance.
- GP76/ 8 APPLICATIONS (a) It was agreed to recommend authorisation to endeavour to
FOR BRANCH form a Branch in the following cases:
FORMATION (i) Gothenburg Branch (Sweden)
(ii) Twin Cities Branch (Minneapolis)
- (b) In the case of Royal Tunbridge Wells Group it was
decided to recommend affiliation in the first instance
and, when stronger in membership, the Group could apply
to form a Branch.
- GP76/ 9 APPLICATIONS (a) It was agreed to recommend the affiliation of the follow-
FOR ing groups:
AFFILIATION (i) Bergvliet Scottish Country Dance Group (S. Africa)
(ii) Tadley Scottish Country Dancing Club, Basingstoke
(iii) Tokyo & Yokohama Scottish Country Dancers *
(iv) Lae Scottish Dancing Group, Papua, New Guinea
(v) Milton Keynes Scottish Country Dance Society, Bedfordshire
(vi) Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Group
- * These Groups to be asked to try to get one of their
members qualified to teach.
- (b) It was decided to suspend further consideration of the
Round 9' Scottish Country Dance Club's application for
affiliation until such time as the attempt had been made
to resuscitate Arbroath Branch. The Club would be
invited to the meeting referred to in GP76/6 above.

GP76/10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) 1977: It was recommended that the invitation of Stirling Branch to hold the AGM in Stirling in 1976 (their Jubilee year) be accepted, the dates to be 4/5th November.
- (b) 1978: Glasgow Branch had offered to be hosts for the AGM in 1978 and it was decided to put this invitation forward to the Executive Council.

GP76/11 RECORDINGS

The Chairman informed the Committee that, with the help of Miss Quirk, he had compiled a list of recordings of music for the Society's dances and for some others. This list would be maintained at Headquarters and the information would be available for anyone enquiring.

He also stated that there was a body of recorded music which would disappear in the course of time and suggested that the Society should acquire a tape-recorder and record player; the tape recorder would be particularly useful for recordings of the Society's pianists at Summer School. He had discussed these proposals with Miss Milligan who had concurred.

Dr. Currie thought Branches might be prepared to donate a record (or cash equivalent) to the collection and each record would bear the name of the Branch who had donated it or had subscribed to it.

The Committee was, in principle, sympathetic to these ideas which were remitted to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

GP76/12 TAXATION OVERSEAS

Northern Virginia Branch had notified Headquarters that under US law they could not retain their exemption from Income Tax if the RSCDS (an organisation with its Headquarters outwith USA) were to be the beneficiary upon the Branch dissolution. The Treasurer was asked to look into the position.

GP76/13 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting would take place on 1st May, 1976, in the forenoon.

The meeting closed, with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, at 12.45 p.m.

Leslie R. Currie
1.5.76.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON 1ST MAY, 1976, AT 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Dr. L. R. Currie (in the Chair)
Mr. J. E. Cunningham, Mr. J. C. Douglas, Dr. I. Hall,
Mr. D. Macleod, Miss F. Martin, Miss B. A. Nairn, Mrs. J. Thomson

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M.G. Hall (Asst. Secretary)
Miss D. M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

GP76/14 APOLOGIES

Miss Milligan, Mr. Taylor, Miss Gordon, Miss Collie

GP76/15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 7th February were unanimously approved.

GP76/16 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP76/5(a) Summer School Staff: The recommendations of the Director of Summer School were accepted.

(b) GP76/5(b) It was noted that the Executive Council had agreed that there be three Council Meetings per year, the first being two to three weeks after the AGM, the second in May and the third in August.

As requested by Council, the Committee considered the possibility of holding the AGM in the forenoon and the Executive Council in the afternoon of the AGM Saturday. The Committee recommended that the AGM be held in the afternoon and that for the coming year the programme of Executive Council meetings should remain as already decided.

(c) GP76/6 Arbroath Branch: The Chairman reported that he and the Secretary had attended a Special General Meeting of Arbroath Branch on 8th April when some 37 members had been present. A full new Committee had been elected and there was every hope that the Branch would now increase. During the meeting the point had been made that the Society might well spend some of its funds on strengthening Branches at home as well as on expansion overseas.

In respect of the Branch's query regarding expenses of a visit from a demonstration team, consideration would be given to Headquarters bearing some of the cost if the Branch submitted a statement.

The application of the "Round O" for affiliation had been laid aside pending the investigation of the Branch situation and the Committee now instructed the Secretary to ascertain if the "Round O" wished, in view of the re-activation of the Branch, to pursue their application for affiliation.

(d) GP76/7 Hunter Valley Branch: The Branch had now confirmed which formerly affiliated groups were within the Branch and which were not with the result that adjustments were now necessary in the next issue of the Bulletin.

(e) GP76/10 - AGM: The Committee noted that the Executive Council had accepted the invitations of Stirling and Glasgow Branches to be hosts for the Annual General Meetings in 1977 (4/5 Nov) and 1978 (3/4 Nov) respectively.

(f) GP76/11 Recorded Music Library: The Committee noted that the Executive Council had approved the setting up of a library of recorded music at Headquarters. Mrs. Thomson asked what the cost of a record would be. The Committee agreed that prices varied but that £3 might be taken as the figure.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH
ON SATURDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1977 AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair)
Miss J. C. Milligan, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. J.R.Cunningham,
Miss M.Y.K.Cunningham, Mr. J.C.Douglas, Miss F.M.Gordon,
Mr. J.D.L. Gregor, Dr. I.Hall, Miss D. Leurs,
Miss F. Martin, Miss B.A. Nairn, Mrs. J.O. Thomson

ATTENDING : Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M.G. Hall (Assistant
Secretary), Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

GP77/1 APOLOGIES

Dr. L. R. Currie

GP77/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 1st May, 1976, were approved
unanimously.

GP77/3 BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) The Committee noted that the Round O' Scottish Country Dance Club no longer desired to affiliate as the majority of their members had now transferred to the East Angus Branch of the Society.
- (b) From correspondence from the Hunter Valley Branch it now appeared that affiliated groups in the area had wished to remain as such although members from the groups had joined Hunter Valley Branch on its formation. The Committee agreed exceptionally to the affiliated groups who wished to remain affiliated directly to Headquarters being permitted to do so on their now making this request and with the concurrence of Hunter Valley Branch.
- (c) The Committee noted that the use of the words "Scottish Country Dance Society" used by the University of Dundee Scottish Country Dance Society did not infringe on the Society's title according to legal advice since they formed part only of the University Society's title.

GP77/4 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

After discussing the possible confusion for Branches in distributing membership cards from two sources it was agreed to leave the present system in operation whereby Long Term Membership Cards should be issued by the Secretary at Headquarters and Annual Membership Cards would be distributed to Branches by the Treasurer. It was decided that Branches should be requested to send unused cards back to the Treasurer.

GP77/5 CONSTITUTIONS

- (a) The Committee considered the request from Glasgow Branch that their Constitution be approved with Amendments to the Constitution and Rules requiring not less than two thirds of the members 'present and voting'. It had previously been suggested to the Branch that 'and voting' should be replaced with the phrase 'and entitled to vote.' Mr. Douglas, seconded by Miss Gordon, moved that the request from Glasgow Branch be rejected and this was unanimously agreed. It was decided to ask the Branch to reconsider their draft Constitution.

(b) Melbourne and District Branch - The Committee approved the amendments to their Constitution submitted by Melbourne and District Branch.

(c) Calgary Branch - The Constitution for Calgary Branch was approved subject to two items being clarified (the disbandment clause requiring assets to revert to the Society and the recognition by the Branch that groups may not be affiliated to Branches but to the Headquarters of the Society)

GP77/6 DISBANDMENT

The Committee recommended that Peebles Branch should be permitted to disband and that any assets should be transferred to Roxburgh and Selkirk Branch to which the remaining Peebles Branch members had transferred.

GP77/7 CHANGE OF NAME

Roxburgh and Selkirk Branch had requested permission to change the Branch name to "Roxburgh Selkirk and Peebles Branch" and the Committee unanimously approved the change.

GP77/8 COST OF MEETINGS

The Finance Committee had invited the General Purposes Committee to recommend ways of cutting costs in view of the high expenditure on travel to meetings. Mr. Douglas, seconded by Miss Milligan, moved that the Society should no longer have elected members to Executive Council. Miss Leurs, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, moved that the status quo be retained. The ensuing voting was:

For abolishing six elected members8
Against abolition3

It was decided to recommend to the Executive Council that the following amendment to the Constitution and Rules should be placed on the Annual General Meeting agenda:

"VI. Executive Council
(1) Membership

Delete sub-para (b) and insert:

"The Executive Council shall consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman elected annually by the Society in General Meeting, and one representative from each Branch of the Society. The Immediate Past Chairman shall be a member ex officio of the Executive Council for one year after demitting office."

Delete sub-para (d) and renumber (e) and (f) as (d) and (e) respectively.

(New) Sub-para (d)

After "Chairman" in line 6 delete ',' and insert 'and'.
Delete 'and six members annually appointed'

(New) sub-para (e)

In line 1 after "Chairman" delete ',' insert 'and'
After 'Vice Chairman' delete 'and six members.' "

In continuing the discussion on ways of cutting costs Mr. Taylor suggested a feasibility study might be made to consider a National Executive Council of, say, 20 members with Branches meeting in set areas. It was agreed that an ad hoc committee should be formed and a study made.

GP77/9 BRANCHES REQUIRING ASSISTANCE

It was decided that where Branch membership appeared to be dropping to an unacceptable level an Office Bearer should arrange to visit the Branch to discuss how to remedy the situation and where possible arrange for assistance to be given. The Secretary was asked to keep the Chairman informed of Branches in this category.

GP77/10 CUTS IN LOCAL AUTHORITY SPENDING

The effect of local authority cuts in spending on Scottish Country Dancing classes was considered. It was finally decided that, as conditions varied from one authority to another, Branches should take the matter up with their own local authority and that Headquarters would give any backing necessary.

A report was noted from Mr. Barnes who represented the R.S.C.D.S. on the Eastern Region Movement and Dance Liaison Group.

GP77/11 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

The Executive Council had remitted to the Committee consideration of an event to mark the 25th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. The Committee agreed that it was now too late to consider the matter as the Queen's programme was fully committed.

GP77/12 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1977

Stirling Branch had requested that the AGM should be held in the afternoon. This had already been arranged.

GP77/13 BRANCH FORMATION

The Committee noted that the St. Andrews Society of Denmark did not now wish to proceed with Branch formation authorised by the Executive Council (Minute EC76/15)

GP77/14 AFFILIATIONS

- (a) Polycarp International Folklore)
- (b) Ceilidh Country Dancers, Fort Worth, Texas) Unanimously
- (c) Fergus Scottish Country Dance Club, Ontario)
- (d) New Smyrna Beach S.C.D. Group, Florida) approved
- (e) Union Church Reel Club, Hong Kong)

GP77/15 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT

The Committee recommended that Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton be appointed an Honorary Vice President of the Society. The Secretary reported that he would be prepared to accept the appointment.

GP77/16 BRANCH PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Douglas raised the possibility of Headquarters selling publications, records, etc. produced by Branches. The matter was remitted to the Finance Committee for consideration.

GP77/17 NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 7th May, at 10.30 a.m. in Edinburgh

Duncan MacLeod
7/5/77

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 7TH MAY, 1977 AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr D Macleod (in the Chair)
Mr J Taylor, Miss M Y K Cunningham, Mr J C Douglas,
Mr J D L Gregor, Miss F M Gordon, Miss D Leurs,
Miss F Martin, Miss B A Nairn, Mrs J O Thomson

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary); Mrs M G Hall (Assistant
Secretary); Miss D M Vaughan (Treasurer)

GP77/18 APOLOGIES

Dr L R Currie, Mr J R Cunningham, Dr I Hall, Miss J C Milligan

GP77/19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 5 February, 1977, were approved unanimously.

GP77/20 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) Glasgow Branch were unable to agree to an amendment suggested by the Executive Council and the General Purposes Committee further considered the matter. Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Gregor, moved that a recommendation be made to the Executive Council to approve the Constitution which states at Clause VIII (Amendments to the Constitution and Rules) "Before any proposed amendment to the Constitution and Rules of the Branch may be put into effect it shall have received the vote of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting."

(b) The Committee noted that the Calgary Branch had agreed to the Committee's recommendations and that the Branch Constitution would now go forward to the Executive Council for approval.

GP77/21 CONSTITUTION

Kitchener-Waterloo Branch had submitted their Branch Constitution for approval and, on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee had made some amendments. However, they asked approval to exclude from membership young people under 16. The General Purposes Committee felt they could not accept this principle which would be at variance with the Society's Constitution and Rules.

GP77/22 APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

(a) Glossop Scottish Country Dancers, Derbyshire
(b) Tacoma Scottish Country Dancers, Washington, USA
(c) St Andrews & St Marks S.C.D. Group, Porton, Wiltshire
(d) Wallasey Scottish Country Dance Group, Merseyside

} Approved
unanimously

GP77/23 APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION

(a) Leicestershire Branch (formerly Leicestershire
Caledonian Society)
(b) Puget Sound Branch, Washington, USA
(c) South East Queensland, Australia

} Approved
unanimously

GP77/24

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT UNIVERSITY HALL, ST. ANDREWS
ON SATURDAY, 30TH JULY, 1977 AT 11.00 A.M.

Present: Mr. J. Taylor (in the Chair), Dr. J. C. Milligan, Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham, Mr. J. C. Douglas, Miss F. M. Gordon, Miss F. Martin, Miss B.A. Nairn, Mrs. J.C. Thomson

Attending: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary) Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

GP77/30 APOLOGIES

Dr. Currie, Mr. Gregor, Miss Leurs, Mr. Macleod (who was absent on Summer School duty)

GP77/31 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 7th May, 1977 were approved.

GP77/32 BUSINESS ARISING

GP77/24 - The Committee noted that the Executive Council had agreed that the Constitution required those elected to office to have more than half the votes cast and that the number of votes cast should be announced and minuted.

GP77/33 CONSTITUTION

The Committee decided to recommend that the amendments submitted by Airdrie and Coatbridge Branch to their Constitution should be approved including the change of name to Monklands Branch.

GP77/34 BRANCH FORMATION

The Committee recommended that approval be given to form the 'Three Counties Branch' in Surrey.

GP77/35 APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

The High Landers, Quito, Ecuador	} Approval	
St. Thomas Scottish Country Dance Group, Ontario		} recommended
Queon City Scottish Country Dancers, Regina, Saskatchewan		

GP77/36 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1979

The Committee recommended that the offer by Edinburgh Branch to be hosts to the A.G.M. in 1979 (2/3 Nov) should be gratefully accepted.

Discussion ensued regarding the venues for Annual General Meetings and the Committee, while of the opinion that in principle these meetings should be held in Scotland, felt that it would consider sympathetically any offer from Newcastle upon Tyne Branch to host the A.G.M. as they might reasonably be considered as a Border location.

GP77/37 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be fixed by the Executive Council at the first meeting after the A.G.M.

Duncan Macleod.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1978, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mr. J. Taylor, Miss J.G. Bowie,
Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham, Mr. J.C. Douglas, Miss F.M. Gordon,
Mr. W. A. Gray, Mr. J.D.L. Gregor, Miss D. Leurs, Miss F. Martin
Miss B.A. Nairn, Mrs. J.O. Thomson

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M.G. Hall (Cashier),
Miss D. M. Vaughan (Treasurer).

GP78/1 APOLOGIES

Dr. J. C. Milligan

GP78/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 30th July, 1978 were approved.

GP78/3 BUSINESS ARISING

GP77/36 - AGM 1979: The Committee noted that Edinburgh Branch had not
offered, but were willing, to host the AGM in 1979.

GP78/4 SOUTH AFRICA

A letter from the Scottish Sports Council in respect of contacts with
South Africa was noted.

GP78/5 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

(a) Thistle Club Dumfries. At the request of the Executive Council the
Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Society had visited Dumfries to meet
representatives of the Thistle Club and of the Dumfries Branch. After
hearing a report from these Office Bearers the Committee decided to
recommend to the Executive Council that the application for affiliation
of the Thistle Club should be approved.

(b) The following applications for affiliation were also recommended for
approval by the Executive Council:

Bracknell Reel Club, Berkshire, England
Scottish Country Dancing Society of Berlin, Germany
Kingussie Scottish Country Dance Club, Inverness-shire
St. Giles Scottish Country Dance Club, Calgary, Canada
Halton School of Scottish Country Dancing, Cheshire, England.

GP78/6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROCEDURE

(a) A query had arisen as to whether 'proposers and seconders' for office-
bearers and elected members had to be Branches or individuals within
Branches. The Committee agreed that the rule in the Society was that
names required on the nomination forms were those of the individual
members within the Branch who had proposed and seconded the nomination.

(b) It was decided not to set up a sub-committee to look into the organisa-
tion of A.G.M. weekends but that the General Purposes Committee as a
whole would deal with the matter at its next meeting. The Secretary
was asked to ascertain from Branches in Scotland where suitable
locations existed for future A.G.Ms.

In the meantime the Committee agreed that no fee could be charged
for delegates as all Branches had the right of representation at the
Annual General Meetings.

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GP78/7 ALTERNATIVE COPIES 1978

As the Publications Committee had been unable to meet in January,
the General Purposes Committee approved the alternatives to be
offered in 1978 as subscription copies:-

Books with Music 19-24 inclusive
Graded Book,
Five Traditional Dances 1965
Golden Jubilee Brochure,
Three Dances 1976 - Flora MacDonald's Fancy, - Earl of Erroll
Pocket Editions xiii-xv; xvi-xviii - xxii & Graded,
xxiii, xxiv and 5 Trad.

GP78/8 RECORD

The Committee recommended that a record should be produced with
this year's subscription copy. As a small record would be
uneconomical it was recommended that a LP be produced with the
subscription copy dances on one side and other popular dances not
often recorded, on the other. This recommendation was remitted to
the Finance Committee.

GP78/9 DIARIES

In response to enquiries the Committee considered the provision of
a Society Diary and decided to recommend this to the Finance Committee.

GP78/9 NEXT MEETING

29th April, 1978, Edinburgh

The meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

Duncan Macleod.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON
SATURDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1978, AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Taylor (in the Chair), Mr. D. Macleod, Mr. A.I.K. Baird, Gp.Capt. Huxley, Miss A.W.Miller, Mrs. M.G.Parker, Miss D.A. Paterson, Miss M.M.Ross

ATTENDING: Miss M.M.Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M.G.Hall (Cashier)
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer).

F78/1 APOLOGIES

Dr. J. C. Milligan, Miss F.I. Galway

F78/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 22nd October, 1977, were approved.

F78/3 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) F77/41(b) V.A.T: The Treasurer reported that she was still trying to rid V.A.T Officials of the idea that the Society came under the category of dance hall proprietors. Once they recognised that the Society was there to carry on the tradition of Scottish Country Dancing she anticipated that progress would be made.

(b) F77/47

(i) No further estimates had been forwarded in respect of repairs to the guttering; it was agreed to shelve the matter until a further approach was made to the Society.

(ii) Mr. Taylor's enquiries had elicited that Headquarters building was listed as Category A (i.e. of national importance) and no alterations or repairs could be carried out which would change the structure or appearance. Similar buildings were insured for £40 per square foot and the estimated value of the building was £144,000. Taking into account all the circumstances, he considered that insurance should provide cover of £75,000. Miss Vaughan confirmed that the Society was insured for around £25,000. The Committee decided that this figure should be increased to £75,000. It was also suggested that the Treasurer should invite the insurance company to visit the building.

(c) F77/50 - Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund: The total amount contributed to date through Headquarters was £39.25. It was decided to ask Branches to send in information of contributions made directly to the Fund.

(d) F77/51(b) The Committee noted the Executive Council's decision regarding the recording by the Newcastle Branch. It was pointed out that any music which is the copyright of the Society cannot be recorded and Branches should contact Headquarters first (as Newcastle had done).

(e) F77/51(c) Cassettes: The Secretary reported that there would be no problem regarding the production of cassettes as well as records and at prices in line with records, depending on quantities ordered.

(f) F77/51(d) Council to Encourage Arts: This Council was to be a representative group set up by the Saltire Society to suggest policies in the Arts and Education and to press for their adoption in the Assembly. The organisation of the group was not yet settled but the Saltire Society would keep this Society informed.

F78/4 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(a) The Statement of Accounts paid since the last meeting was approved. Totals - £1333.62 for October; £33,896.35 for November; £5923.73 for December.

(b) The list of investments was received and changes approved.

(c) The Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period 1st July to 31st December, 1977, was examined and the satisfactory position noted.

F78/5 SUBSCRIPTION COPIES - POSTAGE

The Committee decided that the present policy regarding postage on subscription copies should continue meantime.

F78/6 ADJUDICATORS AND EXAMINERS

The Committee agreed that rates for adjudicators and examiners should be increased as follows:

(a) Adjudicators - to £10 per single session or £7 per session if more than one - a single session being three hours.

(b) Examiners - to £2 per hour.

It was decided that increases (if approved by Council) should be effective from 1st July, 1978.

F78/7 CHARDON D'ECOSSE

The Committee agreed that a sum of £30 be paid to Chardon d'Ecosse for booklets supplied to the Society in 1975.

F78/8 OFFICE MAINTENANCE

(a) Efforts were still being made to obtain a reasonable quotation for partitioning for storage of the records in the Recorded Music Library.

(b) It was decided not to take out a maintenance agreement for the photocopier meantime and to see how it went this year.

F78/9 SUBSCRIPTION COPIES 1978

It was decided to accept the quotation of Bell, Aird and Coghill for the 1978 subscription copy (Four Scottish Country Dances 1978) - approximately £1200 and that the retail price would be 25p. It was also agreed that "Five Traditional Dances" would retail at 25p from 1st July.

F78/10 RECORD FOR 1978 SUBSCRIPTION COPY

The General Purposes Committee had recommended that a record be produced this year to include the new dances. The Secretary was instructed to obtain a quotation from Mr. Bobby Crowe and from Craighall Studios with the intention of having the record available at Summer School. The Committee authorised expenditure for the provision of 1500 records and 500 cassettes.

F78/11 DIARIES

The General Purposes Committee had recommended the provision of a diary and quotations had been received from two sources and others were awaited. It was decided to authorise expenditure of approximately £600 for the provision of 1,000 Society diaries.

F78/12 STAFF - SALARIES

Salary payments from 1st January were approved. Supplementary payments were discontinued and one annual review date fixed for 1st January each year (Details in paper apart).

F78/12 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Miss Paterson suggested that as members at Summer School liked to take home gifts, the question of stocking RSCDS dish towels might be considered. The Secretary was asked to obtain information and the Treasurer undertook to give her details of possible sources. The matter was remitted to the Publications Committee.

(b) It was agreed that a review of Branch Accounts would be considered at the next meeting.

F78/13 NEXT MEETING - 29th April, 1978, in Edinburgh, at 2 p.m.
The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

29th April 78. Duncan Macleod - Chair.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH
ON SATURDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1978, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr.D.Macleod (in the Chair), Mr. J. Taylor, Miss J.G.Bowie,
Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham, Mr. J.C. Douglas, Miss F.M. Gordon,
Mr. W. A. Gray, Mr. J.D.L. Gregor, Miss D. Leurs, Miss F.Martin,
Miss B.A. Nairn, Mrs. J.O. Thomson, Dr. J.C. Milligan.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M.Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M.G. Hall (Cashier)
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer).

GP78/10 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

GP78/11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 28th January, 1978 were approved.

GP78/12 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the Minutes and not included elsewhere
in the agenda.

GP78/13 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) The Committee considered the information and suggestions provided by
Branches and after discussion made the following recommendations for
the consideration of the Executive Council:

- (i) The practice should continue of having a function before the
A.G.M. for members of the Executive Council and Office Bearers.
- (ii) It was suggested that this might take the form of a light buffet
lunch which would both reduce the cost and allow participants to
move about and mix more readily than at a set lunch.
- (iii) Branches should be allowed to run the evenings' entertainments
as they wished; should they run into financial difficulty
Headquarters could help.
- (iv) The host Branch was responsible for Ball, Dance, Lunch Tea
Anything else was the responsibility of Headquarters.
- (v) There was no evidence in the information from Branches of any
desire to alter the social programme at the A.G.M.

(b) It was remitted to the Finance Committee to consider -

- (i) whether or not HQ could underwrite 50% of the lunch if there
were to be a charge (occasionally lunch is provided as official
hospitality by the local Council);
 - (ii) whether or not there should be help with expenses of delegates
from distant Branches - e.g. by a 'pool' system.
- Where this was no alternative*
(c) No objection was seen to having more than one Hall for social
events, the primarily important factor being to accept everyone who
wanted to come to the Ball.

(d) Venues: Offers and tentative offers had been received for hosting
future Annual General Meetings. From these the General Purposes
Committee would recommend holding the A.G.M. in Dumfries in 1980 (if
the tentative offer became firm) and in Aberdeen in 1981 (this
latter was a firm offer which could be taken up in 1980 if necessary)

GP78/14 CONSTITUTIONS

- (a) The South East Queensland Branch Constitution was in order and
the Committee recommended approval.
- (b) The amendments to the Mornington Peninsula Branch were recommended
for approval.

GP78/15 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

(a) Applications from the following groups for affiliation were
recommended:

- (a) Cannich S.C.D. Club Ross-shire
- (b) Portrose S.C.D. Club Ross-shire
- (c) Kogarah Presbyterian Church S.C.D. Club, Sydney, Australia
- (d) Kelowna S.C.D. Group, Canada
- (e) Gambia Caledonian Society, The Gambia
- (f) St. Andrew's Society of Pensacola, Florida, S.C.Dancers
- (g) S.C.D. Society of Buffalo, New York State
- (h) Glen Avon S.C.Dancers, California
- (i) Kuching S.C.D. Group, Malaysia
- (j) Scottish Country Dancers in Miami, Florida.

(b) The application from Nelson S.C.D. Group was recommended for approval
if and when confirmation of support from Calgary Branch was received.

GP78/16 AUSTRALIA

A request had been received from Melbourne and District Branch on behalf
of Branches in Australia that the Chairman should visit Australia in
1979. The Committee unanimously approved the request in principle
noting that the Finance Committee would consider the financial aspects.

GP78/17 FILM

The Committee recommended that from 1979 the film, "Mr. Menuhin's
Welcome to Blair Castle," should be available for hire by affiliated
Groups. It was remitted to the Finance Committee to consider hire
charges and to look into the possibility of purchasing another copy.

GP78/18 NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 5th August, 1978 at 11.00 a.m. at St. Andrews

The meeting closed, with a vote of thanks to the Chair, at 12.45 p.m.

Duncan Macleod
5th Aug

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH
ON SATURDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1978, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mr. J. Taylor, Miss J. G. Bowie,
Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham, Mr. J.C. Douglas, Miss F.M. Gordon,
Mr. J. D. L. Gregor, Miss D. Lours, Miss F. Martin, Miss B.A. Nairn,
Mrs. J. O. Thomson

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary) Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

GP78/19 OBITUARY

The Committee recorded their deep and sincere sorrow at the death of Dr. Milligan.

GP78/20 APOLOGIES

Mr. W.A. Gray

GP78/21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 29th April were unanimously approved.

GP78/22 BUSINESS ARISING

GP78/6(a) and GP78/13(c) - The Committee noted minor amendments made to these Minutes by the Executive Council on 13th May.

GP78/23 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Firm offers to host the A.G.M. had been received from Dumfries Branch (1981) and Ayr (1983)

The Committee noted that the Executive Council had accepted the offer of Aberdeen to host the A.G.M. in 1980 and that Elgin Branch were considering putting in an offer in the future.

GP78/24 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Committee, at the Executive Council's request, considered the date of the first Executive Meeting after the A.G.M. In view of action to be taken before the end of any year it was recommended that no change should be made in the present practice of holding the first Executive Meeting two weeks after the AGM.

GP78/25 BRANCH FORMATION

The Committee recommended that approval be given to Houston Scottish Country Dancers to form a Branch.

GP78/26 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

- (a) Amendments were approved to Birmingham, Bournemouth and Ottawa Branch Constitutions.
- (b) Cheltenham Branch Constitution was approved.
- (c) The Seattle Branch Constitution was approved with the proviso that the Branch did not include juniors in any returns of membership to Headquarters and that it was made clear that juniors were not entitled to full rights; any rights accorded to them could be included in the by-laws.

GP78/27 REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO MINUTES AND RECORDS

The Committee agreed that Society Minutes should be made available to Mr. Richard Goss within the Society's Headquarters to aid him in his approved programme with the School of Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh, on condition that the Society would be given a copy of his thesis and be informed if he were to use the material in a publication for sale.

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GP78/28 REQUEST TO USE SOCIETY DANCE INSTRUCTIONS

The Committee had received a request from a teacher in Delaware to include Society instructions in a book she was preparing. The Committee wished to see her current volume on dances of United States and Mexico to judge the direction in which she was moving before coming to any decision.

GP78/29 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

(a) A paper submitted by the Secretary on affiliation policy was considered and approved. The Committee agreed that applications for affiliation should always be accepted unless something was known to the detriment of the applicant group.

It was also considered that where the Executive Council disagreed with the Committee's recommendation, a matter should be remitted back to the Committee for reconsideration before any final decision was reached.

(b) The Committee noted the decisions of the Executive Council with regard to the Thistle Club (Dumfries) and the Fortrose S.C.D. Club.

(c) The following applications for affiliation were recommended for approval:

Orlando Scottish Country Dance Group, Florida
Ras al Hamra Scottish Dance Section, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman
Tucson Scottish Country Dance Society, Arizona
Tananger Scottish Country Dance Group, Norway
Bonnie Strathyre Scottish Country Dancers, Michigan
Madison Scottish Country Dance Group, Wisconsin
Doncaster and District Scottish Country Dance Society
Harpenien Scottish Country Dance Club

GP78/30 DISBANDMENT

It was recommended that Kinlochleven Branch should be disbanded.

GP78/31 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be decided by the Executive Council in November.

Duncan MacLeod

27/1/79

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1979, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mr. J. Taylor, Miss J. G. Bowie,
Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham, Mr. J.C. Douglas, Mrs. N. Dunn,
Mr. J.D.R. Gregor, Miss B.A. Nairn, Mrs. J.O. Thomson

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M.G. Hall (Cashier)
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

GP79/1 APOLOGIES

Mr. W. A. Gray, Dr. I. Hall, Miss F. Martin

GP79/2 OBITUARY

The Committee learned with regret that Sir Herbert Brechin (a Vice President of the Society) had died on 25th January. As the family had requested no letters or flowers it was resolved as a gesture of sympathy to send Lady Brechin flowers a little later on.

GP79/3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 5th August were unanimously approved, the location of meeting having been amended to Edinburgh.

GP79/4 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising which was not already included in the Agenda.

GP79/5 BRANCH FORMATION DATES

It was decided that the official formation date of a Branch must be that authorised by the Executive Council and so noted in the Minutes.

Where new Branches were formed from the splitting of an older one this would be so noted in the Society's historical records and there was no reason why functions should not be held to celebrate the jubilee of the foundation of an organised Scottish Country Dance Group or Centre where this had occurred at an earlier date than Branch formation.

GP79/6 AGM 1982

The Committee recommended that the offer of the Elgin Branch to hold the AGM in 1982 should be accepted and it was suggested that the Branch should be asked to consider holding the Ball on the Saturday evening because of the difficulty of members from a distance being able to arrive in time for a function on Friday.

GP79/7 CONSTITUTIONS

- (a) Edinburgh Branch - The revised Branch Constitution was approved.
- (b) Northern Virginia Branch: Several amendments were proposed all save one being in order and approved. The amendment was not approved which barred members who did not pay tuition from voting and from counting towards a quorum. This could not be accepted as it was at variance with the Society's Constitution.
- (c) Melbourne Branch: An amendment to the Melbourne Branch on the method of voting for Executive Officers was approved.

GP79/8 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND

While suggestions for the use to which this Fund should be put were still coming in, the Committee decided in principle that it should be used for the work of the Society world wide. The Committee felt that there was merit in the suggestions to increase the number of Jean Milligan scholarships to, say, four and to allot one of these for a RSCDS member in an Affiliated Group if required, and to boost those resources already in the funds to enable more teachers to go abroad. It was agreed, however, to defer definite decisions in this matter until a later date to allow time for further donations and suggestions to come in.

GP79/9 INTERNATIONAL CLAN GATHERING NOVA SCOTIA 1979

The Chairman explained that the Organisers of the I.C.G. Nova Scotia had asked that a demonstration team from Scotland should participate in the events. Firm details were still awaited but the Committee felt that in principle the matter might be pursued and that the Finance Committee should be asked to look at the financial considerations.

GP79/10 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Mr. Macleod told the Committee that the Society had been approached by the Aviemore authorities and Tourist Promotion (Scotland) to assist in a project to hold an international festival of Scottish Country Dancing in 1981 at Aviemore. The matter was still tentative but Mr. Macleod emphasised that the Society would be under no financial obligations. Further information would be forwarded to Branches and Groups when it became available.

GP79/11 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Les Ballerins de France - approval recommended

GP79/12 BRANCH FORMATIONS

- (a) Milton Keynes, England)
- (b) Doncaster & District, England) Approval recommended
- (c) Delft (Holland))

GP79/13 ANNIVERSARIES

The Committee noted that greetings had been sent to Banffshire (50th) and Hamilton Ontario (25th)

GP79/14 CHAIRMAN'S VISITS

- (a) The Committee noted that the visit of the Chairman to Australia was now definitely scheduled for the first three weeks in July, 1979.
- (b) Mr. Macleod intimated that at the Vancouver Branch's invitation, he was going to Canada for a brief visit at Easter.

GP79/15 NEXT MEETING

21st April, 1979 - Edinburgh

The meeting closed at 12.48 p.m.

Duncan Macleod
Chairman.

21/ APRIL 1979.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH
ON SATURDAY, 21st APRIL, 1979, AT 11.00 a.m.

Present: Mr D Macleod (in the Chair), Mr J Taylor, Miss J G Bowie
Miss M Y K Cunningham, Mrs N Dunn, Mr W A Gray, Mr J D R Gregor,
Dr I Hall, Miss F Martin, Miss B A Nairn, Mrs J O Thomson

Attending: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary), Mrs M G Hall (Cashier),
Miss D M Vaughan (Treasurer).

GP79/16 APOLOGIES

Mr J C Douglas

GP79/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 27th January, 1979, were approved.

GP79/18 BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) GP79/5 Submission from St Andrews Branch : It was agreed that the date of formation of St Andrews Branch should be recognised as 1937.
- (b) GP79/8 Memorial Fund: Further suggestions from Branches were considered. It was agreed not to tie the fund down too specifically but to consider annually on what the interest should be expended from a number of approved suggestions: e.g. additional scholarships to include affiliated groups, and to extend those offered to young members; to offer scholarships to mature members overseas where less regular visits were made by teachers from the UK; to give help to overseas branches less regularly visited by sending out teachers and examiners to those areas concerned; assistance for overseas would-be teachers to attend St Andrews Summer School.
- (c) The offer of a plaque in memory of Dr Milligan had been made by the President of the Caernarvonshire & Anglesey Caledonian Society. The Committee decided to accept the offer and empowered the Chairman and Secretary to act in the matter.
- (d) GP79/12(c) Delft : Further submission from the Hague and District Branch and from the group in Delft were considered. It was decided to maintain the recommendation that the group should be given authority to endeavour to form a Branch but that, having studied a map of the area, the Committee had decided that Rijswijk should remain in the Hague and District Branch territory.
- (e) GP79/9 - The Chairman reported that the original project to send a demonstration team to Nova Scotia appeared to have been dropped though no definite intimation had come from the organisers. However, they had asked for a teacher to go over to join the staff of a 'Workshop' during the Gathering. All expenses would be borne by the organisers. Mrs Corson had been nominated to go. In the circumstances the Secretary was advised to write to those Branches who had offered dancers for the team to tell them that the matter should now be considered as off.

GP79/19 INVITATION FROM BELGIAN FOLK GROUP

An invitation had been received for two representatives of the Society to attend a celebration with a Folk Group in Belgium. Mr Gregor and his wife were nominated to represent the Society.

GP79/20 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

The amendments proposed for the New York Branch Constitution were approved.

GP79/21 SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

The Committee appointed a sub-committee of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary to review the Constitution and make any necessary recommendations in the light also of Branch suggestions which would be received later this year, so that any amendments necessary could be made before the Constitution was reprinted. It was suggested that Mr Brown might be co-opted to the Sub-Committee.

GP79/22 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

The following applications for affiliation were recommended for acceptance subject in some cases to further correspondence being received:

- (a) Belper Scottish Country Dancers (Derbyshire)
- (b) Downham Market S.C.D. Group (Norfolk)
- (c) Hindon & East Knoyle S.C. Dancers (Wilts)
- (d) Compass S.C. Dancers (South Africa) - Pending letter from Johannesburg Branch. (Note: Letter now received)
- (e) Las Cuevas S.C. Dance Group (Tenerife)
- (f) The Thistle Club of Scottish Country Dancing (Eindhoven)
- (g) St George S.C. Dance Group (Ontario)
- (h) The St Andrew's Society (Michigan) - Pending intimation of numbers
- (i) Schichallion S.C. Dance Club (Nelson, NZ) - Pending confirmation by NZ Branch. (Note: Confirmation now received from NZ Branch)
- (j) Central Kentucky S.C. Dance Society
- (k) Baltimore S.C. Dancers (Maryland) - Pending letter from Washington Branch.
- (l) Red Hackles S.C. Dance Group
- (m) Caledonia Country Dance Group

The application from North Bucks Scottish Country Dance Society was held in abeyance pending the formation of the Milton Keynes Branch.

GP79/23 MOTION FOR A.G.M.

The following motion going before the Executive Council on 12th May for the A.G.M. Agenda was considered:

'Amendment to the Constitution, Section VII, General Meetings, Paragraph 9, Fourth Line. After 'Ballot' insert:

'Any overseas Branch entitled to more than one vote and having sent a delegate or delegates, or having nominated a delegate or delegates in the United Kingdom to attend a General Meeting on its behalf, shall be permitted to give a delegate or delegates the authority to cast the full quota of votes to which that Branch is entitled. This authority to apply to both voting on all motions before a General Meeting and to the elections to Offices, the Executive Council or Committees. Arrangements for recording these authorized votes shall be made by the Executive Council and it shall be the duty of the Chairman at the General Meeting to intimate the number of votes so cast, which shall be added to the votes of those delegates present, as each motion is considered.'

Toronto Branch"

The Committee recommended that this motion should not be supported.

GP79/24 NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the meeting scheduled for 4th August should not take place and that instead the Committee would meet in Edinburgh on 27th October.

Duncan Macleod

27/10/79

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1979, at 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr D Macleod (in the Chair), Mr J Taylor, Miss J G Bowie,
Miss M Y K Cunningham, Mr J C Douglas, Mr J D R Gregor, Dr I Hall,
Miss F Martin, Miss B A Nairn, Mrs J O Thomson.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary), Miss D M Vaughan (Treasurer)

GP79/25 APOLOGIES

Mrs N Dunn, Mr W A Gray

GP79/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 21st April, 1979, were unanimously approved.

GP79/27 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

GP79/28 THE JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND

- (a) The Secretary reported that the current balance of the Fund was £9551.44
- (b) Further suggestions were received from Branches and Affiliated Groups regarding the purpose to which interest from the Fund should be put. Of these suggestions received for the first time, one was the purchase of a house/hotel for use as a course centre and a home for retired members. With the Fund as it stood now and even with anticipated gains into the considerable future, it was not considered a feasible project at present.

Courses for musicians in Scottish Country Dancing Music was approved for addition to those aims already agreed.
- (c) The interest on the Fund so far would accumulate to around £1,000 in 1980 and the Committee decided that it should be used -
 - (i) to provide two scholarships available to members in Branches or Affiliated Groups, without restriction to age, in 1980, the selection from applications to be made by the Summer School Committee. (This in addition to the two Jean Milligan Scholarships).
 - (ii) to attempt to run a course on a weekend basis for pianists, (the organisation of the course to be the responsibility of the General Purposes Committee). Staffing was discussed and the Secretary instructed to make preliminary enquiries.
- (d) Because of the need for long term planning in respect of an overseas visit, it was decided that a teacher/examiner should visit Africa in 1981, the visit to encompass and involve as many Branches and Affiliated Groups as possible. While the Fund would bear the cost of travel to and from that Continent it was hoped that the Branches and Groups concerned would defray the travel within the country and hospitality.

GP79/29 Branch Formation

It was recommended that approval be given for the formation of a Branch in Buffalo, USA.

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GP79/30 AFFILIATIONS

Approval of the following groups to be affiliated was recommended:

- (a) Knowle Scottish Country Dance Club, Solihull
- (b) Porthleven Scottish Country Dancing Group, Cornwall
- (c) White Cockade Social and Dance Club Hamilton, Ontario

Application by Kawakawa Bay S.C. Dance Club was held over pending further information.

GP79/31 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1984

Intimation had been received that Glasgow Branch were willing to host the Annual General Meeting in 1984. The Committee recommended that this offer should be gratefully accepted.

GP79/32 CONSTITUTIONS

It was noted that New Haven Branch, USA, had adopted the Constitution and Rules of the Society and their Branch Rules were approved.

GP79/33 ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNING BODIES OF SPORT

The above organisation had invited the Society to join their Association. After discussion of the aims of the association it was decided that it would not be appropriate for the Society to join; the Society was already a member of the Scottish Sports Council.

GP79/34 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be decided at the Executive Council Meeting on 17th November, 1979.

Concluding the meeting the Chairman, having completed three years in that office, thanked the Committee for all their hard work and assistance to him while he had been Convener of this Committee. He had found his task most enjoyable and hoped that the Committee would give Mr Taylor the same support and wished him good fortune and the same happiness that he had had from the meetings.

In turn Mr Taylor on behalf of the Committee said how pleasant it had been working under Mr Macleod's Chairmanship.

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

Chairman:

James Taylor

Date:

19/1/80.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY,
19TH JANUARY, 1980, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr J Taylor (in the Chair), Mrs M G Parker, Mr D Macleod, Mr G Bell,
Mr J C Douglas, Mrs N Dunn, Mrs L Gaul, Mr W A Gray, Mr J D L Gregor,
Dr I M Hall, Miss B A Nairn, Mrs J O Thomson.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary), Miss D M Vaughan (Treasurer)

GP80/1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

GP80/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 27th October, 1979 were unanimously approved.

GP80/3 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP79/28(o) 1980 Projects.

(i) Mr Taylor reported that the sub-committee for the Memorial Fund Scholarships had considered applications from 11 Branches and 26 affiliated groups; it had been most difficult to decide but lack of teachers was considered of primary importance in coming to a decision. The Committee accepted the recommendations of the sub-committee that scholarships to attend examination classes at Summer School should be awarded as under:

Branch: Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch, England

Affiliated Portree, Scotland

Groups: The Gambia, West Africa (but subject to certain provisions being met)

One Branch (Nairobi) and two affiliated groups (Mitcham, Australia and Truro, Cornwall) were selected as reserves lest any of the above were unable to take up the scholarship.

(ii) Pianists' Course: Applications were being received for the pianists' course (4-6 April) but it was too early to nominate acceptances as the closing date was the end of February.

(b) GP79/28(d) 1981 Project.

The Secretary of Johannesburg Branch had intimated their delight at the projected teacher's visit and their readiness to organise the tour, provide hospitality, internal travel, etc. As the tour would be so much more valuable were two teacher/examiners sent out she had asked if this were possible. The Committee viewed this request sympathetically and would endeavour, so far as funds permitted, to assist with the expenses of a second teacher/examiner.

GP80/4 AGM 1985

The offer of Dundee Branch to host the 1985 Annual General Meeting was received with pleasure and the Committee recommended that it should be accepted.

GP80/5 SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND RULES

The Committee considered the report and findings of the Sub-Committee on the Constitution and decided to put forward to the Executive Council (for the AGM in November, 1980) the amendments given at Appendix A to these Minutes.

GP80/6 SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE FESTIVAL

A proposal to hold a Scottish Country Dance Festival from 21-27 June, 1981 was received from Tourist Promotion (Scotland). It was decided that the Society would do all it could to provide teachers and pianists for this purpose but that no more could be done. It was agreed that the Secretary should point out to Tourist Promotion that the festival could not be designated "Royal" as stated in their letter.

GP80/7 RECEPTION BY SALTIRE SOCIETY FOR MISS ALLIE ANDERSON

It was decided that the Society should co-operate with the Saltire Society in a reception for Miss Allie Anderson.

GP80/8 BRANCH FORMATION

The application to form a Branch from the Bonnie Strathyre Group was approved but the proposed name (Metropolitan Detroit Branch) was considered too cumbersome. The Committee recommended that "Detroit Branch" was sufficient.

GP80/9 APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

The application for affiliation from the Launceston Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dancers, Tasmania, was approved.

GP80/10 CONSTITUTION

The Constitution submitted by Kingston (Ontario) Branch was approved subject to their acceptance of certain minor alterations.

GP80/11 OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Douglas proposed that representation at Annual General Meetings should be reviewed. It was decided to remit the matter to the next meeting and to send copies of his paper on the subject to all members for their consideration prior to discussion.

GP80/12 NEXT MEETING

26th April, 1980, at 11.00 hours in Edinburgh

Chairman: James Yessick

Date: 26/4/80

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION TO GO BEFORE
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER, 1980

A. Textual amendments consequent on printing error, amendments already approved, death of Vice President, etc. These amendments do not alter the status quo and are non-controversial. It is proposed therefore that these should be accepted en bloc.

Page	Section	Sub-Section	Para
2			Under "RULES" insert new item "IV Teachers' Associations" Re-number existing IV and V as V and VI.
4	IV	1	Delete "Vice-President (Office to be held only by a co-founder of the Society)"
4	VI	(1)	(b) Line 3: Between "Society" and "and" <u>insert</u> "and each Teachers' association"
6	VI	(2)	(f) Second line: <u>Delete</u> "aforementioned"; <u>substitute</u> "hereafter mentioned".
8	VI	(4)	(e) Summer School Committee: After "Director of Summer School" <u>delete</u> "(the Vice President)"
9	VII	7	<u>Designate</u> sub-paras (a), (b), (c) and (d)
RULES			
10/11	II	(1)	(a) <u>Delete</u> "the Vice President whom failing"
11	II	(1)	(b) <u>Delete</u> "the Vice President."
14	III	(3)	(b) <u>Delete</u> "Honorary" <u>substitute</u> "Honorary"

B. The following amendments propose minor alterations to the Constitution and Rules of the Society.

4	VI	(1)	(b) Line 4: After "General Meeting" <u>insert</u> "The Director of Summer School appointed by the Executive Council shall also be a member ex officio of the Executive Council".
5	VI	(2)	(c) <u>Delete</u> "Fifteen" <u>substitute</u> "Twentyfive"
8	VI	(4)	(c) After "Director of Summer School" <u>delete</u> "Five" and <u>substitute</u> "Four".
8	VI	(4)	(f) Other Committees, penultimate line: <u>Delete</u> "ten", <u>substitute</u> "seven".
9	VII	3	Line 2: <u>Delete</u> "members" <u>substitute</u> "to all Branches of the Society."
9	VII	4	Line 6: After "teacher" insert "or musician".
10	VII	9	<u>Delete</u> para. <u>Substitute</u> new para. 9: "Elections to offices and to the Executive Council shall be by ballot and the person/s with the highest number of votes cast at the first ballot shall be elected."
10	VII	10	<u>Insert</u> new para 10: "Except as otherwise provided, voting on all motions before a General Meeting shall be by show of delegates' hands. Decisions shall be by a majority of those voting, except in the case of alterations to the Constitution. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote."
10	VII		Re-number existing paras 10 and 11 as 11 and 12 respectively.

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Page	Section	Sub-Section	Para
RULES			
11	II	(1)	(b) Last line: <u>Delete</u> "those present and entitled to vote" <u>substitute</u> "the delegates present."
11	II	(2)	<u>Delete</u> paras (c) and (d) and renumber paras. (e) and (f) as (c) and (d) respectively.
14	III	(4)	(a) <u>Delete</u> "as soon as possible" in second line and <u>substitute</u> "within six months".
16	IV	1(a)	After "Society" <u>add</u> "and resident within the territory of the Association which has been recognised and approved by the Executive Council."
C. The following amendments, submitted by Branches, are NOT recommended for inclusion in the A.G.M. Agenda. All decisions, save the first, were unanimous.			
7	VI	(4)	Before (a) insert: "All members of Committees of Council will retire after three years' service, and will not be eligible for re-election for another year." <u>Reason for rejection:</u> The Committee felt this not to be in the best interests of the Society. Representatives have the opportunity of adjusting Committee membership when they vote. The Secretary will in future include the year in which a member was first appointed to a Committee when furnishing lists of Committees to Branches and representatives. (Mr. Bell dissented to the rejection of this amendment).
8	VI	(4)	Add a new para, numbering appropriately: "Standing Orders Committee: This Committee shall consist of three Branch representatives, one of whom shall be appointed Convener. Function: to arrange the order of business for the Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings of the Society. They shall decide what motion can be competently placed before the Annual General Meeting. When there are two or three motions of a similar content this Committee shall make arrangements for one to be taken or for the submission of an agreed competent motion and shall arrange the order in which the motions can be taken." <u>Reason for rejection:</u> The Committee had no desire to proliferate Committees and it was considered that the functions outlined above were quite unnecessary for the simple agenda of the Society. Moreover it was agreed in 1976 that motions for the A.G.M. should be dealt with by the Executive Council, the General Purposes Committee or the principal officers of the Society.
10	VII		The Archivist should be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and should be a member of the Executive Council, ex officio. <u>Reason for rejection:</u> The Committee considered that continuity was essential in this honorary post and annual election would not be in the Society's interest. It was not considered necessary to have the Archivist an ex-officio member of Council; if necessary, co-option would be possible. Suggestion that the Director of Summer School should be elected annually. <u>Reason for rejection:</u> Again the Committee considered that some continuity was essential. In 1978 the Executive Council chose to appoint the Director of Summer School for a period of five years. It would not be in the interests of the Summer School or of the Society to have the possibility of change at more frequent intervals.

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9	VII	3	Delete: "By reason of any informality or irregularity in the calling of the Meeting." The Committee felt this should remain and considered that the Branch submitting the amendment may have misunderstood the paragraph concerned as the phrase referred only to the 'calling' of the meeting.
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8	VII	4	Careful consideration was given to the remit from the AGM - the Toronto motion. The seconder of the motion at the AGM had submitted a paper on the subject in depth, which came to the conclusion that the <u>status quo</u> was, after all, the simplest and most satisfactory method of representation - i.e. that Branches overseas should be empowered to nominate delegates outwith their Branch (in UK) if they wish to do so and up to the number to which they are entitled. The Committee considered that the <u>status quo</u> should be maintained.
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RULES

11	II	(2)	(c) An amendment to this para was not accepted as the Committee recommend deletion in the light of VII, 7 (as currently amended). It was considered that this would meet the wishes of the Branch concerned.
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON
SATURDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1980, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Taylor (in the Chair), Mrs. M.G. Parker, Mr. Graham Bell,
Mr. J.C. Douglas, Mrs. I. Gaul, Mr. W.A. Gray, Mr. J.D.L. Gregor,
Dr. I.M. Hall, Miss B.A. Nairn, Mrs. J.C. Thomson.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary), Mr. E. Wishart (Treasurer's Office).

Obituary: The Chairman intimated the death of Mrs. Hall, a member of staff,
and the Committee recorded its sorrow at the news.

GP80/13 APOLOGIES

Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Macleod

GP80/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 19th January, 1980, were unanimously
approved.

GP80/15 BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) The Chairman reported that the pianists course had been held and from
the ensuing discussion the following suggestions emerged:
 - that in any future course there should be two levels - those who
have played for S.C.D. but require improvement and those who have
never played for Scottish Country Dancing;
 - that a course for pianists might be combined with a Branch weekend
school to save expense.
 - that a lengthier course (e.g. a week) might be held at St. Andrews as
part of the Summer School, interested pianists applying and prying
for vacancies similarly to applicants for dancing tuition.
- (b) The project of a Scottish Country Dance Festival in 1981, mooted by
the Tourist Promotion (Scotland), had been abandoned.
- (c) The Chairman reported the arrangements for the reception for
Miss Allie Anderson, organised as a joint venture by the Saltire
Society and RSCDS, to be held on 24th May.

GP80/16 REPRESENTATION AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Mr. Douglas proposed that representation at Annual General Meetings should
be adjusted and after discussion the Committee unanimously decided to
submit to the Executive Council for consideration at the Annual General
Meeting an amendment to the Constitution and Rules as follows:

"VII. GENERAL MEETINGS, para 4.

Delete first two sentences.

Substitute: "Every Branch shall be entitled to send to a General Meeting
delegates with full voting powers, entitlement to delegates being according
to membership as follows:

Up to 250 members	2 delegates
251-500	"	3 delegates
501-750	"	4 delegates
Over 750 members		5 delegates.

No Branch shall be entitled to more than 5 delegates."

GP80/17 CONSTITUTIONS

The following Constitutions were recommended for approval:

Dundee Branch

Buffalo (N.Y.) Branch

Delft Branch (with a very minor amendment to Section 9(3)).

An amendment to Mornington Peninsula reiterating current RSCDS policy
was approved.

Amendments to the New Zealand Branch Constitution were carried forward
to a later meeting pending further communication from the Branch.

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GP80/18 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation from the following groups were unanimously
approved.

- (a) Peterborough & District S.C. Dance Club, Peterborough.
- (b) Cologne Scottish Country Dancers, Germany
- (c) Ashdown S.C. Dance Club, Crowborough
- (d) Harrogate Strathspey and Reel Club, Harrogate
- (e) Scottish Country Dance Group of Omaha, Nebraska
- (f) Nailsea Scottish Dance Club, Bristol
- (g) Brevard S.C. Dancers, Port Orange, Florida
- (h) Liskeard S.C. Dance Club, Cornwall
- (i) Orlando Scottish Country Dancers, Orlando, Florida
- (j) S.C. Dance Society of Fribourg, Switzerland
- (k) Falmouth White Heather Club, Falmouth Cornwall
- (l) Malpas and District Scottish Society, Cheshire.

GP80/19 OTHER BUSINESS

A team of dancers were going to the USA under the auspices of the Clan
Gathering Association. The Committee noted that application for a team
had not been received, nor approved, by the RSCDS.

GP80/20 NEXT MEETING

25th October, 1980.

NB. ERRATUM

In Appendix A to General Purposes Committee meeting of 19th January,
page 5, the paragraph referring to the Toronto Motion stated that
the seconder of the motion at the AGM had submitted a paper. This
should read "Group Captain Huxley had submitted a paper" etc.
(Group Captain Huxley was not the seconder).

Chairman *James Taylor*

Date *25/10/80*

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1980, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Taylor (in the Chair), Mrs. M.C. Parker, Mr. D. Macleod,
Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. G. Bell, Mr. J.C. Douglas, Mr. J.D.L. Gregor,
Dr. I.M. Hall, Miss B.A. Nairn, Mrs. J.O. Thomson.

ATTENDING: Miss N. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP80/21 APOLOGIES

Mr. W. A. Gray, Mrs. L. Gaul

GP80/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 26th April, 1980, were approved.

GP80/23 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

GP80/24 CONSTITUTIONS

The Committee recommended that the Constitution for the Gothenburg Branch and the amendments to the San Francisco Branch Constitution should be approved.

GP80/25 APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION

The Committee recommended that the undernoted applications to form Branches be approved:

Sacramento Group (California)
Phoenix S.C. Dancers (Arizona)

GP80/26 ELGIN BRANCH

The Chairman reported that as Elgin Branch had been left after their A.G.M. without either a Chairman or Secretary a special meeting of all members had been called by Headquarters at which he had taken the Chair, the purpose being to appoint a Chairman and Secretary. Although these two officers had been appointed they subsequently resigned at another meeting as did the Treasurer. The Branch was considered to be in abeyance and the Secretary was instructed to write to all Branch members informing them of the situation and advising them how the Branch might be resuscitated. All Life and Long Term members had been supplied from Headquarters with their books and Bulletins.

GP80/27 AGM 1982

In view of the situation which had arisen in Elgin it was decided that the A.G.M. could not be held there in 1982. It was hoped that another Branch would now offer to hold the A.G.M. that year.

GP80/28 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

The Committee recommended that in sending out general information to Branches regarding the conduct of the A.G.M. the Secretary should include advice regarding distribution of tickets for social events.

GP80/29 TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS

A letter received from Mr. Michael Watson (Munich) regarding a European Teachers' Association was left on the table until further information was obtained.

GP80/30 ECONOMIES

At the request of the Finance Committee, the General Purposes Committee considered ways of effecting savings at meetings. The following recommendations were made:-

Executive Council Two meetings (November and May)
Finance Committee Four quarterly meetings
General Purposes Three meetings (on same day as Finance Meetings)
Summer School Committee One meeting (same day as Executive Council)
Examinations Committee Two meetings (one to be before an Executive Council Meeting.)
Publications Committee .. As necessary.

Savings effected in a year would be one Executive Council, one Examinations Committee and one Summer School Committee.

The Committee recommended that powers be given to the General Purposes Committee to approve Affiliations, Constitutions and amendments to Constitutions to avoid undue delay in these matters between Executive Council Meetings and left it to the Executive Council to decide whether or not powers should be given to the General Purposes Committee to approve Branch formation.

GP80/31 AFFILIATIONS

The Committee recommended that approval should be given to the affiliation of the following groups:

Tri City Scottish Country Dance Group - Arizona
Beckermat Scottish Country Dance Club - Cumbria
London CHA Club S.C. Dancing Group (London)
Langholm Country Dance Class (Dumfriesshire)

GP80/32 OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Mrs. Dunn raised the question of the new pocket edition which she said had smaller and fainter print than usual. The Secretary undertook to alert the printers on the next occasion a pocket edition was printed or reprinted.
- (b) She also drew attention to the fact that the record label did not indicate the type of dance on LP RSCDS 5.
- (c) Mrs. Dunn asked if the Committee could make a definition of a "workshop" and a "Branch Weekend". The Committee decided that they should not lay down terminological rules.

GP80/33 NEXT MEETING

To be decided by Executive Council on 15th November.

Mr. Gregor who was retiring from the Committee thanked its members and the Chairman for the courtesy afforded him during his time on the Committee and the Chairman thanked Mr. Gregor for his services.

The meeting closed at 1 p.m.

Chairman

James Taylor

14/1/81.

Chairman

