

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on
Saturday, 26th November, 1955, at 2.30p.m. in the Music Hall,
Edinburgh.

PRESENT

The President, The Duke of Atholl, Miss J.C. Milligan, Chairman of the Executive Council, and an approximate attendance of 600 members of whom 113 were delegates.

Before the meeting commenced the President read a message from H.M. The Queen.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The President remarked that the Society could now be compared to an ancient tree standing firmly with its roots deep in Scottish soil; its branches with their luxuriant foliage spreading outwards and upwards to the sky. But what was most remarkable was the number of thriving seedlings from the parent tree which were springing up all over the world represented by those affiliated clubs - more than 50 in number, in North and South America, throughout Africa, in Australia and New Zealand, in the Middle East and Asia as far as Hongkong. What a great thing it was for those isolated groups of Scots all over the world on Colonial Service and Military Service to be able to form a Scottish Country Dance Club and so find relief from the great difficulties and responsibilities which beset them in the world of today.

It was now difficult to realise that the idea of forming our Society had started quite accidentally over thirty years ago when a little band of Guide Commissioners headed by our Vice-President Mrs. Stewart, at a conference in Perthshire, had conceived the idea of writing a book of Scottish national dances for the use of Scottish Girl Guides. Unlike the "Folk" dances of other countries, Scottish Country dances were truly national in the sense that they were danced by Scots in every walk of life and also because they were half Highland and half Lowland in origin; a hybrid dance, which like the Atholl Hybrid Larch tree, thrived better than any other in Scotland.

The President then read messages of good wishes to the meeting from Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloch, and a cable from the Demonstration team in South Africa.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th October, 1954, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL
REPORT

The adoption of the Annual Report circulated in the Bulletin, was proposed by Mr. Ferguson, London, and seconded by Mrs. Sandison, East Surrey, West Kent, and approved by the meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts, also circulated in the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Hardie, Convener of the Finance Committee.

Referring to the Revenue Account, Mr. Hardie pointed out that there had been a fall in subscription income but the number of affiliated groups and societies had risen. The Summer and Autumn Schools had been successful and income from royalties, including the sale of gramophone records, had been well maintained.

After meeting current expenditure, provision had been made for the cost of reprinting publications, for the Society's share of the cost of a film for theatrical distribution, and for the new Headquarters, leaving a balance of £527. 1. 11d to be transferred to the Capital Account.

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Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr. Hardie referred to the Society's Headquarters at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, which had been purchased during the year at a cost of £4,130. 10. 0. The cost of alterations, decorations and equipment had been incurred since the end of the financial year, and would be shown in next year's accounts.

Investments at 30th June, stood at £7,875, £3,000 higher than in the previous year. The sums placed to reserve for publications and films had been invested.

Mr. Macleod, Glasgow, proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr. Adam, Stirlingshire; the meeting agreed.

APPOINTMENT OF
AUDITOR

The confirmation of the re-appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman MacKinnon, C.A. of Hyslop, Lyle & MacKinnon, Ayr, was moved by Mr. Lindsay Stewart, Edinburgh, and seconded by Mr. Baillie, N.W. Ayrshire. The meeting approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-
BEARERS

Miss Milligan proposed the appointment of the Duke of Atholl as President, and the Countess of Elgin, the Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich, the Duke of Hamilton, Vice Admiral, the Mackintosh of Mackintosh, as Honorary Vice Presidents. Mrs. Lesslie seconded the proposals which were approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE
CHAIRMAN

One nomination was received for the office of Chairman and Vice Chairman; Mrs. Lesslie was therefore elected as Chairman and Miss Milligan as Vice Chairman.

SIX ELECTED MEMBERS

The following were elected by vote:

Miss F. Adams (Glasgow), Miss A. Anderson (Edinburgh), Miss L. Browne (Aberdeen), Mrs. G. Caithness (St. Andrews), Mr. M. McLeay (Inverness), Mr. C. Sharpe (Dundee).

RESOLUTION FROM
ABERDEEN BRANCH

At this point the President explained to members that because of his failing eyesight and hearing, he was handing the direction of the meeting over to Miss Milligan.

Resolution: "That the annual subscription be increased to 7/6d and that local Branches be allowed to retain 2/- to help with the increased costs in the running of a Branch, in place of the 6d. at present allowed."

Miss Cumming moved the resolution from Aberdeen Branch which was seconded by Miss Mowat, Aberdeen.

Mr. Davison, Berwick-on-Tweed, moved an amendment:-

"That with effect from this date the annual subscription be increased to 7/6d, the Life Membership fee of £3. 3. 0d be increased to £4. 4. 6d, other Life Membership subscriptions increased accordingly, and that local Branches be allowed to retain 2/- to help with the increased costs in the running of a Branch, in place of the 6d. at present allowed", - to the effect that in considering the increase of ordinary subscriptions, the Life Membership subscriptions should be increased proportionately and from this date. Mr. Lindsay Stewart, Edinburgh, seconded the amendment.

Mr. Gilmour, Ayr, moved a direct negative to the amendment which was approved by the Aberdeen delegates. This was seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson, Southport.

On a vote by show of hands the direct negative was carried, the status quo being maintained.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1956

It was announced by the President that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from Dundee Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Dundee on 26th October, 1956.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. Sharpe, Dundee, proposed a vote of thanks to the President and Chairman for conducting the meeting, and to Edinburgh Branch for their generous hospitality throughout the Autumn School weekend.

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27/10/56

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 27th October, 1956, at 2.30 p.m. in the Training College, Dundee.

PRESENT:

The President, The Duke of Atholl, Mrs. R. A. Lesslie, Chairman of the Executive Council, and an approximate attendance of 500 members of whom 92 were delegates.

Before the meeting commenced, the President read a message from Her Majesty, The Queen.

The meeting agreed to send a message of sympathy to Mrs. McLellan on the death of her husband - Dr. McLellan of Fricockheim Branch, a member of the Executive Council and Finance Committee.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS

The President began his speech by saying how much pleasure it gave the Society to be back in Dundee for its Annual General Meeting. The County of Angus had a certain significance for him as he had received his first introduction to Highland dancing from an old Angus gentleman, the late Mr. Neill of Forfar, who had also been dancing master to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

Lord James spoke of the pictures in the "Bulletin" of the team dancing in South Africa, and of the spectacular advance made by the Society. One would always expect a good reception in Australia, Canada and New Zealand but one was not quite so certain of South Africa where there were so many races. But the venture seemed to have been a triumphant success. When Mr. Frizell had reported to the Executive Council on the 5,000 mile journey Lord James said he remembered when he took the same journey 55 years ago but on a different mission - not actually dancing but executing some very complicated movements to avoid the attention of one of the most chivalrous and gentlemanly opponents the British Army had ever faced since the Jacobite Rising of 1745. There was something similar in these two campaigns for in each a tragic collapse was transformed into a glorious historical episode by the outstanding gallantry of the losing side. Perhaps the similarity in our history was partly responsible for the success of the South African Tour.

The goodwill, common sense and sincerity of the ordinary people of a nation had often helped to rectify the mistakes of its politicians. We had had a good example in the presence of the Bolshoi Ballet in this country. The words of Madame Ulanova in her remarks to the Press had impressed him; she had said "We try to find humanity and the reality of life in our ballets and our aim is to widen the cultural relationships between all countries". Lord James felt that we could indeed find humanity and reality in our national dances and that we had already progressed in this direction. He had been delighted by the performance of "An Edinburgh Fancy" in the recent Edinburgh Festival and by the joyful eagerness with which these young people tackled their job in the "Hebridean Weaving Lilt" and how well the team had interpreted "The Yellow Haired Laddie" - the difficult old fashioned manners had not been overdone.

In ending, the President said that the Society could indeed help to "broaden the cultural relationship between all countries" and he hoped that all future expeditions abroad would not only be pleasant tours but also useful missions.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th November, 1955, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

ADOPTION OF
ANNUAL REPORT:

Mr. Forde Spence (Lorn), proposed the adoption of the Annual Report after expressing appreciation of the work involved in compiling the Annual Bulletin. Miss Redford (St. Andrews) seconded the adoption. The meeting approved.

ANNUAL
ACCOUNTS:

The audited accounts, also circulated with the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Hardie, Convenor of the Finance Committee.

Referring to the Revenue Account, Mr. Hardie pointed out that subscription income had risen by £265 but was still below the "peak" figure of 1953/54: but that royalties and sales of the Society's publications were at record figures.

Under "Expenditure" the running costs of the Headquarters was a new feature. This was abnormally high because of difficulty with the hot water system, which had been renewed at a cost of £250 in the summer of 1956. The International Team's visit to Pretoria had been met by donations of £404 from 41 Branches and of £403 from industrial firms and others, leaving a balance of £120 to be met from the Society's funds.

After meeting normal current expenses, and making the usual provision for re-printing the Society's publications and making films, £350 had been set aside for a Staff Pension Fund, and £750 for General Reserve Fund, leaving £744 to be added to the Capital Fund.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr. Hardie reminded the meeting that £7,000 had been earmarked for the new Headquarters. The actual expenditure had been £6,255 made up as follows:- Cost of buying 12 Coates Crescent - £4,130; alterations and decorations - £1,372; furniture and equipment - £503; total - £6,005, to which must be added the £250 for the new hot water system paid since the date of the Balance Sheet. He expressed the Committee's appreciation of the many gifts of furniture received from the Branches and members of the Society.

Finally he explained that the large cash balance arose from the Summer School fees which had been received at the end of June, and stated that in future a separate bank account would be opened for the purpose.

Mr. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire) proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Miss Ross (Glasgow). The meeting approved.

APPOINTMENT
OF AUDITOR:

The confirmation of the re-appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr. Sharpe (Dundee) and seconded by Mr. Murray (Inverness). The meeting approved.

At this point, Lord James handed over the business of the meeting to Mrs. Leslie, Chairman of Executive Council.

ELECTION OF
OFFICE BEARERS:

Miss Milligan proposed the appointment of the Duke of Atholl as President, and the Countess of Elgin, the Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich, the Duke of Hamilton, Vice-Admiral the Mackintosh of Mackintosh as Honorary Vice Presidents. Mrs. Leslie seconded the proposals which were approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN AND
VICE-CHAIRMAN:

One nomination was received for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Leslie was therefore elected as Chairman and Miss Milligan as Vice-Chairman.

SIX ELECTED
MEMBERS:

The following were elected by vote: Miss F. Adams (Glasgow), Miss L. Browne (Aberdeen), Mrs. G. Caithness (St. Andrews), Miss H. McLagan (Perth), Mr. W. Murray (Inverness), Mr. G. Sharpe (Dundee).

RESOLUTIONS:

(a) The meeting was informed that the first Resolution from Aberdeen Branch had been withdrawn.

(b) Edinburgh Branch. (i) "This Branch moves that the Publications Committee should investigate the desirability and feasibility of publishing as an official book or books a collection of the best of the dances recently devised."

(ii) "This Branch moves that the Constitution be amended suitably to give effect to this if agreed to by the Meeting."

Mr. Cruickshank (Edinburgh) moved the Resolution which was seconded by Mr. Lindsay Stewart (Edinburgh). It was stated that no change to the present Society Constitution would be necessary if the resolution was adopted.

After discussion Miss Ross (Glasgow) moved an amendment - "that fifteen to twenty years should elapse before new dances were considered for publishing in a book, and that the Publications Committee should consider their suitability". Mrs. Sandison (East Surrey, West Kent) seconded the amendment.

On a vote by show of hands, the Resolution was carried unanimously.

(c) Glasgow Branch: "Prior to the issue of dances printed by the Society careful consideration should be given to the actual detail contained therein, in order to avoid the necessity of alterations having to be made".

Mr. Macleod (Glasgow) before speaking to the Resolution asked permission to alter the wording of the Resolution, but this was ruled out of order by the Chairman. After explanation of the Resolution by Mr. Macleod it was ruled out of order due to the publications mentioned being non-Society leaflets. The Chairman suggested that the matter could be raised at an Executive Council meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

It was announced that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from N.W. Ayrshire Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Largs in November, 1957.

The President asked that a message of goodwill and greeting should be sent to Mrs. Stewart who was at present in South Africa. The meeting unenimously approved.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Miss Clavering (Miffat) proposed a vote of thanks to the President and Chairman and to Dundee Branch for their excellent arrangements for the Autumn School.

Katherine Elgie

2nd Nov. 1957

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on
Saturday, 2nd November, 1957, at 2.30 p.m. in Barrfields Pavilion, Largs.

PRESENT:

The President, The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., Mrs. R. A. Lesslie, Chairman of the Executive Council, and an approximate attendance of 400 members of whom 100 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting Mrs. Lesslie made reference to the death of the Duke of Atholl, the Society's President since 1924 until his death in April of this year, and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Society for all he had done.

ELECTION OF
PRESIDENT:

Mrs. Lesslie, as Chairmen of the Executive Council, introduced The Countess of Elgin, the Society's new President, and wished her every success in her new office.

Lady Elgin, in thanking the Executive Council for having invited her to be President, began by associating herself with the remarks made by Mrs. Lesslie about the Duke of Atholl. She spoke of her long association with the Society and remembered Lord James as a young man taking part in Highland Balls.

Lady Elgin read a message from Her Majesty The Queen thanking the Society for its loyal greetings.

Messages were also read from Mrs. Stewart of Pasaclaich at present in Cape Town, and from Miss Jean C. Milligan who was visiting Canada and America teaching and examining for the Society.

The President asked the meeting's approval for messages to be sent to these two ladies on behalf of the Society and this suggestion was warmly applauded.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS:

In her remarks the President referred to the Bulletin of the Society containing the Annual Report. She congratulated the Branches and Affiliated Groups on the year's work and emphasised certain points in the Report. Lady Elgin referred to the answer given to criticism of Scottish country dancing and said that had these critics been at the ball held in Largs on the previous evening they would have realised how far from true their criticisms were. Continuing her remarks she spoke of the pleasure it had given her that morning to see the film "Scotland Dances" and expressed the hope that it would be widely seen all over the world by members and friends of the Society.

Other items mentioned were the Demonstration Team's visit to Bavaria, the success of the Summer School at St. Andrews and the fact that the Society had been asked to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Lady Elgin ended her remarks by referring to the publicity received by the Society through Television and by such a visit as was being made by Miss Milligan at present, which would do a great deal to further the interest and work of the Society. Lady Elgin told the meeting of her early recollections of working with Miss Milligan in starting Scottish country dancing in Women's Rural Institutes - it was difficult to realise that the Society had grown so much in such a short time.

The President then took the opportunity of thanking all the committee members who had attended meetings during the year.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th October, 1956, having been circulated in the Bulletin were approved and signed.

ELECTION OF
OFFICE BEARERS:

Mrs. Lesslie proposed the appointment of the three Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Pasaclaich and the Duke of Hamilton. Miss Clavering, Moffat, seconded the proposals which were approved by the meeting.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman. One nomination was received for the office of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Lesslie was elected Chairman and Miss Milligan Vice-Chairman.

Six Elected Members. The following were elected by vote: Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow), Miss B. Anderson (Aberdeen), Mr. G. Craickshank (Edinburgh), Miss G. MacArthur (Ayr), Mr. W. Murray (Inverness) and Mr. G. Sharpe (Dundee).

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT:

Miss Adams (Glasgow) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mr. Fatterson (Aberdeen) and approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

The audited accounts, circulated with the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Hardie, Convenor of the Finance Committee.

Referring to the Revenue Account Mr. Hardie drew attention to a small increase in membership subscriptions arising from additional life members paying direct to Headquarters, and to a further increase in income from royalties. Sales of the Society's publications had also been well maintained. From these sources 93% of the Society's income arose, 56% from subscriptions and affiliation fees and 37% from royalties and sales. Under "expenditure" he referred to the decrease in expenditure at Headquarters arising from the lower running costs of the new hot water system. He also referred to the visit to Bavaria of the Demonstration Team.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr. Hardie pointed to the provision being made for depreciation of Headquarters and its contents; to a new Summer School Bank account. He referred to the allocations to the Publications, Pensions and General Reserve Funds, and explained that as no new film was in prospect nothing further had been added to the Film Fund.

Mr. Niven (Ayr) proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr. Murray Stephen (Richmond) and this was approved by the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs. Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr. King (Edinburgh) seconded by Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTION:

North West Ayrshire Branch: "That the last item on the Agenda at all future Annual General Meetings be 'Any other competent business'."

The Resolution in its present form was ruled out of order by the President as it involved a change in the Constitution of which notice had not been given. Lady Elgin observed that in her opinion the present Constitution covered all contingencies and provided for matters of urgency being discussed at the meeting by the consent of two-thirds of the delegates.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

It was announced that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from Glasgow Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in 1958 in Glasgow.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr. Sharpe (Dundee) proposed a vote of thanks to the President on her very able conduct of the meeting, he congratulated her on her appointment and hoped that her association with the Society would be long and happy. He also asked the meeting to accord a very warm vote of thanks to North West Ayrshire Branch, both committee and members, for their very successful arrangements for the week-end.

H. Edgier
8.11.57

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday 8th November, 1958, at 2.30 p.m. in The Palace of Arts, Bellahouston Park, Glasgow.

PRESENT: The President, The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., Mrs. R. A. Leslie, Chairman of the Executive Council, and an approximate attendance of 400 members, of whom 105 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting the President read a message from Her Majesty The Queen thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Messages were also read from Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich, co-founder of the Society, and from Mr. Shedden, an ex-member of the Glasgow branch now resident in Chicago.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: Lady Elgin gave a very warm welcome to all the members and delegates of 59 Branches, who came from all over the United Kingdom and from as far as Canada and Nairobi.

The Society was flourishing, the membership continued to increase, and there were now 85 Branches, 140 Affiliated Groups and a total membership of 16,500. While this was very satisfactory position Lady Elgin warned that a great Society like ours cannot afford to stand still; it must continue to grow, and it is our duty to look ahead, and plan the advance.

The Society started with the enormous advantage of being Scottish, and Lady Elgin emphasised the great respect for Scottish character, and the delight in Scottish dancing and dance music, which she had found all over the world, and which Miss Milligan in her visits overseas, had done so much to encourage.

People who are not Scottish would like to join us and dance too, and this would mean more members both at home and overseas, more qualified teachers and more musicians able to play Scottish Country Dance Music. It might even be possible to have a Summer School for these musicians some day.

Lady Elgin then outlined a few points from the Society's Annual Report, and congratulated the Branches and Affiliated Groups on their work.

She recalled a day spent at the St. Andrews Summer School, and how impressive she thought the arrangement of the classes, from beginners, to those working for the highest certificates, thus ensuring a continuous flow of new recruits each year.

She also spoke of the outstanding success of the film "Scotland Dances", which was enjoyed all over the world, and mentioned the visit of the Society's International Team to Bavaria.

In conclusion Lady Elgin, on behalf of the Executive Council thanked Mrs. Leslie, who had been Chairman for three years, for her unselfish and untiring work for the Society during her term of office; and also extended thanks to the Secretaries and Officials of Branches, and members of Committees for their regular attendance at meetings during the year, and special thanks to the Society's Secretary, Miss Hadden.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd November, 1957, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: Mrs. Leslie proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the three Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich and The Duke of Hamilton. Miss Milligan seconded the proposals which were approved by the meeting.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Miss J. C. Milligan and Mr. E. Sharpe being the sole nominees for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, were elected.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote; Miss E. Anderson (Aberdeen), Mr. G. Cruickshank (Edinburgh), Mr. W. Murray (Inverness), Miss G. MacArthur (Ayr), Miss B. H. Robertson (Dundee) and Miss M. L. Ross (Glasgow).

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT: Dr. W. Flint (Kirkcaldy) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mrs. Kemp (Tees-side) and approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS: The audited accounts circulated with the Bulletin were presented by Mr. Hardie, Convenor of the Finance Committee.

Referring to the Revenue account, Mr. Hardie drew attention to the income from subscriptions which had remained steady, and of affiliation fees which had increased by £40. Investment income, due to careful planning which had enabled the Society to take good advantage of the increased rates ruling during the year, had led to the highest income from this source. Income from royalties had increased by £100, largely because of the sale of the Collins book which had offset the decline in revenue from gramophone records. There had however been a serious fall in income from the sales of publications of over £1,000, a matter which was receiving close attention by the appropriate committees.

Turning to Expenditure, he pointed out that administrative costs had only risen by £150 which was explained by normal staff increments and increased postal/telephone charges and spoke of the new policy under which £100 was being set aside for the re-decoration and maintenance of Headquarters.

The special item of interest on the balance sheet was the investments: since the end of the year £2,000 had been invested in 5% Defence Bonds and £1,000 in the County Council of West Lothian 6% Mortgage Loans.

Mr. Hardie then went through the 1958/59 estimates, and explained the changes with those of the previous year.

Dr. Johnstone (North West Ayrshire) proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr. MacLeay (Inverness) and this was approved by the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs. Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Miss Ellison (Newcastle) and seconded by Mrs. Hutcheson (East Stirlingshire).

RESOLUTIONS FROM

a) The Executive Council. "That the Life Membership Subscription should be at a standard rate of £3. 5. -d. and that the Constitution be amended accordingly".

Mr. Sharpe, (Dundee), on behalf of the Executive Council moved the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead (North West Ayrshire).

Mr. Macleod (Glasgow) proposed an addendum that this resolution should not take effect until the beginning of the financial year, 1st July, 1959. This addendum was seconded by Mr. Cross (Glasgow).

The resolution "That the Life Membership Subscription should be at a standard rate of £3. 5. -d. to take effect from the beginning of the financial year, 1st July, 1959, and that the Constitution be amended accordingly" was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

b) Aberdeen Branch: "That apart from Summer School Staff and Certificate candidates no one should be accepted for residence at St. Andrews two years in succession, to the exclusion of someone who is teaching country dancing, or coaching in however humble a capacity, and was not in residence the previous year".

Miss Macdonald (Aberdeen) moved the resolution which was seconded by Mrs. McFarlane (Aberdeen)

Mr. Murray (Inverness) moved the direct negative which was seconded by Miss Kenyon (Glasgow).

The direct negative was put to the meeting and, on a vote by a show of hands, was carried, the status quo being maintained.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The President intimated that no invitation had been received by the Executive Council for the 1959 Annual General Meeting. Mr. Maxwell (Edinburgh) said that provided no other invitation was received Edinburgh Branch would be pleased to act as hosts to the Society in 1959.

Lady Elgin told the meeting that the Executive Council would be pleased to receive invitations for consideration at the next meeting on 13th December, 1958.

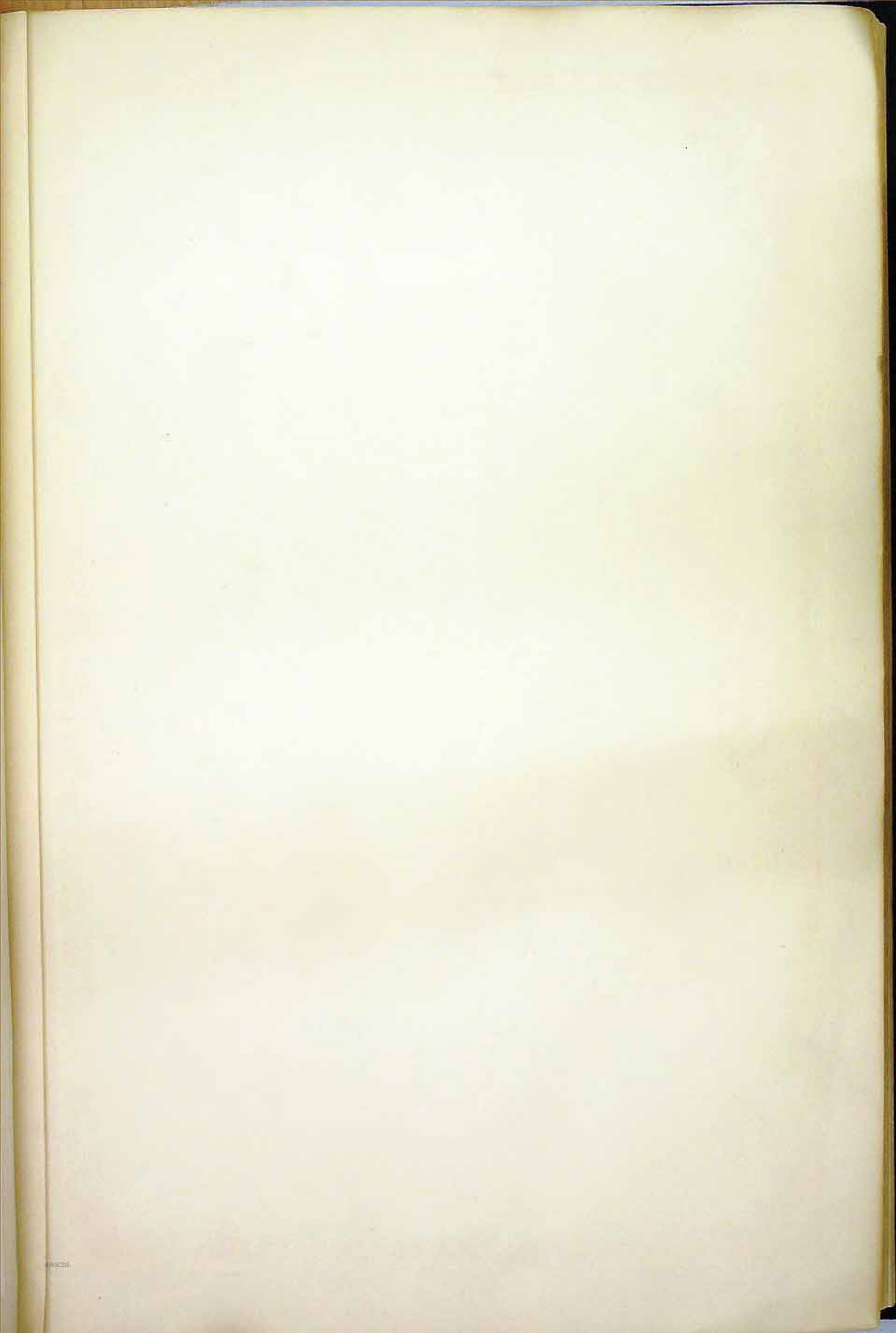
Lady Elgin then said how pleased she was to wear the beautiful badge of office which had been presented to the Society by Mr. Hutchison of Dundee in memory of his wife, to be worn by the Chairman at the Annual General Meeting and at meetings of the Executive Council.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. Bagguley (Sheffield) proposed a very warm vote of thanks to the Glasgow Branch for the very successful arrangements made to entertain the Society. He also thanked Lady Elgin for the gracious manner in which she presided at the meeting.

Laura Sharpe

24/10/59.



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday,
24th October, 1959, at 2.30 p.m. in The Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen.

PRESENT: Mr. George Sharpe, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council and an approximate attendance of 300 members, of whom 87 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting the Chairman read a message from Her Majesty The Queen thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Messages were also read from the President, The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich and Miss Milligan, Co-Founders of the Society.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS:

In his opening remarks Mr. Sharpe expressed his appreciation of the honour of presiding at the Annual General Meeting in the absence of the President and Chairman of the Society.

Mr. Sharpe gave a very warm welcome to the delegates of Branches who had come from all over the United Kingdom and as far as Nairobi to the 30th Annual General Meeting - the 30th A.G.M. of a Society which was now 36 years old.

He pointed out that there was a further increase in membership, both of Branches and Affiliated Groups. During the past year new Branches had been formed at Nottingham, North West Craven (Yorks), Stranraer and New York, while a further twenty Affiliated Groups had been admitted. With Branches in Canada, U.S.A., Africa and Australia and with Affiliated Groups in Canada, U.S.A., Africa, Australia, Asia, New Zealand, Europe, Malaya and North Borneo, it could be genuinely claimed that the work of the Society was world wide. The membership was approximately 16,000 - a considerable number, but it had to be admitted that over such a world wide area the total membership was small. Mr. Sharpe stressed that delegates might bring to the consideration of their Branches the question of how to increase the membership. He also expressed the hope that in next year's Bulletin a report would be included from every Branch.

The Chairman then spoke of the work on behalf of the Society by Miss Milligan in Canada and U.S.A. and by Miss McLaren in South Africa. He mentioned that Miss Milligan was at present in the midst of an intensive and exhaustive tour and spoke of the energy and vitality she expended. He was sure the meeting would like her to know that it was greatly appreciated. If Books 1 - 20 were bound together and presented to Miss Milligan with the caption "This is Your Life" it would be no exaggeration. The Society acknowledged the great debt owed to Miss Milligan for all the work she had done and for all the time and energy she had spent on behalf of the Society since its foundation.

Mr. Sharpe spoke of the many letters of appreciation received from South Africa following Miss McLaren's visit. The Society thanked Miss McLaren most sincerely for giving up her Summer holiday to undertake this tour.

The visits paid to these countries by Miss Milligan and Miss McLaren would have far reaching results. The number of fully certificated teachers would be increased and, as was stated in the Secretary's report, the prosperity of the Society was rooted in having a good supply of well trained teachers.

In closing, Mr. Sharpe expressed the Society's thanks to the Secretaries and officials of Branches for their work during the past year; to the Society officials and members of the Executive Council and the various sub-committees for their interest and regular attendance throughout the year and to Miss Hadden and Miss Wotherspoon for their work at Headquarters.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8th November, 1958, having been circulated in the Bulletin were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION
OF APPOINTMENT
OF PRESIDENT
AND HONORARY
VICE-PRESIDENTS:

The Chairman proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the three Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich and The Duke of Hamilton, and this was unanimously accepted by the Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Miss J.C. Milligan and Mr. G. Sharpe being the sole nominees for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen respectively, were elected.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote: Miss L. Browne (Aberdeen), Mr. G. Brusckshank (Edinburgh), Miss G. MacArthur (Ayr), Miss B. Robertson (Dundee), Miss M. L. Ross (Glasgow), and Mr. J. Williamson (Perth).

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT Mrs. M. Cramb (Aberdeen) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mr. Stephen (Richmond) and approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1959, circulated with the Bulletin were presented by Mr. Sharpe, Convener of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Sharpe referred to the policy of the Finance Committee whereby reserved had been steadily increased over the past few years giving a good financial background.

Revenue Account showed that subscriptions for the year had increased by £443 due mainly to the increase in the number of life memberships taken out by members. This year the Summer School had borne a proportion of the year's administration expenses resulting in a truer picture of the financial result of the School.

Investment income had reached the peak figure of £464. During the year under review the Society had enjoyed phenomenal interest rates, but since these had returned to normal, the investment income for the current year might not be so great.

Turning to expenditure he pointed out that administration expenses had slightly increased while the figure of £619 for Expenses of Demonstration Teams included the cost of sending an Examiner to South Africa.

In dealing with the Publications Account the attention of Branch Secretaries was drawn to the recent arrangement whereby Branches ordering publications from Headquarters and sending cash with order would be permitted to retain 10% discount. It was hoped that this would be one way of helping the finances of the Branches while increasing the sale of the Society's publications.

The Balance Sheet showed the Society's investments in detail and this year in accordance with established practice, the investments held on account of Staff Pensions Fund were shown separately in order to disassociate them from the fortunes of the Society. The total assets at 30th June 1959 amounted to £29,886. 3. 9d. an increase of £1,709 over the previous year.

Mr. Sharpe then examined the estimates for 1959/60 explaining the changes with those of the previous year.

Mr. Hardie (Dunfermline) proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr. Macleod (Glasgow) and this was approved by the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs. Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr. Murdoch (Ayr), seconded by Mr. King (Edinburgh) and approved by the meeting.

AFRICAN TOUR: The Chairman read a telegram of greeting to the meeting and thanks to the Society for Miss McLaren's visit from the Secretary of Ladysmith Branch.

Miss Margaret McLaren gave a most interesting and comprehensive report of her recent 14 weeks visit to Africa which started with a Winter School in Cape Town and ended with an S.C.D. Festival in Nairobi.

Miss McLaren spoke of the very keen enthusiasm she had met everywhere and the warm welcome she had received. She had visited a great number of places including East London, Tweedie, Pietermaritzburg, Pinetown, Ladysmith, Johannesburg, Livingstone, Lusaka, Nakuru and Machakos and had given many talks to clubs and other organisations as well as speaking on the radio. She had trained and examined members for the Society's Teacher's Certificate and as a result 19 candidates had been successful. Miss McLaren paid high tribute to the work being done by the Branches in Africa whose teachers gave of their very best.

1960 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING

It was announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the 1960 Annual General Meeting in Perth on 5th November.

VOTE OF
THANKS

Mr. Aitkenhead (North West Ayrshire) expressed the sincere thanks of all those attending the Autumn School to the Committee and Members of the Aberdeen Branch for their generous hospitality and excellent arrangements during the week-end. He congratulated the Chairman on his skilful management of the meeting and thanked Miss McLaren for her informative and delightful account of her tour of Africa.

Katharine Elgin
5th Nov 1960

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 5th November, 1960, at 2.30 p.m. in The City Halls, Perth.

PRESENT: The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., President, and an approximate attendance of 400 members, of whom 91 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting The Lord Provost of Perth, on behalf of the City, extended a very warm welcome to all delegates and members. Lady Elgin very graciously thanked His Lord Provost and expressed on behalf of the Society her appreciation for the hospitality that had been shown by the City to the Society. Owing to pressure of business The Lord Provost was unable to wait for the rest of the meeting.

The President read a message from Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Lady Elgin also mentioned, that, at the Queen's convenience, Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to visit Headquarters in Edinburgh. A message was also read from Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich, co-founder of the Society. Lady Elgin then went on to express the distress of all delegates and members at the indisposition of Miss Milligan (Chairman of the Society) and asked the approval of the meeting to the sending of flowers and a message wishing her a speedy recovery. The suggestion was enthusiastically acclaimed by all present.

**CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS**

The Countess of Elgin welcomed all the delegates representing England, Ireland and Scotland, and pointed out that this year there were no delegates from overseas.

The President drew the meeting's attention to the fact that once again the Society had had a very successful year with an increase in individual membership of over 2,000; she said that growth was necessary for survival and had been glad to notice that efforts were being made to keep the young people interested, both by teaching in schools and by television in such programmes as "The Kilt is My Delight", "Jig Time" and "The White Heather Club". She also mentioned the new records made under the auspices of the Society and encouraged those present to make full use of them as they were really excellent both from the dancing and the listening points of view. It was interesting to note, she said that a guitar was one of the instruments in the band and surely this was something new for Scottish country dancing.

Lady Elgin had been pleased to note that in five of the eight training colleges in Scotland Scottish country dancing was part of the curriculum and hoped that in the three remaining colleges the subject would soon be included.

The President then told the members of her recent visit to South Africa and how pleased she had been to meet Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich. On asking Mrs. Stewart about her early research in Scottish country dancing Lady Elgin was delighted to hear that Mrs. Stewart when collecting tunes used her knowledge of whistling to great advantage by first learning to whistle the tunes and then write them down.

The President ended her remarks by thanking all members of committees for so regularly attending meetings; all Branch Secretaries and committees for their unstinted work throughout the year; and the staff at Headquarters.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th October, 1959, having been circulated in the Bulletin were approved and signed.

**CONFIRMATION
OF APPOINTMENT
OF PRESIDENT
AND HONORARY
VICE-PRESIDENTS**

Mr. Sharpe (Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council) proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich and The Duke of Hamilton. This was seconded by Dr. Robertson Wilson (Southport) and unanimously approved by the meeting.

**APPOINTMENT
AS HONORARY
VICE-PRESIDENTS**

The President proposed the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society, The Duke of Atholl, Miss Gray-Buchanan and Mrs. Hamilton-Heikle. This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

**ELECTION OF
OFFICE BEARERS:**

Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Miss J.C. Milligan and Mr. G. Sharpe being the sole nominees for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively were elected.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote: Miss Browne (Aberdeen), Mrs. Leslie (Edinburgh), Mr. Murray (Inverness), Miss Robertson (Dundee), Miss Ross (Glasgow) and Mr. Williamson (Perth).

**ADOPTION OF
ANNUAL REPORT:**

Mr. Gilroy (East Lothian) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mr. Raven (East Surrey West Kent) and approved by the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:**

The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1960, circulated with the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Sharpe, Convener of the Finance Committee.

In the Revenue Account subscriptions showed a substantial decrease. This was mainly due to the different method now instituted for dealing with Life Membership subscriptions which are now set aside in a separate fund and a percentage only brought into Revenue Account each year. Investment income had again increased and now totalled £523. Surplus on Publications Account was £1,056, an increase of £419 over the previous year.

Turning to Expenditure it was pointed out that the Administration Expenses had slightly increased while depreciation of £50 on Furniture and Equipment and £250 on Property had again been charged against Revenue. The balance on Revenue Account was £1,705 and after making appropriations to Reserves totalling £1,400 the net surplus for the year amounted to £305.

The Balance Sheet showed total Assets at 30th June, 1960, of £31,341; an increase of £1,455 over the previous year.

Mr. Sharpe then examined the estimates for 1960/61, explaining the changes with those of the previous year.

Mr. Ross (London) proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr. Fleming (West Lothian) and this was approved by the meeting.

**APPOINTMENT
OF AUDITOR:**

The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman McKinnon, C.A., of Messrs. Norman McKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr. Cross (Glasgow) seconded by Mr. Hardie (Dumfermline) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

From the Executive Council: "That the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Constitution and Rules should be altered as follows:-
(1) Page 3, Paragraph iii (3) - omit words "situated outside Scotland" to read: "Firms, Companies, Societies, Clubs, Associations or other bodies interested in the objects of the Society may join as Affiliated Groups, provided there is not in their area any Branch of the Society of which the members of such body could conveniently become members. 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. In making the decision regard will be given to any views submitted by neighbouring branches". Mr. Macleod (Glasgow) on behalf of the Executive Council moved the resolution which was seconded by Miss Adams (Glasgow). Mr. Currie (N.W. Ayrshire) proposed the direct negative, seconded by Dr. Johnstone, (N.W. Ayrshire).

On a vote by a show of hands the resolution was carried.

(2) Page 4, Paragraph IV (1) - add after "President" "Vice-President" to read: "The Office-bearers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Honorary Vice-Presidents, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in the manner aftermentioned."

(3) Page 10, Rules II (1)(a) - add, after "In the absence of the President" "the Vice-President of the Society, whom failing" to read:- "The President of the Society shall preside at the General Meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the Society, whom failing the Chairman of the Society, whom failing the Vice-Chairman, shall act as Chairman of the General Meeting".

(4) Page 10, Rules II (1)(b) - add, after "President", "Vice-President" to read: "In the absence of the President, Vice-President, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, a Chairman shall be appointed by the majority of those present and entitled to vote."

Resolutions (2), (3) and (4), taken together, were moved by Mr. Sharpe (Vice-Chairman) on behalf of the Executive Council, and were seconded by Mrs. Hutcheson (East Stirlingshire). Mr. Mechan (Dundee) proposed that the status quo be maintained, seconded by Mr. Cross (Glasgow).

On a vote by a show of hands the resolution was carried (52 for, 11 against and 28 abstentions). Later in the meeting Mr. Mechan, on a point of order, enquired if, according to the constitution, page 10, VII (2), the resolution received the vote of not less than two thirds of the delegates present and entitled to vote. When the result of the vote was rechecked it was found that a majority of two-thirds in favour of the resolution had not been received and the Chairman declared that the status quo should be maintained.

From Edinburgh Branch: "That the Executive Council should give effect to the Resolution, concerning recently devised dances, which was carried unanimously at the Annual General Meeting in 1956." Mr. Cruickshank (Edinburgh) moved the resolution, seconded by Mr. Brown (Edinburgh). The Secretary outlined the steps already taken by the Executive and pointed out that Branches had been asked to send in any dances which had been tried out and found popular, but since that time only one dance which was not already published had been received. It was not necessary to take a vote on this resolution which had been previously passed but the Chairman assured the members that should a sufficient number of suitable dances be forthcoming, the Executive Council would give the matter earnest consideration.

1961 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING:

The Chairman announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the Annual General Meeting in Ayr on 28th October, 1961.

VOTE OF
THANKS:

Mr. Ross (London) thanked Lady Elgin for presiding at the meeting and for carrying out her duties so graciously. He also extended to the Perth Branch the thanks and warm appreciation of the Society for all the hard work which had been done to make the weekend arrangements so very successful.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 28th October, 1961, at 2.30 p.m. in the County Hall, Ayr.

PRESENT: The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., President, and an approximate attendance of 400 members of whom 96 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting, the Provost of Ayr welcomed the delegates and members to the town and expressed the hope that a pleasant and profitable week-end would be enjoyed by all. Lady Elgin thanked the Provost and expressed on behalf of the Society her appreciation for the hospitality that had been shown by the town. Owing to pressure of business the Provost was unable to wait for the rest of the meeting.

The President read a message from Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Messages were also read from Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich, and Miss J. C. Milligan, co-founders of the Society.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from the Duke of Hamilton, The Duke of Atholl, The Countess of Galloway and Miss Gray Buchanan, Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

The Countess of Elgin extended a warm welcome to all attending the meeting. She pointed out that once again the Society had had a very successful year, the highlight being the visit to Headquarters of Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip. The visit was a great honour to the whole Society and everyone at Headquarters that day had a wonderful time. The Queen was truly interested in the work of the Society and Prince Philip kept everyone laughing, but made some very shrewd and helpful remarks as well. Directly after the visit, the portrait of Miss Milligan, commissioned by the Society, was formally presented and now hangs in the members room at Headquarters. Lady Elgin continued by thanking all Branch officials for their work during the year, also the Headquarters' sub-committee members. She particularly thanked the committee and members of the Ayr Branch for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements over the week-end. The President ended her remarks by quoting the latest statistics regarding the Society membership - 88 Branches, 196 affiliated groups and over 18,000 members - by thanking Miss Hadden for all her work, and by wishing Miss Wotherspoon every success in her new appointment in America.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th November, 1960, having been circulated in the Bulletin were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. Sharpe (Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council) proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Duke of Hamilton, The Duke of Atholl, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich, and Miss Gray Buchanan. This was seconded by Miss Adams (Glasgow) and unanimously approved by the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT

The President proposed the appointment as an Honorary Vice-President of the Society Major-General The Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Chairman: Mr. G. Sharpe being the sole nominee for this office was elected.
Vice Chairman: Mrs. F.D. Lesslie (Edinburgh) was elected by vote.
Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote: Miss L. G. Browne (Aberdeen), Dr. Q. Johnstone (N.W. Ayrshire), Miss J. Matheson (Ayr), Mr. W. Murray (Inverness), Mrs. W. Wadsworth (Edinburgh) and Mr. J. Williamson (Perth).

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT: Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mr. Murray (Inverness) and approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS: The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1961, circulated with the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Sharpe, Convener of the Finance Committee.

In the Revenue Account, subscriptions showed a substantial increase. Investment Income had reached the satisfactory figure of £575 while Royalties showed increased income from gramophone records. The surplus on Society Publications amounted to £455.

On the expenditure side, administration expenses had increased while depreciation of £51 on Furniture and Equipment and £250 on Property had been charged against Revenue. The balance on Revenue Account was £1,520 and after making appropriations to Reserves totalling £1,250, the net surplus for the year amounted to £270.

The Balance Sheet showed total assets at 30th June, 1961, of £34,782 but excluding Summer School Fees and the investments held for Pension Fund, the net assets at 30th June, 1961, belonging to the Society amounted to £25,653, an increase of £1,441 over the previous year.

Mr. Sharpe then examined the estimates for 1961/62, explaining the changes with those of the previous year.

Mr. Spence (Lorn, Argyll) proposed the adoption of the Accounts, Mr. Ireland (St. Andrews) seconded and this was approved by the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs. Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Dr. Currie (North West Ayrshire), seconded by Mr. Wallace (East Surrey, West Kent) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

From the Executive Council:

(a) That The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Constitution and Rules should be altered as follows:-

1. Page 4, Paragraph IV (1) - add after 'President', 'Vice-President' to read: 'The Office-Bearers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Honorary Vice-Presidents, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in the manner after mentioned.'
2. Page 10, Rules II (1)(a) - add, after 'In the absence of the President' 'The Vice-President of the Society, whom failing' to read: 'The President of the Society shall preside at the General Meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the Society, whom failing the Chairman of the Society, whom failing the Vice-Chairman, shall act as Chairman of the General Meeting.'
3. Page 10, Rules II (1) (b) - add, after 'President, 'Vice-President' to read: 'In the absence of the President, Vice-President, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, a Chairman shall be appointed by the majority of those present and entitled to vote.'

Resolutions 1, 2 and 3, taken together, were moved by Mr. Sharpe (Chairman) on behalf of the Executive Council, and were seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead (North West Ayrshire). Miss G. MacArthur (Ayr), seconded by Miss J. Matheson (Ayr) moved that, in parenthesis, the words 'Office to be held only by a co-founder of the Society' be added after

'Vice-President'. The Proposer and Seconder of the Resolution agreed to this addendum and the amended resolution was carried unanimously.

(b) That in the event of the above Resolution being accepted by the Annual General Meeting, Miss Jean C. Milligan should be appointed as Vice-President of the Society. Mr. Hardie (Dunfermline) on behalf of the Executive Council moved the resolution which was seconded by Miss MacArthur (Ayr) and carried unanimously.

From North-West Ayrshire Branch:

(c) "That the Executive Council considers the desirability of canvassing support for nominations for positions on the Executive Council." Dr. Currie proposed this resolution, seconded by Mr. Kitkenhead (both of North West Ayrshire), and it was agreed that the matter would be raised at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

From Dundee Branch:

(d) "That a larger portion of the subscription be retained by Branches and that the present allowance of 6d. be increased to 1s. Mr. Mehan seconded by Miss Davidson (Both of Dundee Branch) proposed this resolution.

At this stage, Lady Elgin was obliged to leave the meeting to catch a plane and the Chair was taken by Mr. Sharpe.

Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian) proposed the direct negative and that the status quo be maintained and was seconded by Mr. Spence (Lorn, Argyll). On a vote by a show of hands the necessary two-thirds majority was not obtained and the status quo was maintained.

1962 ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING:

The Chairman announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh on 10th November, 1962.

VOTE OF
THANKS:

Mr. Brown (Edinburgh) on behalf of all those present most sincerely thanked Lady Elgin for so charmingly and competently taking the Chair at the meeting and regretted that she had had to leave before the end. He also thanked Mr. Sharpe for presiding so ably in Lady Elgin's absence. He asked the meeting to join with him in expressing his great appreciation of the hospitality extended to the Society by the members of Ayr Branch throughout the weekend, and for the most excellent arrangements which had made the Autumn School such a success.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 10th November, 1962, at 2.30 p.m. in the Music Hall, Edinburgh.

PRESENT: The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., President, Miss J. C. Milligan, Vice-President, and an approximate attendance of 500 members of whom 106 were delegates.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from The Duke of Atholl, The Countess of Galloway, Major-General Lord Thurlow and Miss Gray-Buchanan, Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: In expressing a warm welcome to those present, The Countess of Elgin added that it was a special pleasure for her to welcome visitors to our beautiful capital city and to note that Miss Milligan, the co-founder of the Society nearly forty years ago, was present and continuing to inspire enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing both at home and overseas. Lady Elgin pointed out that although there were 90 Branches and approximately 190 affiliated groups, Prince Philip had remarked during the royal visit to Headquarters, on the absence of any Scottish Country Dance group in Central Canada. However, Miss Milligan had remedied this situation by visiting Canada very shortly afterwards, and as a result had inspired a group in Winnipeg to form a Branch of the Society. The President remarked that Scottish Country Dancing had now such a strong influence throughout the world, that it could certainly be considered as a most important Scottish export. Its influence was so strong that in San Francisco, where dancing in public houses was not permissible by law, a special licence was granted to "The Edinburgh Castle" enabling "the graceful Scottish Country Dances" to be enjoyed on the premises. Scottish Country Dancing had also a great influence over the young and was taught in practically every school throughout this country, and even in many Canadian schools. The President doubted whether government officials and the Public were aware of these remarkable achievements and suggested the Society should 'blow its own trumpet' a little louder. Lady Elgin ended her remarks by thanking Edinburgh Branch for the excellent arrangements that had been made to make the Autumn School weekend such a success, and by thanking all Branch officials and Committee members for their work during the year.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th October, 1961, having been circulated in the Bulletin were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS: Mr. Sharpe (Chairman of the Executive Council) proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Duke of Hamilton, The Duke of Atholl, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloch, Miss Gray-Buchanan and Major-General Lord Thurlow. This was seconded by Mrs. Lesslie, (Vice Chairman of the Executive Council) and unanimously approved by the Meeting.

Mr. Sharpe pointed out to the Meeting that as the office of Vice-President was created for Miss Milligan and was only open to a co-founder of the Society, it would not be necessary to confirm the appointment of Miss Milligan as Vice-President.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: Chairman: Mr. G. Sharpe being the sole nominee for this office was elected.

Vice-Chairman: Mrs. F. D. Lesslie being the sole nominee for this office was elected.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote:

Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow); Mrs. N. Dunn (West Dunbartonshire); Dr. C. Johnstone (N.W. Ayrshire); Miss J. Matheson (Ayr); Mr. G. J. Mechan (Dundee); Mrs. W. Wadsworth (Edinburgh).

ADOPTION OF
ANNUAL REPORT:

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Miss Milligan (Vice-President), seconded by Miss Matheson (Ayr) and approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1962, circulated with the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Hardie, Convener of the Finance Committee.

In the Revenue Account, income from subscriptions and royalties had fallen, but income from investments, the Summer School and Book Sales had increased.

On the expenditure side, administration expenses showed an increase while the Bulletin had cost £133 more owing to the increase in printers' wages. Depreciation of £51 on Furniture and Equipment and £150 on Property had been charged against Revenue. The balance on Revenue Account was £964 and after making appropriations to Reserves totalling £800, the net surplus for the year amounted to £164.

The Balance Sheet showed total assets at 30th June, 1962 of £37,567 but excluding Summer School fees and the investments held for the Pension Fund, the net assets at 30th June, 1962, belonging to the Society amounted to £26,513, an increase of £860 over the previous year.

Mr. Hardie then presented the estimates for 1962/63 and pointed out the differences with the previous year.

Mr. Brown (Edinburgh) proposed the adoption of the accounts and Mr. Aitkenhead (North West Ayrshire) seconded, and this was approved by the Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF
AUDITORS:

The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs. Norman MacKinnon & Co. Ayr, was proposed by Mr. Cross (Glasgow), seconded by Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTION:

From Dundee Branch:

"That a larger portion of the subscription be retained by Branches and that the present allowance of 6d. be increased to 1s." This resolution was proposed by Mr. Mechan, and seconded by Miss Davidson (both of Dundee Branch).

Mr. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire) proposed that the status quo be maintained and was seconded by Mr. Brown (Edinburgh). On a vote by a show of hands the necessary two-thirds majority was not obtained and the status quo was maintained.

1963 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING:

The President announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the Annual General Meeting in Aberdeen on 3rd November, 1963.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Dr. Robertson Wilson (Southport) on behalf of those attending the meeting thanked Lady Elgin for the gracious and able way in which she had presided over the Annual General Meeting this year. He also asked members to join with him in a very warm vote of thanks to the Edinburgh Branch, both the committee and members, for the excellent arrangements made for the entertainment of those attending the Autumn School week-end.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on
Saturday, 2nd November 1963, at 2.30 p.m. in the Music Hall, Aberdeen.

PRESENT: The Countess of Elgin, B.P.E., President, and an approximate attendance of 390 members of whom 92 were delegates.

Before the business of the Meeting, Bailie Forman in welcoming delegates and members to the town expressed his deep regret that Lord Provost Graham could not be present owing to a very serious illness. Bailie Forman expressed the hope that the Autumn School Week-end of such a typically Scottish Society would be very successful in Aberdeen, "the most Scottish of cities." On behalf of the city of Aberdeen, he gave best wishes for the Society's future. Lady Elgin thanked Bailie Forman for the very excellent welcome that the Society had received in Aberdeen, a city which she considered to be a fine setting for Society work. The President then expressed the regret of everyone present on the illness of Lord Provost Graham and wished him a very early return to health. The President read a message from Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Messages were also read from Miss Milligan, at present on a North American tour and from Mrs. Stewart of Pannaloich in Cape Town.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from The Duke of Atholl, The Duke of Hamilton, The Countess of Galloway, Major-General Lord Thurlow and Miss Gray-Buchanan, Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society. Lady Elgin intimated that Major General Lord Thurlow, who was greatly interested in Scottish Country Dancing, would be returning from Malta to this country soon to become General Officer Commanding-in-Chief-Scotland.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: The Countess of Elgin expressed her hopes for a very successful Annual General Meeting and extended a warm welcome to all members attending. Lady Elgin wondered if members realized what a difficult task Miss Milligan and Mrs. Stewart of Pannaloich had taken on forty years ago when they decided to form the Society, for in those days, comparatively few Scottish Country Dances were known and old music and dance books were lying forgotten in dusty attics. Lady Elgin remarked that the Scottish wealth of music and dance had nearly been lost to the world. Surely, it was the duty of every member to do his or her best to ensure that the Society progressed into further fields during the next forty years eventually enabling Scottish Country Dancing to be enjoyed in every country in the world. The President commented that she would like to see the Society attracting more and more young people and joked that if the Beatles could bring Liverpool so much into the young people's limelight, then so should our lively dances bring Scotland into their focus. In her opinion, the Society had been most progressive with its latest book of dances, some of which had been sent in from Canada, Kenya and New Zealand. Perhaps, Lady Elgin remarked, we could hope that the Society's progress would be such that the first man to reach the moon would have an S.C.D. book and a partner to dance with! The President ended her remarks by thanking Aberdeen Branch on behalf of all visiting members for the excellent arrangements they had made for the week-end. She also thanked Committee members, Branch officials and Miss Hadden for their work during the year.

CONSTITUTION OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS: Mr. Sharpe (Chairman of the Executive Council) proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Duke of Hamilton, The Duke of Atholl, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Pannaloich, Miss Gray-Buchanan and Major-General Lord Thurlow. This was seconded by Mrs. Leslie (Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council) and unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: Chairman: Mr. S. Sharpe being the sole nominee for this office was elected.
Vice-Chairman: As Mrs. Leslie had resigned owing to her imminent departure for New Zealand, Miss F.M. Adams (Glasgow) was elected by vote. Lady Elgin gave the Society's very best wishes to Mrs. Leslie for a happy life in New Zealand.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote: Miss L.G. Brown (Aberdeen), Dr. J.W.C. Brown (Edinburgh), Miss E. Goodall (Perth), Dr. C. Johnston (W. of Ayrshire), Mr. G. Mehan (Dundee) and Mrs. W. Wadsworth (Gatehouse of Fleet).

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

The Audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1963, circulated with the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Lochhead, Convener of the Finance Committee.

In the Revenue Account, income from subscriptions and affiliated groups had risen and the 1962 Summer School, largely because of the additional accommodation available, was probably the most successful financially that the Society had ever had.

Expenditure showed the same pattern as in previous years. Extension work overseas covered a contribution towards the expenses of the Glasgow Branch's visit to Bavaria, and Mr. Aitkenhead's visit to Rhodesia.

The balance on Revenue Account was £2,509, and after making appropriations to reserves totalling £1,775, the net surplus for the year amounted to £534.

The Balance Sheet showed net assets excluding the staff Pension Fund and the Summer School of £28,263, and an increase in investments of £2,625.

Mr. Lochhead then presented the estimates for 1963/64.

Mr. Ferguson (London) proposed the adoption of the accounts and Mr. Middleton (Glasgow) seconded, and this was approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT:

The Adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Mr. Corbett (Newcastle), seconded by Mr. Smith (Birmingham) and approved by the Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

The Confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr. Murray (Inverness), seconded by Miss Duff (Auchterarder) and approved by the Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions from the Executive Council were proposed by Mr. Lochhead (Convener of the Finance Committee) and seconded by Mr. Brown (Edinburgh).

- (a) "That the annual subscription should be raised to 7/6, that the Life Membership should be raised to £5, 5s., one third of each retainable by a Branch and that the annual affiliation fee shall remain at £1, 1s.

Mr. Mehan (Dundee) moved an amendment that the status quo be maintained and this was seconded by Miss Nicoll (Dundee). Mr. Aitkenhead (W. of Ayrshire) moved a further amendment that the resolution be added to the Agenda of the 1964 Annual General Meeting in order to give Branches time for consideration of the matter and this was seconded by Mr. Sinclair (Arbroath). On a vote by a show of hands, the amendment proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead was carried.

- (b) "That the age of admission to the Society be lowered to 16 years. The Meeting unanimously decided to adopt this resolution with effect from 1st July 1964, when the Constitution will be amended accordingly.

1964 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The President announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the Annual General Meeting in Glasgow on 7th November, 1964.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr. Brooks (Edinburgh) on behalf of those attending the Meeting thanked Lady Elgin for the capable and charming way in which she had presided over the Annual General Meeting this year. He also thanked Aberdeen Branch for the very successful arrangements made for the entertainment of those attending the Autumn School week-end.

Katherine Elgin

7th Nov. 1964

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of the THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on
Saturday, 7th November, 1964, at 2.30 p.m. in The Palace of Arts,
Bellahouston Park, Glasgow.

PRESENT:

The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., President, Miss J.C. Milligan,
Vice-President, Major-General Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.,
Honorary Vice-President, and an approximate attendance of 350 members
of whom 96 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting Lady Elgin read a message from Her
Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. A
message was also read from Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich, co-founder of
the Society.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS:

The Countess of Elgin welcomed all the delegates and members of the
Society attending the Meeting, especially those who had come long
distances to be in Glasgow to support the Society - one member was
present from Boston Branch.

On looking over the Society's work during the last year, the President
remarked on the amazing success overseas which, she thought, was quite
outstanding. It was a great triumph, Lady Elgin continued, to be asked
to send a team to France to mark the ancient friendship of Scotland with
that country, and especially with the town of Cannes. New York had a
record year and a visit from Miss Milligan. The President hoped that
Miss Milligan, herself, would tell the meeting more about her visit.
Lady Elgin remarked that she would almost call Scottish Country dancing
an 'invisible export' as it kept people just as warm as woollen twin-sets
imported from Scotland!

Lady Elgin pointed out that this upsurge of dancing both at home and
abroad was good news - but in ten years or less the whole splendid
organization could crash unless young people could be attracted to join
the Society and carry on the great work. The responsibility for gaining
young members lay especially with the Branches, and the President was
sure that they would try their hardest and use every modern device to
this end.

Lady Elgin ended her remarks by asking the visiting members to thank
the Glasgow Branch most warmly for the excellent arrangements they had
made in spite of special difficulties and that everybody was deeply
grateful. She also thanked all Committee members and Branch Officials
for their hard work during the past year, and a very special 'thank you'
was extended to the Society's Secretary, Miss Hadden.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd November, 1963
having been circulated in the Bulletin were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF
APPOINTMENT OF
PRESIDENT AND
HONORARY VICE-
PRESIDENTS:

Miss Milligan proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess
of Elgin, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Duke of Hamilton, The
Duke of Atholl, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich,
Miss Gray-Buchanan and Major-General Lord Thurlow. This was seconded
by Mr. Sharpe and unanimously approved.

Lady Elgin told the meeting how much she had enjoyed being President
but said regretfully that this would be her last year in office and
that she would be very sad to leave when the time came.

ELECTION OF
OFFICE-BEARERS:

Chairman: Miss Adams was elected for this office being the sole nominee.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian) was elected by vote.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote: Miss L.G.
Browne (Aberdeen), Mr. J.B.C. Brown (Edinburgh), Miss E. Goodall (Perth),
Mr. W.J. Ireland (London), Mr. G. Mechan (Dundee) and Mrs. Parker (Ayr).

While the voting papers were being counted Lady Elgin invited Miss Milligan to tell the members about her overseas work during the year. Miss Milligan gave a most interesting account of her visit to Canada and U.S.A. which was much appreciated by the members.

ADOPTION OF THE
ACCOUNTS:

The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1964, circulated with the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Lochhead, Convenor of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Lochhead drew attention to the increase in income of £1,000, notably from subscriptions £400 and royalties due to the publication of '99 More Scottish Country Dances'.

Expenditure showed remarkably little change.

The net profit for the year was £2,681, from which the following allocations had been made:-

To Pension (now Staff) Fund	£1,550
" General Reserve	£1,000

leaving a balance of £331 to be added to capital account.

He also asked approval of the estimates for 1964/65.

Mr. Aitkenhead proposed and Mr. Cross seconded the adoption of the accounts and estimates. This was approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF
ANNUAL REPORT:

The Adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Mrs. Jameson (Gatehouse-of-Fleet), seconded by Dr. Hall (Manchester) and approved by the Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF
AUDITORS:

The Confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs. Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr. Jameson (Ayr), seconded by Mr. Pearson (Kirkcaldy) and approved by the Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

From Lorn Branch:

"That the annual membership and life membership subscriptions remain as at present, that a saving be made on the publication of subscription copies and that any such saving be passed on to all Branches". Mr. McKillop (Lorn) proposed this resolution which was seconded by Mr. Fellowes (Lorn). This was put to the vote against the status quo by a show of hands. The status quo was maintained.

From the Executive Council:

"That the annual subscription should be raised to 7s. 6d., 5s. being retained by the Branch, that the life membership should be raised to £5: 5s., £2:2s. being retained by the Branch and that the annual affiliation fee should remain at £1: 1s." This resolution was proposed by Mr. Lochhead (East Lothian) on behalf of the Executive Council, and seconded by Mr. Brown (Edinburgh), and on a vote by a show of hands against the status quo, the status quo was maintained.

From the Executive Council:

"That the election of six members annually to the Executive Council should be discontinued." Miss Milligan moved the resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corbett (Newcastle-upon-Tyne). A vote by a show of hands found that a majority of two-thirds in favour of the resolution had not been received and therefore the status quo was maintained.

1965 ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING:

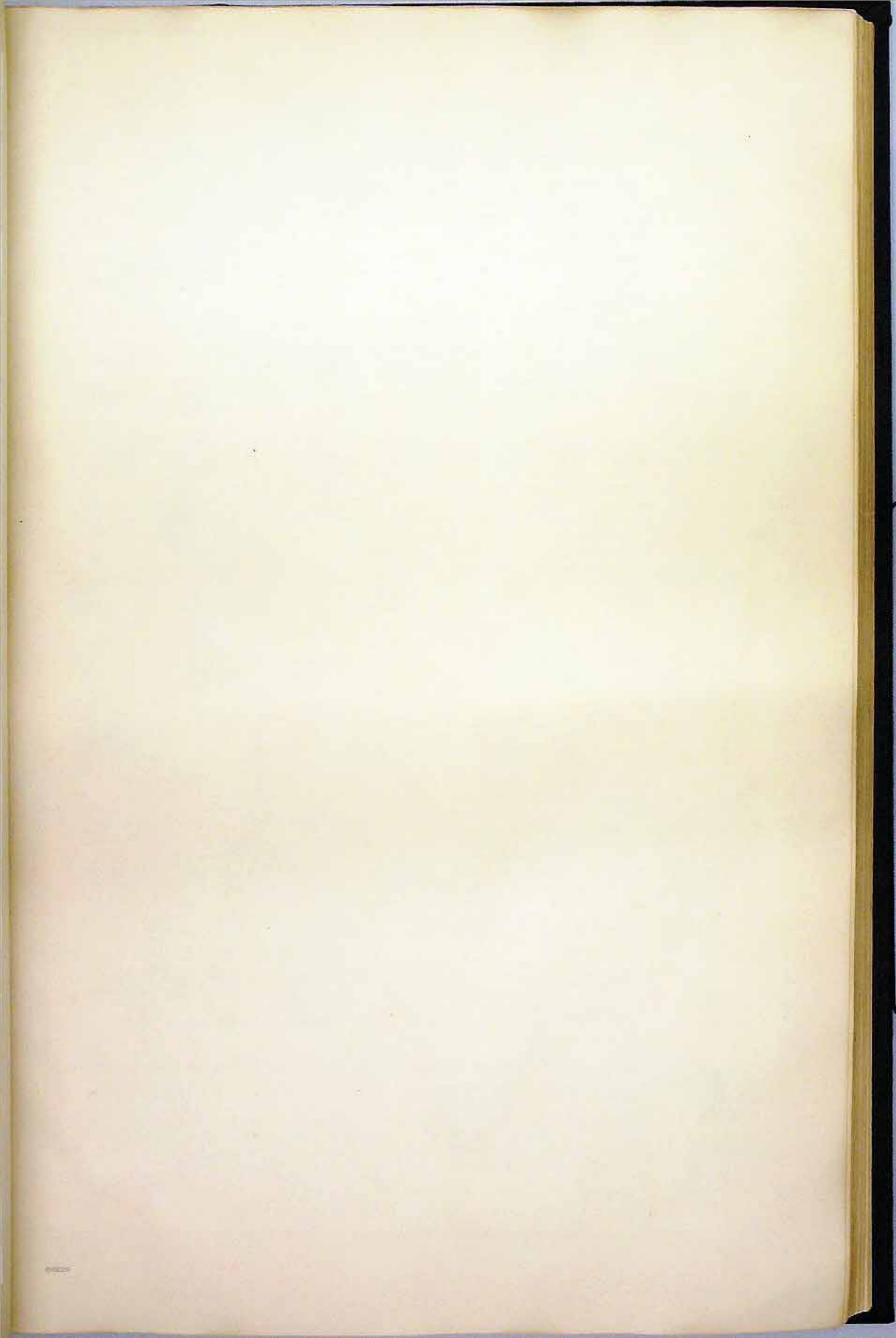
The President pointed out that an invitation had not yet been received by the Executive Council from any Branch for a place to hold the Annual General Meeting in 1965. It was hoped that an invitation would be received in due course.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Dr. Robertson Wilson (Southport) thanked Lady Elgin for presiding at the meeting and expressed the Society's appreciation of her presidency of the Society during the past few years. He also thanked the Glasgow Branch for making such tremendous arrangements for the Autumn week-end. A warm vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Sharpe for giving the Society such a great amount of helpful work during his term of office as Vice-Chairman and Chairman. Dr. Robertson Wilson said that he did not think anybody had any idea how much work Mr. Sharpe had done during his term of office, and that everybody was very appreciative.

Katharine Elgin

6th Nov. 1965.



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

MINUTES of the THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday,
6th November, 1965, at 2.30.p.m. in The County Buildings, Ayr.

PRESENT :

The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., President, Miss J. C. Milligan, Vice-President, Major General Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Honorary Vice-President, and an approximate attendance of 375 members of whom 88 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting Lady Elgin read a message from Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. A message was also read from Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloch, co-founder of the Society.

Lady Elgin invited Provost O'Halloran to address the meeting.

Provost O'Halloran on behalf of himself and the Town Council, extended a very warm welcome to the delegates and hoped that the week-end would be a great success. The Provost reminded the delegates that this was their second visit to Ayr within a period of four years and he felt that this was flattering to the local Branch and the Town Council.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS :

Lady Elgin began her remarks by welcoming the delegates from fifty branches and members who had come to support the work of the Society at the Annual Meeting. This work could not go on without the untiring efforts of Branch officials and members of the Executive and other Committees. Grateful thanks were due to them all. Lady Elgin then expressed her warmest thanks to the Ayr Branch for their generous hospitality and the excellent arrangements which had been made. The President remarked on the interest in our dances overseas and noted that in the Annual Report mention was made of an eightsome reel danced in Moscow - this was certainly something to be proud of. She also spoke of Miss Milligan's travels in the United States and Canada and hoped that Miss Milligan would tell the meeting about her tour later in the programme. In saying farewell to the Society, all eighteen thousand members, Lady Elgin said that during her eight years as President she had come to understand and marvel at the work which the Society was doing - growing in strength every year. She had seen how, amongst those who promote this growth, Miss Milligan towered over them all, a most remarkable person, worthy of the greatest admiration and respect. Beside her, full of wisdom and good counsel, stands Miss Hadden, and the Society should be proud of them both. Lady Elgin felt sure that under the new President, the Society would have many happy and successful years to come.

MINUTES :

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th November, 1964, having been circulated in the Bulletin were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF
APPOINTMENT OF
PRESIDENT AND
HONORARY VICE-
-PRESIDENTS :

Before proposing the appointment of Major General Lord Thurlow as President of the Society, Miss Milligan thanked Lady Elgin most sincerely for all the work she had done on behalf of the Society during the eight years she had been President. Lady Elgin's interest in the Committee meetings had been much appreciated. Miss Milligan also proposed the appointments of The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloch, The Duke of Hamilton, K.T., The Duke of Atholl and Miss Gray-Buchanan as Honorary Vice-Presidents. This was seconded by Miss Adams and unanimously approved.

Lord Thurlow told the meeting that he was deeply honoured to have been asked to follow Lady Elgin and assured the members that during the time he occupied this position he would do his utmost to serve them in interesting people in the Society and especially during his several visits abroad.

ELECTION OF
OFFICE BEARERS:
AND SIX
ELECTED

Chairman: Miss Adams was elected for this office being the sole nominee.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Lochhead was elected for this office being the sole nominee.

Six-Elected Members: The following were elected by vote :
Miss L. G. Browne (Aberdeen), Mr. J.B.C. Brown (Edinburgh), Mr. W. Clement (Dumfries), Mr. W. Cross (Glasgow), Mr. W. Ireland (London) and Mrs. M. Parker (Ayr).

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While the voting papers were being counted Lord Thurlow invited Miss Milligan to tell the members about her visit to Canada and U.S.A. Miss Milligan gave a very interesting account of her tour, having visited twenty-two places in seven weeks.

ADOPTION OF
THE ACCOUNTS :

The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1965, circulated with the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Lochhead, Convenor of the Finance Committee.

Before moving their adoption, Mr. Lochhead drew attention to the fall in subscriptions and sales of publications due largely to the fact that there had been no new publication. There had also been a decrease in the 1964 Summer School fees due to a temporary restriction in accommodation.

Expenditure had shown little change, and the year had ended with a surplus of £1,147 from which the following allocations had been made:-

To the Staff Fund	£800
To General Reserve	£100

leaving a balance of £247.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, he pointed out that the Society was taking advantage of the high interest rates offered by local authority loans and converting investments as the opportunity arose.

He drew attention to the estimates for 1965/66.

Mr. Brooks proposed and Mr. Bates seconded the adoption of the accounts and estimates, and the resolution was passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF
ANNUAL REPORT :

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Dr. Forbes (Birmingham), seconded by Miss Kane (Belfast) and approved by the Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF
AUDITORS :

The Confirmation of the appointment of the Auditors, Messrs. Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr. Taylor (Stirlingshire), seconded by Mr. Thomson (Ayr) and approved by the Meeting.

1966 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING:

The President announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the Annual General Meeting in Stirling on 5th November 1966.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Miss Duff (Auchterarder) thanked Lady Elgin for all she had done for the Society during the eight years she had been President, having been charmingly capable and capably charming. In thanking Lord Thurlow she expressed the wish that his association with the Society would be a long and happy one. Miss Duff then, on behalf of the Society, thanked the Provost of Ayr and Committee members of Ayr Branch for making the week-end such a successful one.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Saturday, 5th November 1966, at 2.30.p.m. in
the Albert Hall, Stirling.

PRESENT :

Major-General Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., President,
Miss J. C. Milligan, Vice-President, and an approximate attendance
of 375 members of whom 97 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting Lord Thurlow read a message from
Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings,
and a further letter thanking the Secretary for a copy of the bulletin
which had been sent to her. A message was also read from Mrs. Stewart
of Fasnacloich, co-founder of the Society.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS :

Lord Thurlow began his remarks by welcoming the delegates from fifty-seven
Branches and members who had come to support the work of the Society at
the Annual Meeting. Lord Thurlow gave a special welcome to the delegates
from the first European Branch, Hague and District, and wished all good
fortune to the Branch in Holland. The President went on to say how
grateful he was to the Chairman, Mr. Proudfoot, Miss Bowie and the Committee
of Stirling Branch for making this weekend in the ancient Capital of
Scotland not only possible but obviously successful. He paid tribute to
the work of the Branch Officials and members of the Executive and other
Committees, without whose work everything would come to a grinding halt.
Lord Thurlow expressed the need to encourage new Branches and new members,
particularly the younger members, and said it was up to us all to maintain
and spread Scottish Country Dancing in the face of the new crazes which
every year brings, and to maintain the high standards on which we must
insist. Lord Thurlow paid tribute to Miss Milligan for her devotion, energy
and hard work, the "Petronella Pan" of the Society, and also to Miss Hadden
for her wonderfully efficient work at Headquarters. In concluding the
President announced that the next Annual General Meeting would be held in
Oban and he thanked the Lorn (Argyll) Branch for their kind invitation.

MINUTES :

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th November 1965,
having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Miss Milligan proposed the confirmation of the appointment of Major-General
Lord Thurlow as President of the Society and The Countess of Galloway,
Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich, The Duke of Hamilton, K.T., The Duke of Atholl
and Miss Gray-Buchanan as Honorary Vice-Presidents. This was seconded by
Miss Adams and unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND SIX ELECTED MEMBERS :

Chairman - Miss Adams was elected for this office being the sole nominee.
Vice Chairman - Mr. Lochhead was elected for this office, being the sole
nominee. Six Elected Members - the following were elected by vote :-
Mr. Clement (Dumfries), Mr. Cross (Glasgow), Mr. Ireland (London),
Miss Martin (Aberdeen), Mr. Mechan (Dundee) and Mrs. Parker (Ayr.)

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT :

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Mr. Corbett (Newcastle-
on-Tyne), seconded by Mrs. Couper (Dunfermline) and approved by the Meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE ACCOUNTS :

The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1966, circulated with
the Bulletin, were presented by Mr. Lochhead, Convener of the Finance
Committee. Before asking for approval and their adoption, Mr. Lochhead
drew attention to one or two items. Turning first to the Revenue Account,
subscriptions were about the same as in the previous year, but larger
premises enabled more members to attend the 1965 Summer School. This
accounted for the higher income. Royalties were lower, partly because no
new book was published and partly because sales of the Society's books
generally had declined. A surplus of £307 was made in 1965/66 as compared
with £759 in the previous year.

On the expenditure side, it was noteworthy that the smaller Bulletin had
caused a saving in spite of the steep rise in Printers' costs. After
allocating £500 to the Staff Fund and £100 to General Reserve, the balance
carried to the Balance Sheet was £16.

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Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr. Lochhead reported that Life Membership income continued to expand. The fund now stood at £2,567. With reference to the Auditors' Certificate, Mr. Lochhead expressed gratitude on behalf of the Society to Mr. Norman MacKinnon of Messrs. Norman MacKinnon and Co., Ayr, who had been the Society's Auditor for so many years. He was not seeking re-election and the Society would like to place on record its debt to him, particularly in the early years when he gave so much practical assistance.

Mr. Lochhead drew attention to the estimates for 1966/67, which formed a useful guide for the Finance Committee during the year.

Mr. A. I. Cameron (Lorn, Argyll) proposed and Mr. Middleton (Glasgow) seconded the adoption of the accounts and estimates, and these were unanimously approved by the Meeting.

TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS :

The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditors, Messrs. Arthur Walker & Co. Edinburgh, was proposed by Mr. J. B. C. Brown (Edinburgh), seconded by Mr. Sinclair (Arbroath) and approved by the Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: (a) FROM N.W. AYRSHIRE BRANCH.

1. "That Headquarters should be prepared to accept deficit of any Branch that runs the Annual General Meeting of the Society".
The resolution was proposed by Dr. Currie (N.W. Ayrshire) and seconded by Dr. A. M. Meston (N.W. Ayrshire). An amendment was moved by Miss Galloway (Ayr) and seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Ayr) to the effect that "The Executive Council should be responsible for any deficit incurred by a Branch staging the Annual General Meeting, up to a sum to be agreed between the Executive Council and the Finance Committee." On the amendment being put to the vote by a show of hands, it was carried.
2. "That Resolutions should be asked for earlier".
The President ruled that this Resolution should not be accepted as it required a change in the Constitution, of which notice had not been given.
3. "That the General Purposes Committee or the Executive Council should review all matters raised in Open Forum and see if worthy of further consideration." The Resolution was proposed by Dr. Currie (N.W. Ayrshire) and seconded by Dr. A. M. Meston (N.W. Ayrshire). A direct negative to the Resolution was moved by Mr. Brown (Edinburgh) and seconded by Mr. Falconer (Edinburgh). After a vote by show of hands the Resolution was carried.

(b) FROM DUNDEE BRANCH.

"Whilst appreciating the necessity for Public Liability Insurance, it is proposed that payment of the Premium should be met by Headquarters". Lord Thurlow told the meeting that the Finance Committee that morning had given consideration to this Resolution and had agreed to recommend that all Branches in the U.K. should have the Public Liability Insurance Premium paid by Headquarters. The President then invited Dundee Branch to withdraw their Resolution, which they did.

1967 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :

The President confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted with pleasure an invitation from Lorn (Argyll) Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Oban on 28th October 1967.

VOPE OF THANKS:

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Ireland (London) to Lord Thurlow for presiding at the Meeting, to Miss Adams for her Chairmanship of the Society during the year, to the Provost and Town Council for their Civic Reception, to Stirling Branch for their hospitality during the weekend, and to Miss Milligan and Miss Hadden for their work during the year.

Thurlow

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
28th October, 1967

MINUTES of the Thirty-Eighth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 28th October, 1967, at 2.30 p.m. in the Corran Hall, Oban.

PRESENT. Major-General Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., President, and an approximate attendance of 282 members of whom 82 were delegates.

To open the meeting, Lord Thurlow read a message from the Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings.

The President then invited Provost Spence to address the meeting.

On behalf of all members of the Town Council and people of Oban, Provost Spence extended a very warm welcome to members of the Society and particularly to those attending from distant parts, despite the inaccessibility of Oban. It delighted the town to have the opportunity to act as hosts to the Society on the occasion of its thirty-eighth Annual General Meeting. The Provost regretted the absence of Miss Milligan to whose work Scottish Country Dancing owes its position as a most important cultural and social organisation. He also praised the energy and enthusiasm of the Lorn Branch for making such satisfactory arrangements for the occasion. In conclusion, in the words of the dance title in the new publication, Provost Spence said "Let's Meet Again".

The President, in thanking the Provost, expressed appreciation for the hospitality received and said that the reception by the Town's people and Lorn Branch more than compensated for any difficulties in attending at Oban.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS. Lord Thurlow opened his remarks by reading a telegram from Mrs. Corson (Edinburgh) in Vancouver, sending greetings for a successful meeting. Lord Thurlow then expressed sorrow at the absence of Miss Milligan and stated that he was sending, on behalf of the meeting, an expression of sympathy in her bereavement and hoped that she would shortly resume her activities with the Society and be in attendance at the next Annual General Meeting. He also expressed regret at the absence of Miss Hadden who until now had supported him during his Presidency, but the new Secretary had so far executed the necessary duties satisfactorily and he was most grateful.

Lord Thurlow most warmly welcomed all members and particularly delegates from 44 Branches. He also thanked all Branch Officials, members of the Executive Council and Sub-Committees for their energetic and hard work during the year.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 5th November, 1966, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Miss Adams, in the absence of Miss Milligan, proposed the confirmation of the appointment of Major-General Lord Thurlow as President of the Society and The Countess of Galloway, Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich, The Duke of Hamilton, K.T., The Duke of Atholl and Miss Gray-Buchanan as Honorary Vice-Presidents. This was seconded by Mr. Lochhead and approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX ELECTED MEMBERS. Chairman: Mr. J.L. Lochhead was elected to this office, being the sole nominee. Vice-Chairman: Mr. J.B.C. Brown (Edinburgh) was elected to this office by vote. Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote: Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr. A Falconer, Mr. W. Clement, Miss L.C. Martin, Mr. G.J. Mehan, Dr. C. Robertson Wilson.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY, MISS E.R. GRUBB. Mr. Lochhead proposed the confirmation of appointment of Miss E.R. Grubb as Secretary of the Society. The proposal was seconded by Miss Adams and approved unanimously.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT. The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Miss Kane (Belfast) and seconded by Mr. Foss (Castle Douglas) and approved by the meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET. Mr. Lochhead, Convener of the Finance Committee, presented the audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June 1967, which had been circulated with the Bulletin. Mr. Lochhead drew attention to the slight increase in income from subscriptions, continuing steady sales of Society publications and increased royalties. Summer and Autumn Schools left a favourable balance of £56.

There was no special comment to be made on expenditure. The Society has continued to invest in Industrial Loan Stock and, since the date of the Accounts, has purchased four further securities of this type, with a view to obtaining a high rate of interest.

The gift to the retiring Secretary was paid out before the end of the year and the Staff Fund now stands at £186. Mr. Lochhead ended by drawing attention to the Auditor's certificate and the 1967/68 estimates.

In proposing the adoption of the accounts, Mr. Healey (Rochdale) commented on the conservative investment policy of the Finance Committee and suggested that they might consider purchasing either good ordinary shares or investing in Unit Trusts, many of which operate in Edinburgh, this with a view to making greater provision for a depreciation in money values.

Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire) seconded the adoption of the Accounts and Estimates and these were unanimously approved by the Meeting.

TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS. The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditors, Messrs. Arthur Walker & Co., Edinburgh, was proposed by Mr. J. Taylor (Stirling) and seconded by Miss A.C. Lee (Berwick-on-Tweed) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS -

- a) From the Executive Council
That The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Constitution and Rules be altered as follows:-
1. In Section VI, subsection (1), paragraph (b) add
"The immediate past Chairman shall be a member ex-officio of the Executive Council for one year after demitting office."
 2. At the end of Section VI, subsection (4), add
"(f) Immediate past Chairman - The immediate past Chairman shall, for one year after demitting office, be a member ex-officio of each Standing Committee of the Executive Council."

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Lochhead and seconded by Mr. Corbett (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) and carried unanimously.

- b) From Glasgow Branch

"That the Annual Subscription be increased to 7s.6d. and that Branches should retain 3s. of this payment."

The resolution was proposed by Miss Prentice (Glasgow) and seconded by Mr. Geggie (Glasgow).

A direct negative to the resolution was moved by Miss Galloway (Ayr) and seconded by Miss Weir (Ayr).

After a vote by show of hands, the resolution was carried.

- c) From Dundee Branch

1. "That the subscription for overseas Branch Members should be increased to the equivalent of 10/- sterling per annum".

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Mechan (Dundee) and seconded by Miss Nicoll (Dundee).

A direct negative to the resolution was moved by Mr. Boode (The Hague & Dist.) and seconded by Miss Galloway (Ayr).

A vote by show of hands indicated that the resolution was defeated.

2. "That the Finance Committee be instructed that in future any proposed Pension payment should first be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval."

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Mechan (Dundee) and seconded by Miss Nicoll (Dundee).

Despite an explanation by Mr. Lochhead that the proposed procedure is already carried out in terms of the Constitution, and that no amendment would therefore be valid, the matter was pressed to a vote and the resolution carried.

d) From Herefordshire Branch

"That when a new dance is brought out, taped or gramophone music is at the same time made available for the said dance."

Mr. Gradon (Herefordshire) proposed the resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. Gradon (Herefordshire).

After comment by Miss Adams, Mr. Gradon agreed to leave the matter for consideration at a later date by the Publications Committee. This received the approval of the meeting.

e) From Southport Branch

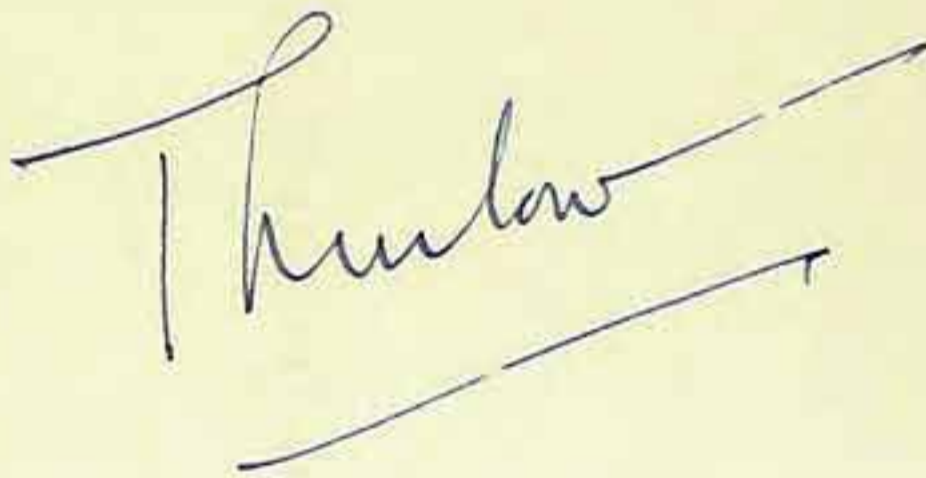
"In view of the large number of R.S.C.D.S. members living "South of the Border" we propose that the A.G.M. in future be held in a more accessible centre, having regard to travelling time, transport facilities and expense involved (or incurred)."

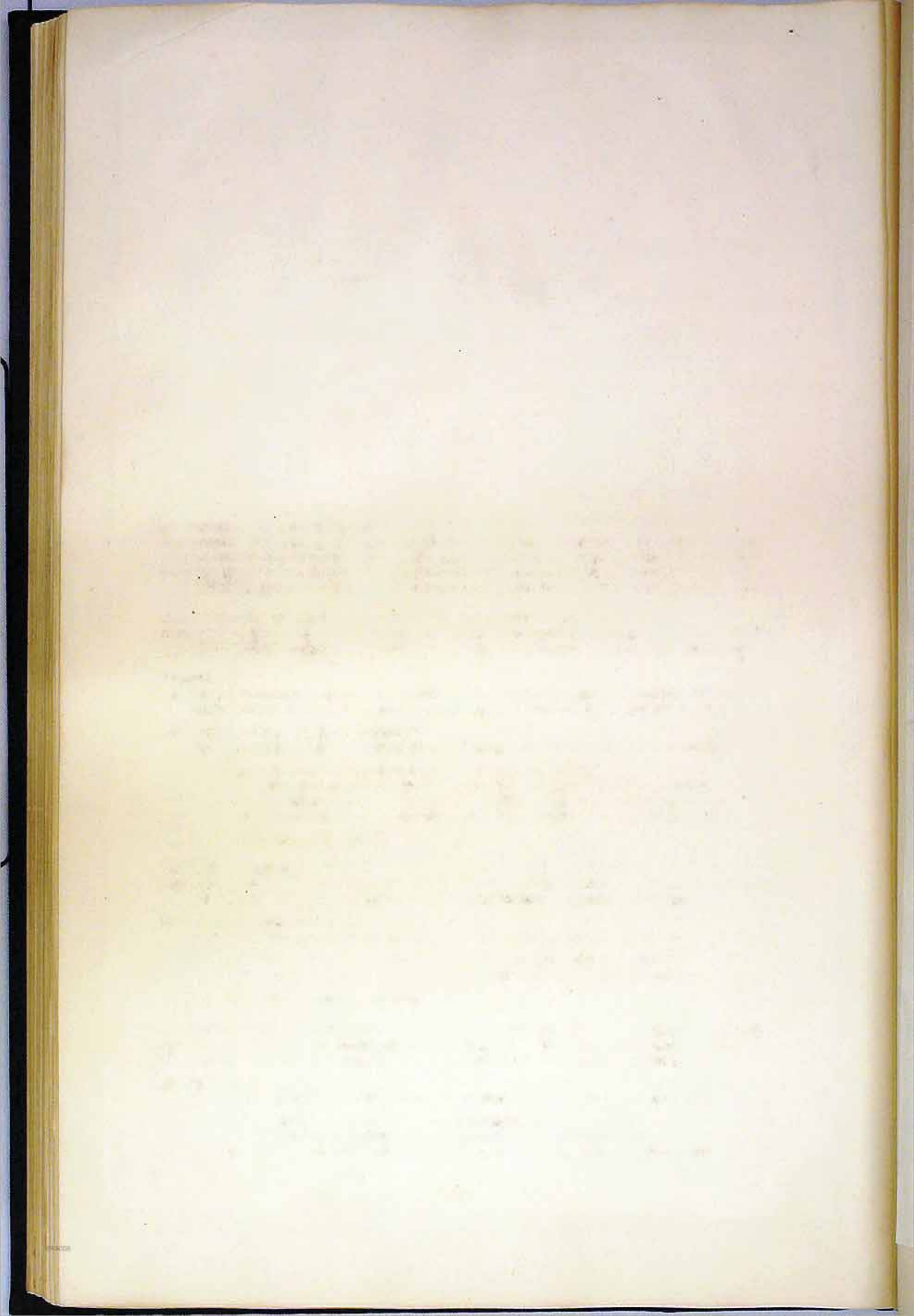
The resolution was proposed by Miss Griffiths (Southport) and seconded by Miss Lattimer (Carlisle & Border).

After comment by Miss Adams, Miss Griffiths agreed that the matter be referred for consideration by the Executive Council. This was approved by the meeting.

1968 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The President confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted with pleasure an invitation from Edinburgh Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh on 2nd November, 1968.

VOTE OF THANKS. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Currie (N.W. Ayrshire) to Lord Thurlow for presiding and managing the business of the meeting, in addition to his many other commitments. Dr. Currie also thanked the Provost, Magistrates and Councillors for their Civic Reception and the Lorn Branch for their magnificent organisation of the weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thurlow", with a long horizontal line extending to the right below the name.



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2nd November, 1968

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 2nd November, 1968 at 2.15 p.m. in the Music Hall, Edinburgh.

PRESENT- Major-General Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., President, and an approximate attendance of 366 members of whom 97 were delegates.

To open the meeting, Lord Thurlow read a message from the Patron, Her Majesty the Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings.

The President then reported the death in South Africa on 15th October 1968 of Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloch, an Honorary Vice-President and Co-Founder of the Society. Mrs. Stewart had resided in South Africa for some years and during this time she kept up with Society affairs through correspondence with Miss Milligan and Miss Hadden. The President said that he had not had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Stewart personally and he then invited Miss Kenyon of Glasgow Branch to address the meeting.

Miss Kenyon expressed sadness at the loss of Mrs. Stewart who as Co-founder of the Society with Miss Jean C. Milligan had re-established Scottish Country Dancing. To this end the Society was formed in 1923 in Glasgow under the Presidency of Lord James Stewart Murray, later Duke of Atholl. Mrs. Stewart was the first Honorary Secretary until 1933 when an Assistant was appointed. Classes were arranged and demonstrations given and subsequently examinations held with Mrs. Stewart serving on the Examiners' Panel. Following this, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Milligan arranged the first Summer School at St. Andrews.

King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Princesses showed interest in the Society and Princess Elizabeth became Patron. By gracious permission of His late Majesty King George VI in November 1951, the Society was re-named "The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society".

Mrs. Stewart lived to see the tremendous growth of the movement and the formation of innumerable branches and affiliated groups and to know that many thousands of Scots of all ages and classes throughout the world dance traditional dances with skill and enthusiasm.

Miss Kenyon said that it had been a privilege to work with Mrs. Stewart in the early years of the Society.

Since making her home in South Africa after the war, Mrs. Stewart kept in touch with friends in this country and welcomed to South Africa many Scottish Country Dancers.

Each year since leaving Scotland Mrs. Stewart sent greetings to the Society at the Annual General Meeting.

Miss Kenyon concluded by expressing appreciation of Mrs. Stewart's work and the pleasure and companionship which it had brought to thousands.

The Annual General Meeting then observed a minute's silence in respect and gratitude to the memory of Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloch.

The President expressed regret at the absence of Miss Milligan who was on tour in North America. He sent the greetings of the meeting and hoped her tour was successful.

Lord Thurlow read a telegram sending good wishes for a successful weekend from the Chairman, Mr. Lochhead, who was prevented by illness from attending, and indicated that he had sent a reply to the Chairman wishing him a speedy recovery and regretting his absence. Appreciation of Mr. Lochhead's work as Chairman during the past year was expressed.

The President intimated that the Secretary, Miss Grubb, was ill and a message of good wishes had been sent. He expressed appreciation to Mrs. Park for deputising. The President thanked the Secretary for the work carried out during the past year and to Miss Hadden, who was present at the meeting, for the background knowledge imparted by her on her retirement.

The President welcomed all members and the delegates from 50 Branches, making special mention of the three members from The Hague District Branch. He then expressed appreciation of the work of Branch officials, members of the Executive Council Sub-Committees for their work during the year, and teachers at Branches without whose work the Society could not continue. At this point the President stressed the importance of encouraging candidates who have been successful in the Teacher's Certificate examination to conduct classes for Branches, in this way successors were groomed and the future of Branches assured.

A special welcome was extended to the two new Branches, Oxfordshire, who was represented at the meeting, and Johannesburg.

Finally, Lord Thurlow thanked the host Branch, Edinburgh, for their splendid organisation of the weekend arrangements and for the warm welcome which had been extended to all.

MINUTES- The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 28th October, 1967, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT AND HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS-

Mr. Brown, as Vice-Chairman of the Society, proposed the confirmation of the appointment of Major-General Lord Thurlow as President of the Society and the Countess of Galloway, The Duke of Hamilton, K.T., The Duke of Atholl and Miss Gray-Buchanan as Honorary Vice-Presidents. Mr. Brown expressed the Society's appreciation to Lord Thurlow for his interest in the affairs of the Society, for his presence at the Autumn School weekend and for conducting the meeting.

The confirmation of these appointments was seconded by Miss Adams and approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT- The President proposed the appointment as an Honorary Vice-President of the Society, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch, Colonel Malcolm, Chief of Clan Malcolm, was formerly a Senior Officer in the Army and Sutherland Highlanders. He is a knowledgeable and well-known judge of Highland Dancing and has for a number of years attended Games in the North. The appointment was unanimously approved by the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX ELECTED MEMBERS- Before the election, the President expressed appreciation to Miss Adams for her work during the past year as the Society's first Immediate Past Chairman, when her knowledge and experience of Society affairs greatly assisted the work of the Executive Council.

Chairman : Mr. J.L. Lochhead was elected to this office, being the sole-nominee.
Vice-Chairman : Mr. J.B.C. Brown was elected to this office, being the sole-nominee.

Six-Elected Members : The following were elected by vote : Miss R.H. Adams, Mr. A.S. Atkenhead, Mr. A. Falconer, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss L.C. Martin, Dr. C. Robertson-Wilson.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT- The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Miss Yeats (Aberdeen). Miss Yeats expressed appreciation of the work carried out at Headquarters during the year. The adoption of the Annual Report was seconded by Miss Bowle (Strirlingshire) and approved by the meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET- Mr. Brown, in the absence of Mr. Lochhead, Governor of the Finance Committee, presented the audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June 1968, which had been circulated with the Bulletin.

Mr. Brown explained that the deficit had arisen from expenses incurred through the rehousing of the stocks of Society publications at Headquarters (previously held by printers) and the disposal of surpluses in excess of reasonable requirements. To accommodate this stock, shelving was installed at a cost of £524. This was, of course, a non-recurring expense.

(Ayr)

Mrs. Parker/in proposing the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet expressed appreciation of the work carried out by Miss Vaughan, Treasurer, during the year. Mr. Cameron (Lorn, Argyll) seconded the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet and these were unanimously approved by the meeting.

The President also thanked Miss Vaughan for her admirable work as Treasurer of the Society.

TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS- The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Arthur Walker, C.A., Edinburgh was proposed by Mr. Savage (Dunbartonshire West) and seconded by Mrs. Couper (Dunfermline) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS-

a) FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Brown and seconded by Miss McFeat (Perth and Perthshire) and carried unanimously.

b) FROM DUNDEE BRANCH

"That when the services of a Society Teacher are requested by Overseas Branches, the parent body should not be held responsible in any way for the expenses incurred."

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Mechan (Dundee) and seconded by Mr. Henderson (Dundee).

A direct negative to the resolution was moved by Mr. Corbett (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) and seconded by Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire).

A vote by show of hands indicated that the resolution was defeated by a large majority.

1969 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- The President confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted with pleasure an invitation from Dumfries Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Dumfries on 1st November 1969.

VOTE OF THANKS- Mr. Gradon (Herefordshire), on behalf of members present, thanked Lord Thurlow for presiding at the meeting and for giving everyone ample opportunity to speak on Society matters. He also thanked Edinburgh Branch, not only for their very considerable work in making the Autumn School so successful, but for giving members a proper excuse to visit the glorious city of Edinburgh.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

1st November, 1969

MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 1st November 1969 at 2.15 p.m. in the Loreburn Hall, Dumfries.

PRESENT - Miss J.C. Milligan, Vice-President, and an approximate attendance of 369 members of whom 101 were delegates.

To open the meeting, Miss Milligan read a message from the Patron of the Society, Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings.

Miss Milligan regretted that she had to announce that the President, Lord Thurlow, was not able to be present at the meeting. He had been extremely ill in the Spring and had been advised to curtail his activities and he had intimated that he wished to resign as President. Miss Milligan expressed appreciation of Lord Thurlow's real interest in the Society. His attendance at Summer School and Annual General Meetings gave much pleasure to members. A message would be sent to Lord Thurlow expressing the extreme regret of the members at the loss of such an honoured and respected President.

Miss Milligan remarked on the success of the past year as was shown by the Annual Report. There was, however, one disappointment - this was the drop in membership. This did not appear to have anything to do with the increase in subscription. Miss Milligan indicated she intended to speak to members in a way only she could do. People were apt to forget why the Society was formed; it was to have people dance for pleasure. There was a tendency to be too regimented and to overstress technique and to overlook "here is a lovely piece of music, let us dance to it". We were in danger of having too few dancers and too many performers. We were becoming too pedestrian and it is for those of us who teach to thrill our classes. Are teachers making people aware of the Society? This is something worth passing on. Miss Milligan reminded members that Scottish Country Dancing has been her whole life and on visits overseas, many exiled Scots have told her how Scottish Country Dancing has helped them to overcome homesickness and adapt to their new surroundings.

Miss Milligan warned members again not to lose sight of the object of the Society which was to make people dance again. The Society can only continue through the enthusiasm of its members and she suggested that everyone should make it this year, their object to bring in one new member. Young people must be encouraged and made to feel that they have a stake in the Society. The enthusiasm at the Summer School proved that younger members were interested and every endeavour must be made to retain these young people.

Miss Milligan then read a letter from a Group who had sent a donation to the Society and expressed appreciation for the work the Society had done and the help they had received through Society publications. This was surely an indication that the Society was necessary.

Miss Milligan welcomed members and delegates from 55 Branches.

On behalf of the meeting, Miss Milligan expressed appreciation to Dumfries Branch officials and members for the warm welcome and excellent arrangements made for the weekend.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 2nd November 1968, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

PRESIDENT - In announcing the resignation of Lord Thurlow, the Vice-President asked the meeting that the Executive Council might have the power to nominate a successor. This was unanimously approved. Branches were invited to offer suggestions for the appointment.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS - Miss Milligan as Vice-President of the Society, proposed the confirmation of the appointment of The Countess of Calloway, The Duke of Hamilton, K.T., The Duke of Atholl, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch and Miss Gray-Buchanan as Honorary Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Mechan (Dundee Branch) proposed that Lord Thurlow be invited to become an Honorary Vice-President of the Society in acknowledgment of his work and interest in the Society's activities.

Miss Milligan was pleased to agree to this and Mr. Lochhead seconded the confirmation of these appointments, subject to Mr. Mechan's amendment and this was approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX ELECTED MEMBERS -

Chairman: Mr. J.L. Lochhead was elected to this office, being the sole nominee.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. J.B.C. Brown was elected to this office, being the sole nominee.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote - Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr. J. Drewry, Mr. A. Falconer, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Dr. C. Robertson Wilson.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT - It was brought to the notice of the meeting that the date of the Thirty-ninth Annual General Meeting was incorrectly shown and should have read "2nd November 1968".

The adoption of the Annual Report was then proposed by Mr. R. Malcolm Hunter (Edinburgh) subject to the amendment. Mr. Hunter thanked the staff at Headquarters for their work and making the affairs of the Society function so smoothly. The adoption of the Annual Report was seconded by Dr. Hall (Manchester) and approved by the meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET - Mr. Lochhead, Convener of the Finance Committee, presented the audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June 1969, which had been circulated with the Bulletin.

Mr. Lochhead drew attention to the Revenue Account which showed a surplus of £1,060 against last year's deficit of £79. This was caused by the provision of storage accommodation for publications at Headquarters and is now a thing of the past.

Subscription income had decreased by nearly £200 and Mr. Lochhead said he was in full agreement with Miss Milligan that the increased subscription had little or nothing to do with the decrease in membership and he hoped that all would take what Miss Milligan had said very much to heart.

Affiliation fees also showed a small downward trend, but royalties had increased, and so also had the profit on the sale of publications.

Expenditure had, in this period of serious inflation, been remarkably steady, and after meeting the usual depreciation on fixed assets, i.e. on Headquarters and furniture and equipment, the surplus of £1,060 was allocated as follows:- £500 to the Staff Fund; £300 to General Reserve; and the balance to Capital Account.

Mr. Lochhead said the Society is taking advantage of the present high interest rates as opportunity arises, and the £1,000 held in Defence Bonds had now been re-invested in local authority loans at $9\frac{1}{2}\%$.

The Life Membership fund showed a record number of new members, and although this arose partly in anticipation of the rise in subscription rates from £3.5/- to £5.5/- agreed to at the last Annual General Meeting, it also indicated that this is a popular form of membership.

He drew attention to the auditor's report, which showed that Miss Vaughan had kept the books in good condition.

Estimates for the current year had been provided as a guide for the Finance Committee and in no way limit the Committee to the figures shown.

In proposing the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet, Miss McFeat (Perth) commented on the satisfactory state of the Society's finances and expressed appreciation of the Treasurer's work. Miss Galloway (Ayr) seconded the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet and these were unanimously approved.

TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR - The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Arthur Walker, C.A. of Messrs. Armitage & Norton, C.A., Edinburgh, was proposed by Miss Nicoll (Dundee) and seconded by Mr. Proudfoot (Stirlingshire) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTION -

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

That The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Constitution and Rules be altered as follows:-

In Section VI, subsection (1) at the end of paragraph (c) add the following sentence:

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

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously.

1970 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - The Vice-President confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted with pleasure an invitation from Perth and Perthshire Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Perth on 31st October, 1970.

VOTE OF THANKS - On behalf of members present, Miss Clavering (Moffat) thanked Miss Milligan for conducting the meeting in her usual charming, competent and easy manner. All had benefitted from her remarks and no other person was more entitled to remind members of their obligations. While regretting the absence of Lord Thurlow, Miss Clavering said it was fortunate that Miss Milligan was not in orbit around the world and so could be present to conduct the meeting.

Jean C Milligan
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

31st October, 1970

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 31st October 1970 at 2.30 p.m. in the City Hall, Perth.

PRESENT - Miss J.C. Milligan, Vice-President, and an approximate attendance of 412 members of whom 100 were delegates.

To open the meeting, Miss Milligan read a message from the Patron of the Society, Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings.

The Vice-President then introduced the Lord Provost of Perth and invited him to address the meeting.

The Lord Provost welcomed members to Perth on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting and hoped they would enjoy their short stay. He expressed appreciation of the Society's work and although he did not now dance - as a prisoner-of-war he had "stoged" for the composer of "The Reel of the 51st Division".

The Lord Provost continuing said that his sister, the Lady Provost, had a great interest in the subject and had danced for many years. It was wonderful to see Miss Milligan again in Perth and hoped that the city would have the pleasure of entertaining the Society on another occasion.

The Vice-President welcomed delegates from 51 Branches and went on to thank officials for doing so much splendid work in keeping Branches live to enjoy the wonderful gift of Scottish Country Dancing.

Miss Milligan said this was the occasion on which she could address her "hundreds of children" and she would take the opportunity to give a real pep talk on the subject of "the danger of familiarity".

Some thousands of members have been lost and occasionally Branches. Miss Milligan asked where was the thrill and fervour of the first years and the desire to pass on the knowledge. Classes were in danger of becoming stereotyped and losing the joy and soul of the dance. Miss Milligan reminded members of the plea she made last year that every member should endeavour to bring one new person into the Society. Members have a responsibility to the Society to ensure the spread of its activities throughout the world. She again reminded members of the enthusiasm in North America where they thought nothing of travelling a thousand miles for a Weekend School. In some parts it was almost a way of life.

At the Ball the previous evening, the spirit of good fellowship was present, as it should be on all social occasions. There should be greater concentration in Branches on making the dancing gay and rhythmic and making use of hands, expression, helpfulness to partner and good teamwork - together they are the soul of Scottish Country Dancing and should be passed on to the young as part of the Scottish tradition.

The Vice-President had much pleasure in announcing that the following four prominent people had accepted nomination as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society.

Lord Thurlow, who had served as President, had agreed to continue his interest in the Society.

The meeting was honoured by the presence of Sir Herbert Brechin. He was instrumental in arranging that the Ninth British Commonwealth Games took place in Edinburgh. The Society appreciated the honour of being invited to participate in the Opening Ceremony.

Lieutenant Colonel Colin Mitchell had written of his interest in the Society during his service from Hongkong to Hamburg.

Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, whom members had met at the Ball, where he participated in the dancing.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 1st November 1969, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS - Miss Milligan, as Vice-President of the Society, proposed the confirmation of the appointment of The Countess of Galloway, The Duke of Hamilton, K.T., The Duke of Atholl, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch and Miss Gray-Buchanan as Honorary Vice-Presidents. Mr. Lochhead seconded the confirmation of these appointments and this was approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS - Miss Milligan, as Vice-President of the Society, formally proposed the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of Major General Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.; Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, D.L., Ph.D.; Lieutenant Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, M.P.; Sir Herbert Brechin, C.B.E., J.P., D.Litt., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E. Mr. Lochhead seconded these appointments and these were approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX ELECTED MEMBERS -

Chairman:

Before nominating the new Chairman, Miss Milligan expressed appreciation of the work done by Mr. J.L. Lochhead during his term as Chairman of the Society. This was endorsed by the meeting.

The Vice-President then declared the sole nominee, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Chairman of the Society.

Mr. Lochhead, as retiring Chairman, congratulated Mr. Brown on his appointment and assured members that the Executive Council would be in good hands under his Chairmanship.

Mr. Brown thanked members for their confidence and assured them of his interest in the Society's wellbeing.

Vice-Chairman: Miss F.H. Adams (Glasgow) was elected to this office by vote.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote - Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. J. Drewry, Mr. J.H.F. Gradon, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss M.L. Ross, Mrs. Wishart.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT - Mr. Meyer (London) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Miss Ross (Forres) and approved by the meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET - The Convener opened his remarks by offering apologies on behalf of the Executive Council for the short period the Accounts had been available. It was appreciated that this caused considerable inconvenience and assured the meeting that steps would be taken to ensure that this did not occur again. The delay had not been caused in any way by the Printer. There had been a delay in obtaining the Accounts from the Auditor for printing.

The Convener then presented the audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June 1970 which showed the Revenue Account balance as £776 against £1,060 last year. Subscription income was up by just over £100. Affiliation fees were virtually unchanged. Interest on investments had increased by £240 but royalties were down by £50.

On the expenditure side, a smaller balance was shown. Administration expenses were up by £400, mainly due to increase in Printing and Stationery - £220, and meeting expenses - £100. Staff salaries had increased slightly but might be expected to be higher during the current year on account of increases paid earlier. The cost of the Bulletin was down as were Examination expenses. Reduced sales of publications and writing down stock value was another reason for the smaller balance.

There had been an allocation of £300 to Staff Fund but nothing to General Reserve, leaving a balance of £476.

Stocks of older books were being reduced but with the new publication, accommodation for the stock still remained something of a problem.

The list of investments indicated that the funds were in good shape and an estimate of Income and Expenditure for the current year was given for the guidance of the Finance Committee and Executive Council.

The Convener concluded by thanking the Finance Committee and the Treasurer for their work during the year.

Mrs. Parker (Ayr) proposed the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet. This was seconded by Mr. Leggat (South Wales) and approved by the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR - The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Arthur Walker, C.A., was proposed by Miss Donald (Perth), seconded by Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS -

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lochhead and approved by the meeting.

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

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Lochhead and approved by the meeting.

FROM SOUTHPORT BRANCH

That a Junior Membership of the R.S.C.D.S. shall be instituted for young people under 16 years of age, and that they should receive the same publications as adult members of the Society at a nominal subscription rate. (The sum suggested, as a basis for discussion, is 2/-)

This resolution was proposed by Miss Griffiths (Southport) and seconded by Mr. Lawler (Southport).

A direct negative to the resolution was moved by Mrs. Parker (Ayr) and seconded by Mr. Corbett (Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

Following a full discussion in which a number of delegates took part, a vote by a show of hands was taken and the resolution was defeated.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1971 - The Vice-President confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted with pleasure an invitation from Aberdeen Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Aberdeen on 30th October, 1971.

MISS C.A. McFEAT, M.B.E., J.P. - PERTSHIRE BRANCH - Miss Milligan announced with regret that serious illness prevented Miss McFeat from being present at the meeting and taking part in the events of the weekend.

For 25 years Miss McFeat had served as Branch Secretary and it was her idea to again invite the Society to Perth for the Annual General Meeting.

Miss Milligan then paid tribute to the Branch Committee for completing and ensuring a delightful weekend.

The Secretary was asked to send, on behalf of the members, the thoughts, kindest wishes and love to Miss McFeat, who is a longstanding and loyal member of the Society.

VOICE OF THANKS - Mr. Geggie (Glasgow) thanked Miss Milligan for conducting the meeting in her usual charming manner and for speaking so forthrightly. All were indebted to her for her guidance through the years.

Mr. Geggie also thanked the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the fair city for the very cordial welcome and hospitality shown to members. Continuing, Mr. Geggie expressed appreciation to Perth Branch officials for their excellent arrangements. He concluded by thanking Mr. Lochhead for his loyal and able chairmanship during his term of office.

James B. Brown
Chairman 30/10/71

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

30th October, 1971

MINUTES of the Forty-Second Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 30th October, 1971 at 2.30 p.m. in The Music Hall, Aberdeen.

PRESENT - Miss J. C. Milligan, Vice-President, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Chairman of Executive Council, and an approximate attendance of 387 of whom 97 were delegates.

At the commencement of the meeting, a message from the Patron of the Society, Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings, was read by Miss Milligan, Vice-President.

The Vice-President addressed the meeting and spoke of the increasing international interest in the Society. This had shown on her recent tour of North America, where Branches were flourishing, but it was sad to note the decline in membership, particularly in Scotland. Miss Milligan urged Branches to advertise their activities to attract more members.

Miss Milligan then thanked the City of Aberdeen, represented by Baillie Rose and Councillors, for its generous hospitality at the Luncheon for officials, Branch representatives and guests, including Lieutenant Colonel Colin Mitchell, an Honorary Vice-President.

The Vice-President concluded by reminding members of her fund-raising campaign in connection with the celebrations which were to take place in Glasgow in 1973 for the 50th Anniversary of the Society.

At this point, the Vice-President invited the Chairman of the Executive Council, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, to conduct the business of the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Miss Milligan for the work she did for the Society, both at home and abroad and for her words of inspiration.

The Chairman welcomed delegates from 51 Branches and thanked the office-bearers in Branches, the members of the Executive Council and Sub-Committees for their work for the Society.

It was with regret that he announced the death in June 1971 of Major General Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., an Honorary Vice-President and a former President of the Society.

A letter had been received from Mr. J.L. Lockhead, Immediate Past Chairman of the Society, sending best wishes for the success of the meeting. Mr. Lockhead had taken ill earlier in the year but was now making satisfactory progress.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 31st October 1970, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT - It was with pleasure that the Chairman proposed the confirmation of the appointment of The Right Honourable Lord Macdonald as President of the Society. This was seconded by the Vice-President, Miss Milligan, and approved unanimously.

The Chairman had had a meeting with Lord Macdonald who seemed most interested in the affairs of the Society. Lord Macdonald had expressed regret at his inability to be present at the Annual General Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS - Mr. Brown, Chairman, proposed the confirmation of the appointment of The Countess of Galloway, The Duke of Hamilton, K.T.; The Duke of Atholl; Miss Gray-Buchanan; Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch; Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, D.L., Ph.D.; Lieutenant Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, M.P.; Sir Herbert Brechin, C.B.E., J.P., D.Litt., E.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E. Miss Adams seconded the confirmation of these appointments and this was approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS and SIX ELECTED MEMBERS -

Chairman: Mr. J.B.C. Brown was elected to this office being the sole nominee.

Vice-Chairman: Miss F.H. Adams was elected to this office being the sole nominee.

Mr. Brown thanked members on behalf of Miss Adams and himself for their confidence and assured them of their intention to continue to further the aims of the Society.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote -

Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. J. Drewry, Mrs. N. Dunn, Dr. I.M. Hall and Miss M.L. Ross.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT - In proposing the adoption of the Annual Report, Miss L.C. Martin (Aberdeen) thanked the Secretary for the interesting and informative account of the Society's work during the year. This was seconded by Miss Grieve (Roxburgh and Selkirk District) and approved by the meeting.

The Chairman added his appreciation of the work of the Secretary in connection with the preparation of the Bulletin.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET - The Chairman, as Convener of the Finance Committee, presented the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet. The Revenue Account showed a somewhat sombre picture. Despite a record Summer School, high investment income, good book sales and royalties, the Society felt the effects of inflation and had a surplus of only £140. It had not been possible to make any allocation to the Staff Fund as was normal. Increases were shown in salaries £471, Committee Meeting expenses £129, postage and telephone £70, office accommodation £159, repairs and maintenance £298, costing of printing Bulletin £93. These together amounted to £1,220. With subscriptions down by £425, this showed an overall decrease of £1,645.

The Executive Council were aware of the cost of maintenance at Headquarters and as a first step the Society had dispensed with the services of the resident Caretaker. This it was hoped would show a saving of £500 per annum. A Sub-Committee would be meeting to consider the future of the basement premises vacated by the Caretaker.

The Chairman thanked the Finance Committee and the Treasurer for their work and then invited Miss Vaughan to comment on certain aspects of the Society finances.

Miss Vaughan brought to the notice of members that the estimates for the forthcoming year for the first time showed a deficit. Consideration would have to be given to the question of subscriptions, particularly with regard to Life Members who now numbered over 4,000. The present Life Membership subscription was based on a 15 year period, after which Life Members became a liability on the Society.

Commenting on the successful sales of books and records, the Treasurer reminded the meeting that there were reserves set aside for publications, films and records and that with care and thought further records and publications might be produced to boost the income.

The Treasurer concluded by hoping that the estimated deficit would prove to have been only a paper entry when the next accounts were presented.

Mr. Corbett (Newcastle-upon-Tyne District) thanked the Treasurer, Miss Vaughan, for her work; she was always ready to give advice to the Finance Committee and was available to Branches to assist with any difficulties they might have. He then said he had much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet.

Mr. King (Edinburgh) said the Balance Sheet, Revenue and other accounts reflected a great deal of work from the Chairman and Finance Committee and he had pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet. This was approved by the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR - The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Arthur Walker, C.A., was proposed by Mr. Meredith (East Lothian), seconded by Mr. Green (Birmingham) and approved by the meeting.

The Chairman said the appreciation of the Society would be conveyed to the Auditor, Mr. Walker, for his services.

RESOLUTION -

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

That The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Constitution and Rules be altered as follows:-

In Section VI, Subsection (2)(a):

"The Executive Council shall hold at least two Ordinary Meetings in each year. At least three weeks' clear notice of a meeting shall be given to each member."

The resolution was proposed by Miss M.L. Ross (Glasgow), seconded by Dr. Hall, (Manchester) and unanimously approved by the meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1972 - The Chairman confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted with pleasure an invitation from Ayr Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Ayr on 28th October 1972.

VOTE OF THANKS - Mrs. Parker (Ayr) said there were many to thank for the success of the weekend. Firstly, Miss Milligan - who reminded her of what Shakespeare said of Cleopatra - "Age cannot wither her nor custom stale her infinite variety" - had indulged in a little devolution of duty in giving ^{over} her position to Mr. Brown who had all the attributes of the ideal Chairman. Mrs. Parker also thanked the Aberdeen Town Council for their generous hospitality. The weekend had been most successful and Mrs. Parker asked the Chairman of the Branch to extend to those responsible the grateful thanks of the members who appreciated the organisation and hospitality which had made the stay a happy one.

M. Parker

28/10/72.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28th OCTOBER 1972

MINUTES of the Forty-third Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 28th October, 1972 at 2.30 p.m. in Craigie College of Education, Ayr.

PRESENT - The Right Honourable Lord Macdonald, President, Miss J.C. Milligan, Vice-President, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Chairman of the Executive Council, and an approximate attendance of 500 of whom 103 were delegates.

Miss Milligan, Vice-President, said it gave her particular delight to welcome as President of the Society, The Right Honourable Lord Macdonald. To have Lord and Lady Macdonald who were young, gay and interested in Scottish country dancing, would be a great asset to the Society.

Lord Macdonald thanked Miss Milligan for her introduction and opened the meeting by reading a message from the Patron of the Society, Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings.

The President then called on Provost Donald C. McLean of Ayr to address the meeting.

The Provost thanked Ayr Branch for having invited him and other members of the Town Council to the events of the weekend, which they had very much enjoyed and said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Society to Ayr on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting.

At the formation of the Society, one of Miss Milligan's earliest colleagues had strong associations with Ayr and now almost 50 years later, Miss Milligan was continuing the wonderful work of promoting interest in Scottish Country Dancing.

Ayr Branch of the Society was always most co-operative with the town in providing demonstrations for the benefit of visitors attending conferences.

In conclusion, the Provost said the Society would be very welcome to return to Ayr.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - The President, Lord Macdonald, thanked the Provost for the welcome to Ayr.

Lord Macdonald continuing said he was delighted to have been appointed President. Members would know he had a great deal to learn, but he looked forward to serving the Society for some time and also to carrying its message to various parts of the world. The President said he and Lady Macdonald were frequently overseas and these occasions had driven home to them how much Scottish Country dancing meant to people of all races. Scottish culture was indeed indebted to Miss Milligan.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th October, 1971, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT - It was with pleasure that Mr. J.B.C. Brown proposed the confirmation of the appointment of The Right Honourable Lord Macdonald as President of the Society. This was seconded by the Vice-President, Miss Milligan and approved unanimously.

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS - The President announced with regret the death of Miss M. Gray-Buchanan early in October 1972. She had been appointed an Honorary Vice-President at the Annual General Meeting held in Perth in 1960.

Miss Milligan then proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of The Countess of Galloway, The Duke of Hamilton, K.T., The Duke of Atholl, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, Lieutenant-Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, M.P., Sir Herbert Brechin, K.B.E., J.P., D.Litt., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E.

Miss Adams seconded the confirmation of these appointments and this was approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX ELECTED MEMBERS -

Chairman: Mr. J.B.C. Brown was elected to this office being the sole nominee.
 Vice-Chairman: Miss F.H. Adams was elected to this office being the sole nominee.

Six Elected Members: The following were elected by vote - Mrs. M. Corson, Mrs. N.Dunn, Dr. I.M. Hall, Mr. D. Henderson, Miss M.L. Ross, Miss W.R. Webster.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT - Before proposing the adoption of the Annual Report, Dr. Currie (N.W. Ayrshire) drew the attention of the meeting to the slight increase in membership and said that in this 50th year members should carry out the Vice-President's suggestion that every member should introduce one new member.

In proposing the adoption of the Annual Report, Dr. Currie expressed appreciation of the work carried out at Headquarters.

This was seconded by Mrs. Spouse (Duns & District) and approved by the meeting.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET - Mr. Brown, Convener of the Finance Committee, presented the audited accounts and balance sheet for the year ended 30th June 1972 which had been circulated with the Bulletin.

Mr. Brown drew the attention of members to the Revenue Account which showed a surplus of £873 instead of the anticipated deficit. This had arisen from an increase in subscription income of £650 and a surplus on sales of £889. On the expenditure side, the administrative costs overall had increased by £526, which included an increase in the cost of meetings of £340. The cost of producing the Bulletin had increased by £200. No repairs or re-decoration had been carried out at Headquarters, although some work had been done since the end of the financial year. There was no longer a resident caretaker at Headquarters and this had resulted in a saving of £200 on office accommodation expenses.

As a result of the surplus, £400 had been allocated to the Staff Fund, whereas in the previous year it had not been possible to make any allocation.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr. Brown explained that the high bank balance at 30th June 1972 was due to a change in investments during the last few days of the financial year and the money had now been re-invested. The Finance Committee had in mind to make other changes in the nature of investments, not only to provide an adequate income but to ensure some capital growth.

Mr. Brown pointed out that the estimates again forecast a deficit; the Society could not expect a large surplus on sales next year and there would also be increases in staff salaries. There would be some saving in having only two meetings of the Executive Council instead of three as in the past, but members should be aware that next year certain additional expenditure must be expected in connection with the Jubilee celebrations.

Mr. Brown endorsed the comments of the Vice-President and Dr. Currie in asking for an increase in membership.

Mr. Meredith (East Lothian) in proposing the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet, thanked Mr. Brown for his concise and objective report and expressed appreciation of Miss Vaughan's work during the year.

Miss Allan (Kilmarnock) seconded the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet and this was approved unanimously.

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR - Mr. Mechan (Dundee) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as auditor to the Society of Mr. Arthur Walker, C.A., who had acted for the Society for several years.

This was seconded by Miss Ferguson (Dumfries) and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

From the Executive Council

- a) That the Life Membership payment be increased to £10.00 of which Branches would retain £5.00. The increase to take effect from the date of passing the resolution.

The resolution was proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Parker (Ayr) and approved by the meeting.

- b) That The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Constitution and Rules be altered as follows:

In Section III(3) (re-phrase Sub-section)

"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 was proposed by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Currie (N.W.Ayrshire) and approved by the meeting.

- c) That The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Constitution and Rules be altered as follows:

In Section VI, Subsection (1)(b) (Delete reference to Six Elected Members)

"The Executive Council shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, 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."

In Section VI - delete Subsection 1(d)

In Section VI, Subsection 1(e) (Delete reference to six members annually appointed)

"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 twenty-one clear days before such meeting and shall be in the case of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be circulated by the Secretary to the Branches at least fourteen days before such meeting."

Alter Subsection 1(e) to read Subsection 1(d)

Section VI, Subsection 1(f) (Delete reference to Six Members Elected in General Meeting)

"The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall on completing their year of office be eligible for re-election, but no member so elected shall hold office for more than three consecutive years."

Alter Subsection 1(f) to read Subsection 1(e)

This resolution was proposed by Mr. Taylor (Stirlingshire) and seconded by Mr. Prentice (Stirlingshire).

A direct negative to the resolution was moved by Dr. Currie (N.W. Ayrshire) and seconded by Mr. Ireland (London).

Following a full discussion in which a number of delegates took part, a vote by a show of hands was taken. The resolution did not receive the required two-thirds majority and therefore was defeated.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1973 - The Chairman confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted with pleasure an invitation from Glasgow Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Glasgow on 3rd November, 1973 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Society.

VOTE OF THANKS - On behalf of the members, Mrs. Wadsworth (Gatehouse-of-Fleet) thanked the Ayr Branch for having treated them "right royally" during their stay. It was not correct to single out one individual for mention, but she would make the exception in the case of Miss Galloway, who had organised the events of the weekend.

Mrs. Wadsworth also expressed the thanks of those present to Lord Macdonald for presiding at the meeting and hoped that he and Lady Macdonald would continue their connection with the Society for many years.

Macdonald
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3rd November, 1973

MINUTES of the Forty-fourth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1973 at 3.30 p.m. in the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

PRESENT - The Right Honourable Lord Macdonald, President, Miss J.C. Milligan, Vice-President, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Chairman and an approximate attendance of 600 of whom 129 were delegates.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - The President read a message from Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of the Society, which had been previously given at the Official Luncheon, thanking the Society for its Loyal Greetings sent on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee. The President suggested that Greetings be sent to Her Royal Highness, The Princess Anne on the occasion of her marriage to Captain Mark Phillips and the meeting heartily approved.

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The President recorded with regret the death of an Honorary Vice-President, The Duke of Hamilton.

APOLOGIES - The Secretary reported that apologies had been received from The Countess of Galloway, The Duke of Atholl, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that Ilk, Lieutenant Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, M.P., Sir Herbert Brechin, K.B.E., J.P., D.Litt., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E., and many others.

MINUTES - Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th October, 1973 having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

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It was agreed that a suggestion by Mr. George Mehan of Dundee that the sister of the late Mrs. Stewart of Fasmacloich be appointed an Honorary Vice-President be referred to the next meeting of the Executive Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1973/74 - Before considering the election of the 1973/74 office-bearers the President thanked Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Chairman of the Society, and Miss F.H. Adams, Vice-Chairman, both of whom were due to retire.

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- c) Election of Six Members to Executive Council: The following were elected by ballot. Miss F.H. Adams (Glasgow), Mr. Alastair S. Aitkenhead (Ayrshire N.W.), Miss M. Anderson (Ayr), Dr. Ian M. Hall (Manchester), Mr. W.J. Ireland (London), Miss Lesley Martin (Aberdeen).

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY - Mr. G. Meredith (East Lothian Branch) proposed and Mrs. M.C. Gudger (Rochester Branch) seconded that Mrs. Ann Burt be confirmed in her appointment as Secretary. This was approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT - Miss J. Galloway (Ayr Branch) moved, and Dr. R. Hambleton (Manchester Branch) seconded, the adoption of the Annual Report and this was approved by the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET - Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Convener of the Finance Committee, presented the audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1973 which had been circulated with the Bulletin.

Mr. Brown pointed out that, alternative arrangements having been made for staff pensions, the estimated deficit had been reduced to £250. In fact there had been a surplus of £357 largely accounted for by an increase in revenue over estimates of approximately £1100 partly due to the increased interest on investments and increased affiliation fees. Actual expenditure had increased by about £300.

Only the fees less expenses had been shown for the Summer and Autumn Schools thereby sizably reducing the Revenue Account. Last year's surplus on sale of publications had been a record high level not repeated this year and although there had been an increased surplus of £600 on the Summer and Autumn Schools there had been a drop in Subscription income.

On the expenditure side, staff salaries had increased by £400, printing and stationery had risen by £100 as had telephone and postage. Travelling and meeting expenses were marginally down.

As a result of a change in investment policy recommended by the Society's Brokers there had been a loss on the Sale of Investments but it was expected that this would be offset by capital gains in the future.

The Balance Sheet showed the cost of alterations to the premises at Headquarters as £636, necessary to enable the basement to be let, for which rent was now being received.

The estimate for Income and Expenditure showed an anticipated deficit of £455 which would be carefully scrutinised by the Finance Committee. It might be necessary to suggest an increase in the annual subscription.

There being no questions regarding the Accounts and Balance Sheet, Mr. Taylor (Stirling Branch) in moving their adoption thanked Mr. Brown for his helpful explanation. Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire Branch) seconded the adoption and this was approved by the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR - The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor was proposed by Miss A.C. Lee (Berwick Branch), seconded by Mr. Owen Meyer (London Branch) and approved by the meeting.

1974 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - The President confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from the Edinburgh Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh on 2nd November, 1974.

VOTE OF THANKS - Mr. Falconer, Chairman of the Edinburgh Branch, in proposing a Vote of Thanks, reminded the meeting that the Jubilee Year could be expressed as a "season of great joy and festivity" and "a year of indulgence," which the Society's 50th Anniversary had certainly been.

He thanked the President, Lord Macdonald, for presiding over the meeting and for his interest in the affairs of the Society, referring specially to the occasion of the Jubilee Ball in July, 1973 attended by Her Majesty the Queen.

He found it difficult to incapsulate in a few words the qualities of Miss Jean C. Milligan, Co-Founder and Vice-President of the Society, traveller extraordinary and doyenne of all teachers. The Society must be forever grateful for the inspiration which prompted her decision to preserve and foster the National dances which had resulted in a richer cultural life in Scotland.

In completing his term of Office as Chairman, Mr. Brown was thanked for his service, his expertise in conducting meetings and his dedication at all levels to the Society over a span of almost 25 years.

Mr. Falconer went on to thank the retiring Vice-Chairman, Miss Adams, who had served her Branch and the Society with great distinction and sincerity.

The apparent effortlessness with which the activities of the entire weekend had been conducted had concealed much hard work over many months and Mr. Falconer expressed the appreciation of the meeting to the Chairman, Members of the Committee and Members of the Glasgow Branch, who had done so much to make the weekend into a memorable occasion.

Mr. Falconer thanked the Headquarters' staff, Mrs. Burt and Miss Vaughan, the Treasurer, for their devoted work to the Society and he ended by expressing a cordial invitation to attend the 1974 Annual General Meeting which would be held on 2nd November, 1974 in Edinburgh.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

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The President thanked the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow for the kind hospitality in providing a splendid Civic Reception for the Society on the previous evening and expressed his regret that he and Lady Macdonald had been unable to attend.

The President recorded with regret the death of an Honorary Vice-President, The Duke of Hamilton.

Apologies—The Secretary reported that apologies had been received from The Countess of Galloway, The Duke of Atholl, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that Ilk, Lieutenant Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, M.P., Sir Herbert Brechin, K.B.E., J.P., D.Litt., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E., and many others.

Minutes—Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th October, 1973, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

Confirmation of the Appointment of President—It was with pleasure that Mr J. B. C. Brown proposed the confirmation of the appointment of The Right Honourable Lord Macdonald as President of the Society. This was seconded by Miss F. H. Adams, Vice-Chairman, and approved unanimously.

Confirmation of the Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—Mr J. B. C. Brown, Chairman, proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of The Countess of Galloway, The Duke of Atholl, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that Ilk, Lieutenant Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, M.P., and Sir Herbert Brechin, K.B.E., J.P., D.Litt., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E. Miss Adams seconded the confirmation of these appointments and this was approved unanimously.

It was agreed that a suggestion by Mr George Mehan of Dundee that the sister of the late Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich be appointed an Honorary Vice-President be referred to the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of Executive Council for Year 1973-74—Before considering the election of the 1973-74 office-bearers the President thanked Mr J. B. C. Brown, Chairman of the Society, and Miss F. H. Adams, Vice-Chairman, both of whom were due to retire.

- a. **Chairman**: Dr. L. R. Currie was elected to this office being the sole nominee. The President then congratulated Dr. Currie and invited him to join the platform party.
- b. **Vice-Chairman**: Four nominations had been received and Mr Duncan Macleod (Glasgow Branch) was elected to this office after a ballot.

- c. **Election of Six Members to Executive Council**: The following were elected by ballot. Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow), Mr Alastair S. Aitkenhead (Ayrshire N.W.), Miss M. Anderson (Ayr), Dr. Ian M. Hall (Manchester), Mr W. J. Ireland (London), Miss Lesley Martin (Aberdeen).

Confirmation of the Appointment of the Secretary—Mr G. Meredith (East Lothian Branch) proposed and Mrs M. C. Gudger (Rochester Branch) seconded that Mrs Ann Burt be confirmed in her appointment as Secretary. This was approved by the meeting.

Adoption of the Annual Report—Miss J. Galloway (Ayr Branch) moved, and Dr. R. Hambleton (Manchester Branch) seconded, the adoption of the Annual Report and this was approved by the meeting.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—Mr J. B. C. Brown, Convener of the Finance Committee, presented the audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1973, which had been circulated with the Bulletin.

Mr Brown pointed out that, alternative arrangements having been made for staff pensions, the estimated deficit had been reduced to £250. In fact there had been a surplus of £357 largely accounted for by an increase in revenue over estimates of approximately £1100 partly due to the increased interest on investments and increased affiliation fees. Actual expenditure had increased by about £300.

Only the fees less expenses had been shown for the Summer and Autumn Schools thereby sizably reducing the Revenue Account. Last year's surplus on sale of publications had been a record high level not repeated this year and although there had been an increased surplus of £600 on the Summer and Autumn School there had been a drop in Subscription income.

On the expenditure side, staff salaries had increased by £400, printing and stationery had risen by £100 as had telephone and postages. Travelling and meeting expenses were marginally down.

As a result of a change in investment policy recommended by the Society's Brokers there had been a loss on the Sale of Investments but it was expected that this would be offset by capital gains in the future.

The Balance Sheet showed the cost of alterations to the premises at Headquarters as £636, necessary to enable the basement to be let, for which rent was now being received.

The estimate for Income and Expenditure showed an anticipated deficit of £455 which would be carefully scrutinised by the Finance Committee. It might be necessary to suggest an increase in the annual subscription.

There being no questions regarding the Accounts and Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor (Stirling Branch) in moving their adoption thanked Mr Brown for his helpful explanation. Mrs Thomson (Clackmannanshire Branch) seconded the adoption and this was approved by the meeting.

Confirmation of the Appointment of the Auditor—The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor was proposed by Miss A. C. Lee (Berwick Branch), seconded by Mr Owen Meyer (London Branch) and approved by the meeting.

1974 Annual General Meeting—The President confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from the Edinburgh Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh on 2nd November, 1974.

Vote of Thanks—Mr Falconer, Chairman of the Edinburgh Branch, in proposing a Vote of Thanks, reminded the meeting that the Jubilee Year could be expressed as a "season of great joy and festivity" and "a year of indulgence", which the Society's 50th Anniversary had certainly been.

He thanked the President, Lord Macdonald, for presiding over the meeting and for his interest in the affairs of the Society, referring specially to the occasion of the Jubilee Ball in July, 1973, attended by Her Majesty the Queen.

He found it difficult to incapsulate in a few words the qualities of Miss Jean C. Milligan, Co-Founder and Vice-President of the Society, traveller extraordinary and doyenne of all teachers. The Society must be forever grateful for the inspiration which prompted her decision to preserve and foster the National dances which had resulted in a richer cultural life in Scotland.

In completing his term of office as Chairman, Mr Brown was thanked for his service, his expertise in conducting meetings and his dedication at all levels to the Society over a span of almost 25 years.

Mr Falconer went on to thank the retiring Vice-Chairman, Miss Adams, who had served her Branch and the Society with great distinction and sincerity.

The apparent effortlessness with which the activities of the entire weekend had been conducted had concealed much hard work over many months and Mr Falconer expressed the appreciation of the meeting to the Chairman, Members of the Committee and Members of the Glasgow Branch, who had done so much to make the weekend into a memorable occasion.

Mr Falconer thanked the Headquarters' staff, Mrs Burt, and Miss Vaughan, the Treasurer, for their devoted work to the Society and he ended by expressing a cordial invitation to attend the 1974 Annual General Meeting which would be held on 2nd November, 1974, in Edinburgh.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

2nd NOVEMBER, 1974

MINUTES of the Forty-fifth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 2nd November, 1974, at 2.30 p.m. in the Music Hall, Edinburgh.

Present—Dr. L. R. Currie, Chairman, and approximate attendance of 450 of whom 114 were delegates.

Chairman's Remarks—Dr. Currie explained that although the Constitution of the R.S.C.D.S. laid down that the Chairman of the A.G.M. should be the President of the Society, Lord Macdonald was in the United States and Miss Jean Milligan, the Vice-President, was on an extended tour of the Southern hemisphere. It had, therefore, fallen to him as Chairman of the Society to preside over the meeting. He hoped that Miss Milligan would not stay away too long as her work for the Society was absolutely invaluable.

The Chairman intimated that a communication from Her Majesty the Queen had been received, which he read to the meeting. He then introduced the platform party, welcoming in particular Sir Herbert Brechin, an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. On behalf of all delegates, dancers and himself he expressed very grateful thanks to the hosts, Edinburgh Branch, for a most enjoyable weekend.

Dr. Currie apologised for the fact that, due to a Road Transport strike, the Bulletin had been rather late in being delivered and that the Annual Accounts had only that afternoon been made available to the meeting. The Executive Council would be making recommendations for changes in the Constitution, principally to allow the Bulletin and Accounts to be prepared more readily in time for the A.G.M. He also apologised for the late start to the meeting, due to the Edinburgh Branch of the Society having been honoured by Edinburgh Town Council at an official luncheon, at which delegates to the A.G.M. were guests.

There had been a proposal recently submitted to the Executive Council that a fund should be collected to provide a memorial for our co-founder, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch. This would be in the form of the pulpit in a Church which would replace the original Parish Church of Fasnacloch. Dr. Currie was pleased to say that this fund was accumulating rapidly; at the moment it stood at the sum of £80.

Apologies—In addition to those from the President and Vice-President, apologies had been received from The Duke of Atholl, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that ilk, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch and Lieutenant-Colonel Colin C. Mitchell.

Minutes—Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd November, 1973, having been circulated in the Bulletin, were approved and signed.

Confirmation of the Appointment of President—It was with pleasure that Dr. L. R. Currie proposed the confirmation of the appointment of The Right Honourable Lord Macdonald as President of the Society. This was seconded by Mr D. Macleod, Vice-Chairman, and approved unanimously.

Confirmation of the Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—Mr A. Falconer (Edinburgh Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society, The Duke of Atholl, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that ilk, Lieutenant-Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, and Sir Herbert Brechin, K.B.E., J.P., D.Litt., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E. Miss Ross (Glasgow Branch) seconded the confirmation of these appointments which were approved unanimously.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of Executive Council for Year 1974-75—

- Chairman:** There being only one nomination, Dr. Currie was re-elected. In accepting office for a second year Dr. Currie paid tribute to Mr James Brown who had been of tremendous help as Immediate Past-Chairman during the year just ended.
- Vice-Chairman:** Mr Duncan Macleod was re-elected to this office. The Chairman thanked him for his enthusiastic support over the past year.
- Election of Six Members to Executive Council:** The following were elected by ballot — Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow), Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (Ayrshire N.W.), Miss M. Anderson (Ayr), Mrs M. Corson (Edinburgh), Mr W. J. Ireland (London), Miss L. Martin (Aberdeen).

Confirmation of the Appointment of the Secretary—The Chairman said that early in September at his request and for reasons which were given in some detail to the Executive Council, Mrs Burt, the previous Secretary had resigned and the staffing committee had offered the appointment of Secretary to Miss J. McCole who had been assistant to the Secretary. Mr Bell, Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch, said that the Edinburgh Branch felt that they were entitled to know the reason for this step. Dr. Currie gave a detailed statement. Mr Bell, seconded by Mr Falconer (Edinburgh Branch), moved that the matter be referred back to the General Purposes Committee. After considerable discussion the question of the appointment was put to an open vote as a result of which Miss McCole's appointment as Secretary was confirmed by a large majority.

Adoption of Annual Report—Miss Bennett (St Andrews Branch) moved, and Mr George Mechan (Dundee Branch) seconded, the adoption of the Annual Report and this was approved by the meeting.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—Mr James Taylor, Convener of the Finance Committee, presented the Annual Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1974 (which covered the Jubilee Year), and the Balance Sheet as at that date. The Revenue Account showed that the subscription income was nearly £400 higher than in the previous year and the Summer School account also showed a higher figure than usual. The Investment Income was well maintained and the surplus on the sale of publications and records was perhaps the highest in the history of the Society. Mr Taylor expressed special thanks to the Committee responsible for the organisation of the Jubilee Ball and also to Miss Milligan whose "Mile of Pennies" added to the general revenue with a surplus of £331.46.

Turning to expenditure, the accounts showed an increase in Headquarters expenditure, the largest increases being in salaries, printing, stationery, telephone and postages, repairs and decorations. These increases totalled two and a half thousand pounds in all. The Bulletin was less costly but that was partly because it had been reduced in size and partly because of an increase in revenue from advertisements, but the Jubilee Brochure had been an expensive item at a cost of £1,977. The Society had been able to take advantage of higher interest rates by the purchase of a yearling Bond the interest from which would be placed on deposit in the bank. Negotiations were in progress with H.M. Customs and Excise regarding VAT, and it was hoped that they would be finalised by the end of the year.

Mr Taylor said that later in the Agenda the question of the proposed increase in the Annual Subscription would arise. He would therefore not comment at that point except to say that the Society must offset higher costs by an increase of income. He thanked Miss Vaughan and Mr Brown, Immediate Past-Chairman, for the work that they had put in. Mr Taylor moved the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr Brown and this was approved by the meeting.

Confirmation of the Appointment of the Auditor—The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr Arthur Walker, C.A., was proposed by Mrs J. O. Thomson (Clockmannanshire Branch), seconded by Miss D. A. Paterson (Glasgow Branch) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS—

(a) Membership Subscriptions

Three resolutions had been submitted regarding annual membership subscriptions and the Chairman suggested that those from Glasgow and Dundee Branches should be taken as amendments to that from the Executive Council. At this point Mr Mechan (Dundee Branch) withdrew his Branch's motion.

On behalf of the Executive Council Mr Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch), seconded by Miss M. M. Ross (Forres Branch) moved—

"that the Annual General Meeting raise the annual subscription from 40p to 60p, the increase to be divided equally between Branches and Headquarters with the caveat that it will be necessary to suggest a further increase in the near future".

Mr Cross (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Mr Mechan (Dundee) moved—

"that the annual subscription be increased to 50p (Branches retaining 25p) and that consideration be given to effecting economies in all subscription publications".

After discussion the voting was—

FOR the Executive Council Motion 82
FOR the Glasgow Branch Amendment *Miss Nig* 23

The amendment therefore FELL and the resolution was CARRIED un-amended.

(b) Constitution

(i) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman), seconded by Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) proposed—

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be altered as follows:—

Section VI (1) (c) — Delete existing paragraph and substitute—

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

If a substitute is present at the meeting of the Executive Council at which appointments are made to Standing and other Committees of the Council then either the representative (in absentia) or the substitute shall be eligible for appointment to these Committees but, if the substitute is so appointed, then the substitutes shall replace the original representative on the Executive Council".

Miss Robertson (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Mr Mechan (Dundee Branch) moved that the second paragraph be deleted.

On a vote being taken the amendment was CARRIED, and the motion (as amended) was also CARRIED.

(ii) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman), seconded by Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) proposed—

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be altered as follows:—

Section VI (1) (e) — Delete 'twenty-one clear days' in the fifth line. Substitute 'eight weeks'".

The motion was CARRIED.

(iii) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman), seconded by Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) proposed—

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be altered as follows:—

Section VII (7) — Delete 'six weeks' in line three. Substitute 'eight weeks'".

The motion was CARRIED.

(c) Representatives to Executive Council

Mr G. Mechan (Dundee Branch), seconded by Miss M. Robertson (Edinburgh Branch) moved—

"that this A.G.M. instruct the Executive Council that, when a Branch's nominated representative to the Executive Council has, for some reason, to be replaced before the first meeting of the Executive Council held after the A.G.M., a duly attested Branch nominee shall be accepted as a full member of the Executive for the entire year of office ensuing".

The motion was CARRIED.

1975 Annual General Meeting—The Chairman confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from Aberdeen Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Aberdeen on 1st November, 1975.

Vote of Thanks—The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman.

Leslie R. Currie

On a vote being taken Mr Ireland's amendment had 76 votes which was more than two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote. His amendment was therefore declared CARRIED.

Mr Mechan (Dundee Branch), moved the Direct Negative but was unsupported and the original motion, as amended, was therefore CARRIED and in consequence existing sub-paras (e) and (f) will be re-numbered (f) and (g) respectively.

(h) Mr Mechan (Dundee Branch), seconded by Miss Nicoll (Dundee Branch), moved:

"that the present Constitution is out-of-date in too many aspects and proposes that a Sub-Committee be appointed to re-draft the Constitution with special attention to the Sub-Committees, their roles, performance, strict adherence to rules, etc".

Mrs Parker, supported by Group Capt. Huxley, moved the Direct Negative. On a vote, the Direct Negative had a substantial majority and the motion was declared DEFEATED.

(i) Mr Duncan Macleod, on behalf of the Executive Council, seconded by Mrs Hunter (Edinburgh Branch), moved the following amendment to the Rules of the Society:

After Rule III add new Rule IV:
"IV Teachers' Associations".

1. Associations of Teachers of Scottish Country Dancing may join the Society and become Teachers' Associations of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - (a) All members of an Association must be current members of the Society.
 - (b) All members must have the Teachers' Certificate of the Society or have passed the Preliminary Test therefor.
 - (c) The aims and constitution of an Association must be approved by the Executive Council.
2. The decision as to whether or not an Association shall be allowed to join the Society shall be at the absolute discretion of the Executive Council who shall have regard to any recommendations of the General Purposes Committee and to the views of all Branches within the area of the Association.
3. A Teachers' Association shall conform, as far as is appropriate, to Rule III, Branch Organisation, but excluding Section (1) Formation and Section (6) Finance, paragraphs (a) and (b).
4. A Teachers' Association shall pay an annual subscription to the Society at a rate which shall be determined from time to time by the Society in General Meeting.

Re-number existing Rules IV and V as V and VI respectively".

The motion was CARRIED unanimously (No abstentions).

The Chairman said that as a consequence a Teachers' Association would have to pay an annual subscription. The meeting accepted his suggestion that for one year only any Teachers' Association joining will have the subscription fixed by the Finance Committee and that there would be included in the next Annual General Meeting agenda a short resolution clarifying how the subscription should be fixed.

Motif—Mr Taylor proposed, and was seconded by Miss Martin (East Stirlingshire):

"that the Annual General Meeting approve the adoption by the Society of a motif to be selected by the Executive Council".

Mr Lawson (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Mr Cross (Glasgow Branch), moved that there should be a competition, open to all members.

The proposal to have a competition was CARRIED by a large majority.

Annual General Meeting 1976—The Chairman confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from Ayr Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Troon on 30th October, 1976.

Vote of Thanks—Mr Mechan (Dundee Branch), on behalf of the meeting, thanked Miss Milligan and Dr. Currie for their chairmanship of the meeting, Aberdeen Branch for their first class arrangements and warm-hearted welcome, the Civic Authorities for their hospitality, the University for the use of the splendid hall and the bands who had provided the dance music, and to everyone who had contributed in any way to an enjoyable meeting.

Jean C. Milligan

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

1st NOVEMBER, 1975

MINUTES of the Forty-sixth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 1st November, 1975, at 2.30 p.m. in the Mitchell Hall, Marischal College, Aberdeen.

Present—Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-President), Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman), Mr D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman), Mr J. Taylor (Convener, Finance Committee) and an approximate attendance of 220 of whom 105 were delegates.

In the Chair — Miss Jean C. Milligan.

Chairman's Remarks—Miss Milligan read a message from Her Majesty the Queen who sent her best wishes for a successful meeting. She also intimated that good wishes had been received from the New York Branch. The Chairman declared that she was happy to see such a large attendance of members so far north and welcomed delegates and observers to the meeting, including a member from one of our newest Branches in Australia. One sad item to be intimated was the loss of a very interested Vice-President in the death this year of the Countess of Galloway. Miss Milligan said that she had been a delightful lady and member of the Society and we should miss her very much.

It had been a difficult year with a depleted office staff and on behalf of everyone the Chairman thanked Mrs Hall, the Assistant Secretary, without whose generous help and willing overtime Summer School could not have been run. With a very special round of applause the meeting recorded its appreciation of Mrs Hall's efforts. Miss Milligan also thanked the junior office assistant, Miss Cook, for her help over this period. She told the meeting that Collins did not intend to reprint the three books which she had written for them and that a financial loss would accrue to the Society as a result. "101 Scottish Country Dances" was now completely out of print and the Society held very limited stocks of "Introducing Scottish Country Dancing" and "99 More Scottish Country Dances". In view of this situation Paterson's Publications had requested that "Won't You Join the Dance" should be re-published in new form. She had therefore set about revising the book and in this connection thanked the new Secretary, Miss Gibson, for her assistance in preparing the typescript of amendments and additions as a result of which the book was now in the hands of the printers.

Speaking of the Bulletin, Miss Milligan said that she had noted a slight increase in membership in most Branches but while social events attracted lots of people only a few were members. She continued that we must ensure that people realise what they are getting from the Society, that Scottish Country Dancing is the spirit of Scotland and that when people join in our dancing they are participating in the tradition of a wonderful country and getting something of the soul of a very ancient nation.

Apologies—Apologies had been received from Lord Macdonald, the Duke of Atholl, Colonel Malcolm of Poltalloch, Colonel Colin Mitchell, Sir Herbert Brechin, Mr Barnes (Bedfordshire), Mr Cockburn (Bedfordshire), Mr and Mrs Ball (Southport), Mr Dymond (San Francisco), Mrs Garber (Los Angeles), Mrs Inglis (Herefordshire), Miss Mackenzie (Cheltenham), Miss I. Mundie (Nottingham), Miss Ross (Glasgow), and Moffat Branch.

Minutes—The Secretary said that under Resolutions (b) and (c) 'Miss Robertson (Edinburgh Branch)' should read 'Miss Brown (Edinburgh Branch)'. Mr Cross (Glasgow Branch) said that under Resolutions (a) he had not moved an amendment but the direct negative. These amendments were agreed.

Mr Falconer (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Mr Lawson (Glasgow Branch) moved the adoption of the amended Minutes, which were unanimously approved.

Confirmation of the Appointment of President—The confirmation of Lord Macdonald as President of the Society for the forthcoming year was proposed by Dr. Currie, seconded by Mr Macleod and approved unanimously.

Confirmation of the Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—Confirmation of the appointment of The Duke of Atholl, Colonel George I. Malcolm of Poltalloch, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that ilk, Colonel Colin C. Mitchell and Sir Herbert Brechin, K.B.E., J.P., D.Litt, F.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E., as Honorary Vice-Presidents was moved by Miss Gordon (Aberdeen), seconded by Mrs Linklater-Shirras (Inverness) and unanimously approved.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of Executive Council for Year 1975-76—

(a) **Chairman**: Dr. L. R. Currie (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

(b) **Vice-Chairman**: Mr D. Macleod (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

(c) **Election of Six Members to Executive Council**: The following were elected by ballot: Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow), Mr A. S. Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire), Miss M. Anderson (Ayr), Mrs M. Corson (Edinburgh), Dr. I. M. Hall (Manchester), Dr. A. MacFadyen (Glasgow).

Confirmation of Appointment of Secretary—Dr. Currie, seconded by Mr Taylor, and on behalf of the General Purposes Committee and the Executive Council, proposed that Miss Gibson be confirmed in the appointment of Secretary; her appointment was unanimously approved.

At this point in the meeting Miss Milligan vacated the Chair in favour of Dr. Currie.

In the Chair—Dr. L. R. Currie.

On taking the Chair, Dr. Currie said that he appreciated the honour of being Chairman of the Society. He also called for a vote of thanks to Miss N. Macdonald who had helped at Summer School and to Miss Bowie (Stirlingshire Branch) who had helped in the office.

Adoption of Annual Report—Miss N. J. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) moved, and Mr J. Drewry (Aberdeen) seconded the adoption of the Annual Report which was approved by the meeting.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—Mr James Taylor, Convener of the Finance Committee, presented the Annual Accounts for the year ending June, 1975. It would be seen from the Revenue Account that the Society had made a surplus of £1,480 and after allocating £500 to Publications and Records and £500 to extension work overseas, the balance left at the end of the year was £478. In a period of intense inflation this was a very satisfactory result which had been brought about by an increase in royalties accruing to the Society while expenditure had been reasonably steady, the increase in committee travelling expenses having been kept to its present level by fewer meetings. The cost of the Bulletin continued to rise. Turning to the Balance Sheet, he said a full list of investments was published on the back of the accounts. The Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1976, showed a deficit of £925. It was difficult to forecast the expenses which the Society would have to meet this year but it was hoped that income would increase by the sale of the recent record for Book 27 and by the increased subscription rate which would become effective this year and he hoped this would cover expenses in full.

Mr Taylor took the opportunity of thanking Miss Vaughan, the Treasurer, and all members of the Finance Committee who had put in a lot of work on behalf of the Society and supported him during the past year. Seconded by Miss M. M. Ross, he moved the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet which were adopted unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor—The Chairman intimated that Mr Walker had resigned from his appointment as Auditor. Miss Vaughan felt sure that the meeting would want to pay a tribute to Mr Walker who had served the Society well and would be very sorry that he could not continue. The meeting recorded their grateful thanks to Mr Walker. Mr J. Rae (Lockerbie) proposed the appointment of Miss Matheson, C.A., 3 Howe Street, Edinburgh, who had been a member of Edinburgh Branch for twenty-five years and was personally known to many members of the Society. He understood that she was willing to take over the duties of Auditor. His proposal was seconded by Mr D. Mackay (Stonehaven Branch) and Miss Matheson's appointment was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS—

(a) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr Ireland (London Branch), seconded by Group Capt. Huxley, proposed:

"that with immediate effect Life Membership be abolished and replaced by Long Term Membership for a period of fifteen years, the subscription being calculated on the basis of ten times the annual membership at date of becoming a Long Term Member but that the position of of current Life Members be unaffected".

Mr Mechan (Dundee Branch) seconded by Mr Lawson (Glasgow Branch) moved the Direct Negative.

On a vote being taken the motion was CARRIED by a substantial majority.

(b) Miss Quirk (Croydon and District Branch), seconded by Miss Gordon (Aberdeen Branch) moved:

"that the Annual Subscription be raised from 60p to £1.00, the increase to be divided equally between Branches and Headquarters".

Mr Taylor, seconded by Mrs Parker (Ayr Branch), moved the Direct Negative. On a vote being taken there was a substantial majority against the motion and it was therefore DEFEATED.

(c) On a proposal by Miss Galway (Belfast Branch), on behalf of the Executive Council, seconded by Mrs Parker (Ayr Branch), the meeting unanimously RESOLVED:

"that the affiliation fee be increased from £1.50 to £2.00".

(d) Miss Paterson (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Miss Nairn (Perth Branch), moved on behalf of the Executive Council:

"that the examination fee for the Teachers' Certificate be increased from 75p to £1.00".

The motion was CARRIED by an overwhelming majority and the Chairman declared that it would have immediate effect.

(e) Mr Cross (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Miss Paterson (Glasgow Branch), moved the following amendment to the Constitution and Rules:

"Constitution and Rules—Section VII—General Meetings:
Delete Clause 7 and substitute:

7. (a) Notices of Motion must be in writing and signed and be received by the Secretary not later than eight weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

(b) A Committee shall decide what motion can competently be placed before the Annual General Meeting. When there are

two or more motions of 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 shall be taken.

(c) Motions which are declared competent shall be issued to Branches not later than six weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

(d) Notices of motion declared incompetent by this Committee shall not be entered on the Agenda. Intimation of such a ruling shall be sent to the Branch which submitted the motion not less than six weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

(e) Amendments to motions must be in writing and signed and be received by the Secretary not later than four weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

(f) Amendments to notices of motion declared competent by this Committee shall be circulated to the delegates not later than 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

(g) Notices of amendments declared incompetent by this Committee shall be intimated to the Branch which submitted the amendment not less than fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting".

After some discussion Mr Mechan (Dundee Branch), seconded by Mrs Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch), proposed that the motion be referred to the Executive Council for further consideration and discussion. This proposal was CARRIED unanimously. The motion from Glasgow Branch was therefore REMITTED to the Executive Council.

(f) Mr Cross (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Mr Lawson (Glasgow Branch), moved the following amendment to the Constitution and Rules:

"Section VI (4)—Committees of Council (page 8 of Constitution).
After (d) insert new sub-para:

"(c) Standing Orders Committee—This Committee shall consist of the Office-Bearers and two members appointed by the Executive Council.

Functions—To consider and arrange the order of the business of the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings".

Re-number existing sub-paras (e) and (f) as (f) and (g) respectively. Mrs Parker (Ayr Branch), seconded by Mr Prentice (Stirling Branch), moved that this motion be remitted to the General Purposes Committee for consideration and thereafter to the Executive Council.

On a vote being taken 4 were for Mr Cross's motion while for the REMIT to the Executive Council there was an overwhelming majority.

(g) On behalf of the Executive Council, Miss Rae (Duns and District Branch), seconded by Mr T. Savage (Dunbartonshire West Branch), moved the following amendment to the Constitution and Rules:

"Section VI (4) (page 8 of Constitution). Insert new sub-para after (d):

(e) "Summer School Committee — This Committee shall consist of five members including the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Director of Summer School (the Vice-President). Three members shall form a quorum. The Director of Summer School shall be the Convener. Functions—To assist the Director in the administration of the Summer School".

Mr Ireland (London Branch), seconded by Mrs Wadsworth (Gatehouse Branch), proposed that the Committee should comprise seven members with a quorum of five.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

30th OCTOBER, 1976

MINUTES of the Forty-seventh Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 30th October, 1976, at 2.30 p.m. in the Walker Hall, Civic Halls, Troon.

Present—Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-President), Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman), Mr D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman), Mr J. Taylor (Convener, Finance Committee) and an approximate attendance of 430 of whom 115 were delegates.

In the Chair — Miss Jean C. Milligan.

Chairman's Remarks—Miss Milligan read a message from Her Majesty the Queen who sent her good wishes for a successful meeting. Miss Milligan expressed the Society's deep appreciation of the interest which Her Majesty showed in the Society. Miss Milligan also intimated with great regret the death in March of one of our Honorary Vice-Presidents, Col. George Malcolm of Poltalloch, who had been a lover of Scottish dancing and music; a message of sympathy had been sent to his wife and family on behalf of the Society.

In welcoming the delegates and others to the Annual General Meeting Miss Milligan emphasised the purpose of the Society which was to maintain the tradition of Scottish Country Dancing and she evinced the pleasure with which she had experienced this tradition at the Ball organised by the Ayr Branch on the previous evening.

Apologies—Apologies had been received from the Duke of Atholl, Col. Colin C. Mitchell, Sir Herbert Brechin, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that ilk, Mrs Inglis (Hereford), Mrs Ball (Southport), Mr Argento (Boston), Miss A. C. Lee (Berwick).

Minutes—Miss F. I. Galway (Belfast Branch), seconded by Miss M. Cunningham (West Lothian Branch), proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 1st November, 1975. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

At this point in the meeting Miss Milligan vacated the Chair in favour of Dr. Currie.

In the Chair—Dr. L. R. Currie.

Dr. Currie spoke of an overseas branch who had nominated as its delegate a member who was also a delegate for a branch in this country. He gave a ruling — for this Annual General Meeting only — that, while there was nothing in the Constitution to prevent an overseas branch inviting someone in the U.K. to be a delegate on their behalf, it was not valid to be delegate for more than one branch at a time. He asked that any member interested in the matter should write to the Secretary of the Society asking that it be placed before the Executive Council. Dr. Currie welcomed the presence and the views of delegates from overseas branches.

Appointment of President—Dr. L. R. Currie proposed the appointment of Miss J. C. Milligan as President of the Society and Mr D. Macleod seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Confirmation of the Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—Mr J. D. L. Gregor (Dunbartonshire West Branch), seconded by Miss F. Martin (Stirlingshire East Branch), proposed confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of The Duke of Atholl, Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that ilk, Lieutenant-Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, and Sir Herbert Brechin, K.B.E., J.P., D.Litt., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.S.E. Confirmation of the appointments was approved unanimously.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of Executive Council for Year 1976-77—

- (a) **Chairman**: Mr D. Macleod (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) **Vice-Chairman**: By a majority of votes Mr J. Taylor was elected to this office.

Mr Macleod and Mr Taylor thanked delegates for their confidence and for the honour in being appointed to their respective offices.

- (c) **Election of Six Members to Executive Council**: The following were elected by ballot: Dr. I. M. Hall (Manchester Branch), Mr W. J. Ireland (London Branch), Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh Branch), Dr. A. MacFadyen (Glasgow Branch), Miss L. C. Martin (Aberdeen Branch), Miss J. F. Reid (Perth and Perthshire Branch).

Adoption of Annual Report—The Secretary presented the Annual Report which had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks. Mrs M. G. Parker (Ayr Branch), seconded by Miss W. Miller (Duns Branch), moved the adoption of the Annual Report. The report was adopted unanimously.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—Mr James Taylor, Finance Convener, in presenting the Annual Accounts said that the Finance Committee, by keeping a careful watch on matters relating to cost, had managed to keep abreast of inflation. The sale of the Society's first record had helped to increase income during the year and though the income from the Summer School 1975 was less than previous years due to low fees and increased University residence costs, this had been put right for the 1976 School. Administrative expenses had risen substantially and were likely to continue to do so and suitable allowance would be made in future budgets.

From the balance of £1623 with which the year ended, £500 had been allocated to the reserve fund for travel expenses of examiners/teachers going overseas, the fund now standing at £1000.

The estimate of income and expenditure for the following year showed a projected loss but Mr Taylor said he had every confidence that if the Society did not make a profit, at least it would break even. He gave advance warning that the long term membership fee set last year had been found to be inadequate and the Finance Committee would be seeking an increase in the fee at the next Annual General Meeting.

In moving the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor paid tribute to the members of the Finance Committee, to the Society Treasurer, to Headquarter's Staff and to the Society's Auditor, Miss Matheson, for their services to the Society.

Miss F. M. Gordon, seconding the motion, congratulated the Convener and the Finance Committee on their successful management of the Society's finances. The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

Confirmation of Appointment of Auditor—Confirmation of the Appointment of the Auditor, Miss M. A. Matheson, C.A., was proposed by Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh Branch) and seconded by Mr W. Jackson (Dunfermline Branch) and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS—

Constitution and Rules:

- (a) On behalf of the Executive Council Mr D. A. Gray (Bournemouth Branch) moved the following editorial amendments to the Constitution as a consequence of the decision at the Annual General Meeting 1975 to abolish further Life Memberships:

- (i) Constitution, Section III, para. 6:
Delete 'Life' substitute "Long Term".
- (ii) Rules—Section I, para. 2, line 1:
Delete 'Life' substitute "Long Term".
- (iii) Rules—Section III (5):
After 'Life Members' insert ", of Long Term Members,"
- (iv) Rules—Section III (6) (a) second line and (b) first line:
Delete 'Life' substitute "Long Term".

Mrs D. I. Johnstone (N.W. Ayrshire Branch) seconded the motion which was CARRIED unanimously.

- (b) Mr W. J. Ireland (London Branch), seconded by Dr. I. M. Hall (Manchester Branch), moved the following amendment to the Constitution:

Section VI Executive Council (4) Committees of Council—
After 'deliberative vote' in line 8 insert new paragraph:
"Any Standing Committee shall be vested with power to co-opt to any or all of its meetings such persons as can further the work of that Committee. Such co-opted persons need not be members of the Executive Council. They shall not have voting powers."

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

- (c) As a consequence of the previous motion having been carried, Mr Ireland, seconded by Dr. Hall, moved that paragraph (f) of Section VI (3) Powers and Duties of Executive Council, be deleted. The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

- (d) On behalf of the Executive Council Miss D. A. Paterson (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Mr W. Cross (Glasgow Branch), moved the following amendment:

Section VII—Delete paragraph 7 and substitute:
"A Branch wishing to have a matter discussed at the Annual General Meeting shall send to the Secretary a copy of the motion relating to such matter, passed either at a Branch General Meeting or a Branch Committee Meeting, such copy to be in the hands of the Secretary four months prior to the Annual General Meeting."

The Secretary shall issue a provisional Agenda to Branches not later than three months prior to the Annual General Meeting.

A Branch wishing to amend a motion must send such amendment to be in the hands of the Secretary at least eight weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

The final Agenda shall be issued to Branches and delegates at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting."

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

Annual General Meeting 1977—The Chairman confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from Stirling Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in the Albert Hall, Stirling, on 5th November, 1977.

Vote of Thanks—Mr J. C. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch) congratulated Miss Milligan on her recovery from two serious operations. He thanked Dr. Currie, not only for chairing the Annual General Meeting but for his Chairmanship over the last three years. Dr. Currie had succeeded in piloting the Society through meetings which had not always been straightforward, to reach a consensus of agreement. Mr Douglas said that Dr. Currie had worked extremely hard during his period of office and must be looking forward to being in a position where, though as Immediate Past-Chairman he would continue to serve on the Committee,

his responsibility would be lightened. On behalf of the meeting Mr Douglas wished Mr Macleod, the new Chairman, every success in the appointment.

On behalf of all present Mr Douglas voiced appreciation of the hospitality offered by Ayr Branch. He congratulated the Branch Officers and Committee on all the hard work which had obviously gone into making the Annual General Meeting weekend such a resounding success and thanked Mr Wesenraft and Stewards who had counted the votes, and the M.C.'s who had conducted the dances. On behalf of the Executive Council he thanked Ayr Branch for the splendid lunch prior to the meeting.

Mr Douglas concluded by thanking, on behalf of the Society, the Treasurer and all members of Headquarter's Staff.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

Chairman

Duncan Macleod.

Secretary

5th November, 1977.

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 Society as we could not use Society funds for that purpose. (Money raised by any means such as functions, etc., could be donated to any selected fund provided the purpose had been clearly specified in the first instance). Dr. Milligan had felt that as a Society we should do something. Mr Macleod suggested that Branches might care to send a donation to Headquarters — say, £1 per Branch collected from their members especially for this purpose — and the accumulated contributions could be sent to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund in the name of the Society.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.
 On behalf of the Executive Council, Mrs W. Woodcock (Secretary) of East Branch, attended for Miss D. A. Pittman (Glasgow District)

Date 4th Nov 1978

Signature

Manfield

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

5th NOVEMBER, 1977

MINUTES of the Forty-eighth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 5th November, 1977, at 2.30 p.m. in the Albert Hall, Stirling.

Present—Dr. J. C. Milligan (President), Mr D. Macleod (Chairman), Mr J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman) and an approximate attendance of 368 of whom 115 were delegates.

In the Chair — Dr. J. C. Milligan.

Apologies—Apologies had been received from the Earl of Mansfield, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Herbert Brechin, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Col. Colin C. Mitchell, Dr. L. R. Currie, Mr H. Barnes (Bedfordshire), Mrs M. Ball (Southport), Miss M. Clavering (Moffat), Mrs F. C. Inglis (Hereford), Miss Gardiner-Jones (Wolverhampton), Miss I. Mundie (Nottingham), Miss M. L. Ross, Mrs J. O. Thomson (Clackmannanshire).

Chairman's Remarks—Dr. Milligan read a message from Her Majesty the Queen who sent her best wishes for the success of the Meeting. Dr. Milligan said that the Queen had been our Patron since a young girl and on becoming Queen had elected to remain Patron of the Society. To mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee and as a token of appreciation of her patronage delegates sang the National Anthem before continuing with the business of the General Meeting.

Speaking for everyone, Dr. Milligan voiced regret at the death during the year of Miss Rita Kenyon who had been a founder member of the Society and had served for many years as Glasgow Branch Secretary.

The Chairman then asked what was Scottish Country Dancing that it had awakened the interest and the enthusiasm of the whole world. We had several new centres since the last meeting and were now stretching eastwards. She had recently received a letter from Malaysia where a group were being organised and had had a report from the Caribbean of a calypso band enthusiastically playing the 'Hebridean Milking Song' over and over again.

Dr. Milligan said members should think a little more of what they owed to the Society rather than what the Society owed them. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society provided members with good exercise, pleasant company, courtesy, and with friendship extending from one country to another. Those attending the Summer School at St Andrews were privileged to enter the aura of the soul of Scotland — something not easily found elsewhere. In return, members must become the shop window of the Society — the demonstrators of the tradition of Scottish Country Dancing.

Commenting on the award of the degree of LL.D. granted to her by Aberdeen University, Dr. Milligan said it was given to her for the work done by all members of the Society to keep alive the music, the life and all that was good in the country — the traditions of Scotland. She impressed on the meeting that this was something tremendously worth doing and that they must not be afraid to talk about the Society and to let people know that Scottish Country Dancing required the best one could give if it is to be kept alive. At the same time she stressed that it must be fun.

She was glad to know that there were many children's classes and more local authorities interested in children being taught.

Dr. Milligan said that she hoped, when her days came to an end, that the Lord would allow her to look down from Heaven to see Scottish Country Dancing continuing to bloom and blossom throughout the world.

Dr. Milligan then vacated the Chair which was taken by Mr. Duncan Macleod who welcomed delegates to the meeting and in particular those from overseas.

In the Chair — Mr D. Macleod.

Minutes—Dr. Ian Hall (Manchester Branch), seconded by Miss Alice Mand (Dundee Branch), proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 30th October, 1976. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

Appointment of President—Dr. Milligan proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be appointed President. Miss B. A. Nairn (Perth and Perthshire Branch) seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

It was noted that Dr. Milligan, who had been caretaker President over the past year, would now revert to her permanent appointment of Vice-President in accordance with the Society's Constitution and Rules.

Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—

(a) Miss M. M. Ross (Forres Branch), seconded by Mrs S. Staples (Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch), moved confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of the Duke of Atholl, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, Lieut.-Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, and Sir Herbert Brechin. Confirmation of the appointments was approved unanimously.

(b) Mr J. Keddie (East Lothian Branch), seconded by Mrs J. M. McKinven (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles Branch), moved that Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton be appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. This appointment was unanimously approved.

(c) Dr. Milligan proposed that, in addition to those named on the Agenda, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel be appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. Mr J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman) seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of Executive Council for 1977-78—

(a) **Chairman**: Mr D. Macleod (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

(b) **Vice-Chairman**: Mr J. Taylor (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates. Mr Macleod and Mr Taylor thanked delegates for their trust in them as office-bearers and for their support.

(c) **Election of Six Members to the Executive Council**: The result of the voting for the Six Elected Members was as follows—

Dr. A. MacFadyen	103 votes	} Elected
Miss M. Anderson	98	
Miss D. Leurs	89	
Mr A. Altkenhead	86	
Dr. I. M. Hall	84	
Mr W. J. Ireland	77	
Miss J. Reid	63 votes	} Not Elected
Miss A. B. Mann	47	

Adoption of Annual Report—The Secretary presented the Annual Report which had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks. Mr J. C. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne and District Branch), seconded by Miss N. J. Arnott (Kirkcaldy Branch), moved the adoption of the Annual Report. The report was adopted unanimously.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—Presenting the Annual Accounts of the Society, Mr Taylor said that the Society was in an extremely difficult inflationary period. For the first time in the experience of the Treasurer, which went back some twenty-five years, the Society had a cash flow problem and certain changes in the way the reserves were held would have to be made so that the Society could meet from its own resources the heavy outlay in maintaining stocks of books, records, etc. The main problem was the inflated cost of replacing stock items. Branches could help by paying their accounts and membership subscriptions on the due dates and the other way would come up later on the Agenda — an increase in membership subscription.

Mr Taylor then took delegates through the Accounts. He pointed out that with reduced rates of interest our investment income was likely to decline this year. He drew attention to the sales which had practically doubled this year mainly due to the efforts of the Headquarter Staff, unfortunately the surplus did not reflect the turnover because of the heavy cost of replacements which he had mentioned previously. Administrative costs of running the Society continued to increase.

The year ended with a surplus of £2,376 out of which £400 was allocated towards the cost of new publications and records, and £550 for sending examiners/teachers overseas, leaving £1,519 to be added to the capital account.

He felt it was perhaps optimistic in the estimates for next year to forecast neither a loss nor a profit as the increased membership subscription (if the resolution dealing with this was passed) would not be effective for a further year.

In moving the adoption of the Accounts he paid tribute to the members of the Finance Committee, to the Treasurer, Miss Vaughan, and to the Headquarter Staff and to the Auditor, Miss Matheson.

Mr A. I. K. Baird (North-West Ayrshire) seconded the motion and the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

Confirmation of Appointment of Auditor—Confirmation of the Appointment of the Auditor, Miss M. A. Matheson, C.A., was proposed by Mr Alan Greenyer (Worthing Branch), seconded by Mr Robert Mackay (Edinburgh Branch), and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS—

(a) Amendment to Constitution and Rules:

On behalf of the Executive Council Mrs M. G. Parker (Ayr Branch), seconded by Miss F. I. Galway (Belfast Branch), moved that the Constitution and Rules of the Society be amended as follows:

"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 re-number (e) and (f) as (d) and (e) respectively.

Sub-para (e) (re-numbered as (d)) — After 'Chairman' in line

"in the event of this resolution being carried it will be effective from the Annual General Meeting in 1978."

Mr A. I. K. Baird (Ayrshire North-West Branch) moved the direct negative.

As the result of voting—67 for the resolution and 42 against—did not constitute the two-thirds majority necessary to alter the Constitution, the resolution was defeated.

(b) Membership Subscriptions:

On behalf of the Executive Council Mrs W. Wadsworth (Gatehouse-of-Fleet Branch), seconded by Miss D. A. Paterson (Glasgow Branch), moved:

"that with effect from 1st July, 1978, the Annual Subscription be raised from 60p to £1.00, the subscription being divided in the proportion of 60 per cent. to be retained by the Branch and 40 per cent. to be forwarded to Headquarters.

"Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than 1st July, the increased subscription will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1978."

Group Captain D. S. Huxley (Leamington Spa Branch), seconded by Mrs A. Murphy (Carlisle and Border Branch), proposed that the resolution be amended as follows:

Delete from "the subscription" to end of first sub-paragraph.

Substitute "the subscription being divided in the proportion of 50 per cent. to be retained by the Branch and 50 per cent. to be forwarded to Headquarters (i.e. retaining the present proportions)."

After some discussion the amendment was put to the vote the result being:

For the amendment ...	76
Against the amendment ...	31

The resolution as amended was then put to the meeting and was carried with almost unanimous agreement.

Annual General Meeting 1978—The Chairman confirmed that the Executive Council had accepted the invitation from Glasgow Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Glasgow on 4th November, 1978.

Vote of Thanks—Mr D. A. Gray (Bournemouth Branch) proposing the vote of thanks said this occasion had been made possible only by the work of Stirling Branch and in particular by Mr Prentice, the Branch Chairman, Miss Bowie (Secretary), Mrs Rachel Prentice (Treasurer), Mr James Taylor and the Branch Committee. He thanked the MCs and stewards at the dances and the stewards and tellers at the Annual General Meeting itself whose services had enabled everything to run smoothly.

Mr Gray expressed the Society's gratitude to Stirling District Council and the Central Regional Council for their help with accommodation though he was sorry the two dances had to be separated by distance.

On behalf of the Society he acknowledged the hard work done throughout the year by Mr Macleod, Dr. Milligan, Mr Taylor, the Secretary, the Treasurer and by all the members of the Executive Council and he thanked delegates for their presence at the Annual General Meeting. While he regretted that Dr. Milligan was demitting office, Mr Gray said he was very glad indeed to have the Earl of Mansfield as President of the Society.

Close of Meeting—Before closing the meeting, the Chairman said that some Branches had approached him regarding the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund. He knew that certain Branches had sent donations individually to the Fund but no donation had been made from the Headquarters of the

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

4th NOVEMBER, 1978

MINUTES of the Forty-ninth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 4th November, 1978, at 2.30 p.m. in Jordanhill College of Education, Glasgow.

Present—The Earl of Mansfield (President), Mr D. Macleod (Chairman), Mr J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman) and an approximate attendance of 500 of whom 136 were delegates.

In the Chair—The Earl of Mansfield.

Apologies—Apologies were received from the Duke of Atholl, Sir Herbert Brechin, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton, Lt. Col. Colin Mitchell, Mr and Mrs R. J. Hunn, Mr D. Gillam, Mr T. G. Leggat, Miss M. McLaren, Miss M. L. Ross.

Chairman's Remarks—Lord Mansfield prefaced his remarks by saying how conscious he was of the honour the Society had done him in electing him as its President and how gratified he was to have achieved this position. In our modern Scottish Society, he said, Country Dancing had an essential part to play both in regard to the formation and to the preservation of what we were proud of as our essential Scottish character; that character had been for those past few hundred years transmitted to the whole world and it was gratifying to know in what high esteem we who hailed from this small country were held in many parts of the globe by the interest exhibited in all things Scottish. Scottish Country Dancing was among the most important of the Scottish exports. It was therefore, Lord Mansfield said, a matter of pride to him that the Society had honoured him by inviting him to be President.

As his first and pleasant duty the President read a message from Her Majesty the Queen who thanked the Executive Council and Members for their loyal greetings and sent her warmest good wishes to all concerned for a successful and enjoyable Meeting.

He then welcomed delegates to the meeting and said that a greater number of Overseas Branches were represented this year most of whom had selected delegates in the United Kingdom to represent them and he gave a particular welcome to those who had come directly from overseas to represent their Branches.

Minutes—Miss M. H. Anderson (representing Teachers Association, Canada) moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 5th November, 1977. The motion was seconded by Mr J. D. L. Gregor (Dunbartonshire West Branch) and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr D. Macleod took the Chair.

Appointment of President—Miss B. A. Nairn (Perth and Perthshire Branch), seconded by Mr W. Clement (representing Northern Virginia Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair.

Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—Mr J. Murphy (Carlisle and District Branch) seconded by Miss M. Clark (Dunfermline Branch) moved confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of The Duke of Atholl, Sir Herbert A. Brechin, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lieut. Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, and the Hon. Colin Tennant. Confirmation of these appointments was approved unanimously.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of Executive Council for 1978-79—

- (a) **Chairman**: Mr Duncan Macleod (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) **Vice-Chairman**: Mr J. Taylor (sole nominee, Mr Gregor having withdrawn his nomination) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (c) **Election of Six Members to the Executive Council**: The result of the voting for the Six Elected Members was as follows:

Miss D. Leurs	126 votes	} Elected
Miss L. Martin	122 "	
Mr A. Aitkenhead	119 "	
Miss I. Elliot	103 "	
Mrs N. Dunn	99 "	
Miss A. B. W. Mann	93 "	
Mr W. J. Ireland	86 "	Not Elected

Adoption of Annual Report—The Secretary, presenting the Annual Report which had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks recorded her appreciation of the co-operation of the printers responsible for the Bulletin, which had greatly helped towards its prompt distribution.

From the figures in the Report it would be seen that membership had increased by around 1,500 while the net increase in Branches was 2 and in Affiliated Groups 29. The Secretary said that an activity not mentioned in the Annual Report was the preparation of a pictorial log of the Society's activities from its inception onwards. Photographs and newspaper cuttings would therefore be welcomed from Branches, Groups or individuals for this purpose.

Mr W. Hamilton (representing the Hague and District Branch), seconded by Miss I. Mundie (Nottingham Branch) moved the adoption of the Annual Report. The Report was adopted unanimously.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—Presenting the Annual Accounts of the Society, Mr J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman) said that firstly he wished to correct the amount of the Record Library Fund as shown in the Balance Sheet as £64.90. This should have read £122.84 and the totals of the Liabilities and Assets Columns should be increased by the difference of £57.94.

Turning to the Revenue Account Mr Taylor said that increased membership subscriptions amounting to almost £1,000 was a clear indication of the growth of the Society. The income from Summer School 1977 was less than in the previous year due to increases in the charge by the University.

Interest on investments reached a record figure of £4,000 an increase of £1,000 over the previous year, which came largely from careful investment in short dated Government and Local Authority Loan and Stock.

Another good feature of the Accounts was the highest surplus we had ever had on our sales of publications arising mainly from the addition of new records, tapes, etc.

The total income for the year was £22,110 compared to £19,838 in the previous year. This was sufficient to cover the anticipated rise in our expenses, and the year ended with a surplus of £1,841 of which £500 was allocated to Overseas Travelling Expenses and £500 to the Staff Fund leaving a balance of £841 to add to our Capital Account.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor said that we were continuing our policy of writing off by depreciation costs of Headquarters, Furniture and Fittings. Looking at the Liabilities side, the Capital Account stood at £24,957. The Life Membership Fund was not being added to now that we had changed

to Long Term Membership but it would be some years before the total amount was transferred to the Revenue Account and the fund wiped out. The Long Term Membership Fund was growing well as were our reserves for films and records and the examiners and teachers overseas travelling account. These reserves were a very essential part of the finances and gave us the backing we needed to meet contingencies and future development. We were still negotiating with the Customs and Excise about our V.A.T. liability and had put aside a sum in General Reserve should we not be successful in our negotiations.

Referring to the list of investments Mr Taylor said it was important to keep a percentage of our investment readily available for contingencies. The estimates for the year ended 30th June, 1979, were based on known facts as at 30th June, 1978, but did not include expenditure which might arise because of unforeseen changes in circumstances.

In moving the adoption of the Accounts he thanked the members of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer and the Staff at Headquarters and Miss Matheson, the Auditor.

Mrs M. G. Parker (Ayr Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

Confirmation of Appointment of Auditor—Confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Miss M. A. Matheson, C.A., was proposed by Mrs C. L. Brodie (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Mr W. A. Gray (South Wales Branch) and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS—

Amendment to Constitution of Rules

The President intimated that the amendment submitted by Aberdeen Branch to the Amendment to the Constitution and Rules had been withdrawn by that Branch (after the Agenda had been printed and distributed) and it therefore remained to consider the motion to amend the Constitution proposed by the Hague and District Branch.

Mr W. Hamilton (representing the Hague and District Branch) seconded by Miss M. H. Anderson (representing the Teachers' Association Canada) moved that the Constitution and Rules of the Society be amended as follows:

Section VII, General Meetings, paragraph 9, fourth line—After 'ballot', insert:

"Postal voting at a General Meeting shall be permissible in the case of any overseas Branch which is unable either to send a delegate of its own or to nominate a delegate in the United Kingdom to attend on its behalf. Arrangements for postal voting shall be made by the Executive Council and it shall be the duty of the Chairman at the General Meeting to intimate the receipt of postal votes which shall be added to the votes of those delegates present as each motion is considered."

Mrs M. G. Parker (Ayr Branch) moved the direct negative, proposing that the Constitution should remain as it was. This motion was supported by Mrs L. Gaul (representing Hamilton (Ontario) Branch).

The motion to amend the Constitution and Rules was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

Annual General Meeting 1979—The President confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1979 in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh.

In concluding the business, the President asked delegates to encourage their Branches to contribute to the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund which had just been established. He considered it would be an important part of the Society in the future, helping to record all that our Co-Founder had done for the Society and for Scottish Country Dancing in Scotland and overseas.

Donations had started to come in and Lord Mansfield mentioned the spontaneous gesture of the Tokyo and Yokohama Affiliated Group who had subscribed £75 to the Fund.

Vote of Thanks—Mr W. J. Ireland proposing the vote of thanks said the occasion and location held a certain piquancy for him as it was in Jordanhill College that he had completed his formal education in Scotland and had first come into contact with Miss Jean Milligan. He congratulated Glasgow Branch for the appropriate site and setting for the Tribute to Dr. Milligan and thanked Dr. Bone and members of the College for making this possible, and Sir Henry Wood and Bailie Marion Crawford for their speeches at the ceremony.

He thanked the Lord Provost and Glasgow District Council for their kindness and lavish nature of the reception for those attending the Meeting.

Thanks were due again to Dr. Bone and the College Authorities for the use of the Assembly Hall for the Meeting and the Ball. On behalf of the outgoing Executive, Mr Ireland thanked Glasgow Branch for the splendid lunch provided and on behalf of all those attending the Annual General Meeting he thanked the Branch for the wonderful reception and magnificent organisation. While tellers, stewards and MCs had all played their part he made special mention of the Branch Chairman, Miss Isobel Elliot and the Secretary, Miss Dorothy Paterson, who had done a tremendous amount of hard work throughout the past twelve months in preparation.

Mr Ireland took the opportunity to thank Headquarters Staff for the pleasant efficiency of the day to day running of the Society and made special mention of Mr. Duncan Macleod who had had a busy year as Chairman of the Executive Council and who had earned esteem and gratitude for taking over at Summer School this year.

Finally he warmly welcomed Lord Mansfield to the Society and hoped there would be further opportunities to meet him and thanked him for presiding at the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

Date 3rd November 1979

Mansfield
President.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

3rd NOVEMBER, 1979

MINUTES of the Fiftieth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1979, at 2.30 p.m., in The Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh.

Present—The Earl of Mansfield (President), Mr D. Macleod (Chairman), Mr J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman), and an approximate attendance of 550 of whom 140 were delegates.

In the Chair—The Earl of Mansfield.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Mr Kenneth Borthwick, welcomed members to the City and commented on the influence which the Society exercised all over the world on behalf of Scotland whose dances and songs we had spread so far and wide.

Apologies—Apologies were received from the Duke of Atholl, Lord Hugh Douglas Hamilton, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, The Hon. Colin Tennant, Col. Colin Mitchell (Hon. Vice-Presidents), Mr T. G. Leggat (Leicester), Mr A. Edmonds (Melbourne), Mrs J. M. Wright (Northern Virginia), Mr A. Greenyer (Worthing), Mr and Mrs Barnes (Bedfordshire), Mrs A. Burnett (Toronto) and Mrs Parker (Kilmarnock).

Chairman's Remarks—Lord Mansfield said that it gave him great satisfaction to preside at this Annual Meeting of the Society, so well attended in Scotland's capital city. He then read two messages from Her Majesty the Queen. In the first, the Queen asked him to thank the Executive Council and Members for their loyal greetings and sent her best wishes for a successful and enjoyable meeting. The second message intimated Her Majesty's thanks, as Patron of the Society, for the copy of Book 29 and the accompanying record, which had been sent to her.

The President reported that among the many delegates present fifteen represented overseas branches and he specially welcomed delegates from Delft, Doncaster and District and Milton Keynes Branches which were represented for the first time having been formed in the past year.

At this time of celebrating another successful year Lord Mansfield felt it was but right to remember those who were no longer with us. In addition to the obituaries listed in the Bulletin, which included Sir Herbert Brechin, an Honorary Vice-President, and Miss Lilian Ross, a founder member, Miss E. N. Shaw, Secretary of Moffat Branch who was to have been a delegate, had died very suddenly in September. He said we were indeed saddened by the loss of these good friends of the Society.

Minutes—The Minutes, having been in delegates' hands for some time, were taken as read. Mr J. C. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne and District Branch) moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 4th November, 1978. The motion was seconded by Mrs Linda Gaul (representing Hamilton (Ontario) Branch), and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr D. Macleod took the Chair.

Appointment of President—Mrs M. Parker (Ayr Branch), seconded by Mrs L. Barclay (Aberdeen Branch), proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President and the motion was carried unanimously.

Before vacating the Chair, Mr Macleod took the opportunity to express his thanks to everyone for their support during his term of office as Vice-

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Chairman and as Chairman of the Society and said how much he had enjoyed those years.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair. Resuming the Chair, Lord Mansfield thanked Mr Macleod for all he had done for the Society while in office.

Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—Miss D. A. Paterson (Glasgow Branch) seconded by Miss M. E. Grieve (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles Branch) moved confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lt. Col. Colin C. Mitchell, Sir Iain Maccreiffe of that Ilk and the Hon. Colin Tennant. Confirmation of these appointments were approved unanimously.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of the Executive Council for 1979-80

(a) **Chairman**: Mr James Taylor (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates. Mr Taylor expressed his appreciation of the honour they had done him.

(b) **Vice-Chairman**: The result of the voting was—
Mrs M. G. Parker—111 Votes—Elected.
Mr J. D. L. Gregor—28 Votes—Not Elected.

Six Members of the Executive Council. The result of the voting was

Miss L. Martin	129 Votes	Elected
Mr R. Mackay	124 "	
Dr I. Hall	121 "	
Miss I. Elliot	116 "	
Mrs N. Dunn	110 "	
Miss A. B. W. Mann	94 "	
Mr W. J. Ireland	75 "	Not Elected

Adoption of Annual Report—The Secretary, presenting the Annual Report which had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks, said that the growth of the Society continued in a satisfactorily steady manner. In this year of 4 new Branches and 36 newly Affiliated Groups, among the latter we had representation in the Sultanate of Oman, Norway and Spain for the first time. Since the figures reported in the Bulletin, the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund had risen to over £9,600 and contributions were still coming in.

Mrs Wadsworth (Gatehouse-of-Fleet Branch), seconded by Mr A. Gillies (Croydon and District Branch) moved the adoption of the Annual Report. The Report was adopted unanimously.

In reply to Mrs Linklater-Shirras (Inverness and District Branch) who wished a complaint recorded that all members had not received their Bulletins before the Annual Meeting, the Secretary explained that in the Society's timetable this was not physically possible. All Bulletins had however been despatched by the printer prior to the meeting and in addition all Branches had received at least one copy of the Bulletin so that business could have been discussed before the Annual General Meeting.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—Mr J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman), presenting the Annual Accounts of the Society, dealt first with the Revenue Account and said that increased membership together with the rate of subscription from 1st July, 1978, resulted in an increase from this source of £2,798 over the previous year. While interest on investments was down by £100, royalties were up by £200. He recorded with gratitude to the staff at Headquarters for their enthusiastic sales efforts in both books and accessories.

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Mr A. Douglas (Hamilton (Ontario) Branch) moved the Direct Negative.
Gp. Capt. D. S. Huxley (Leamington Spa Branch) moved that the motion be remitted to the General Purposes Committee for consideration generally of representation at Annual General Meetings and this proposal was seconded by Mrs M. G. Parker (Ayr Branch).

After some considerable discussion a vote was taken. Gp. Capt. Huxley's proposal to remit the matter to the General Purposes Committee was CARRIED by 100 votes for the remit, 33 against and 7 absentions. The original motion therefore fell.

(b) Membership Subscriptions

Mr J. Taylor (Finance Convener), seconded by Miss Galway, moved:
"That with effect from 1st July, 1980, the Annual Subscription be raised to £2.00, the subscription, as at present, being divided in the proportion of 50 per cent to be retained by the Branch and 50 per cent to be forwarded to Headquarters. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than 1st July, the increased subscription will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1980".

The motion was CARRIED by an overwhelming majority.

Annual General Meeting 1980—The President confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 1st November, 1980, in the Mitchell Hall, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen.

Vote of Thanks—Miss Arnott, proposing the vote of thanks, said everyone would be pleased that everything was going on smoothly just as Dr. Milligan would have wished and this had been due in no small measure to the Chairmanship of the Society of Mr Duncan Macleod who had now completed three years in office and had directed another successful Summer School. On behalf of the Society she thanked him and wished him well in his year as Immediate Past Chairman.

She congratulated Mr James Taylor on becoming the new Chairman and Mrs Margaret Parker on being elected Vice-Chairman and wished them every success.

Miss Arnott said that the meeting, functions and classes held this year in the beautiful Assembly Rooms had been made possible only by the hard work of the Edinburgh Branch whom she thanked for their generous hospitality. In particular she thanked the Chairman, Mr Graham Bell and the Secretary, Mrs Brodie, and all their Committee for their efforts not only during the weekend but throughout the past year when they were preparing for the Annual General Meeting.

For the day to day running of the Society she thanked Miss Gibson, the Secretary and the Staff at Headquarters, and Miss Vaughan, the Treasurer, at Queen Street.

Lastly, Miss Arnott thanked Lord Manfield for giving of his time to preside at the Meeting when his commitments were now so many. She said he was travelling the length and breadth of Scotland in the cause of Scotland and she recorded the Society's sincere appreciation of his presence at the Meeting in the cause of the Society.

The meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.

1st November 1980 - James Taylor
Chairman.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

1st NOVEMBER, 1980

MINUTES of the Fifty-First Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 1st November, 1980, at 2.30 p.m. in the Mitchell Hall, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen.

Present—Mr James Taylor (Chairman), Mrs M. G. Parker (Vice-Chairman), Mr D. Macleod (Immediate Past Chairman) and an attendance of 398 of whom 130 were delegates.

In the Chair—Mr James Taylor

Apologies—Apologies were received from the Earl of Mansfield, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, The Hon. Colin Tennant, Col. Colin Mitchell, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk (Hon. Vice-Presidents), Miss D. M. Vaughan (Treasurer), Mr and Mrs Garrett, Mr D. Gray, Mrs J. Hamilton, Mrs F. Inglis, Miss H. Gardiner Jones, Mrs P. A. Moore, Mrs B. Wass, Mr and Mrs Murphy and West Renfrewshire Branch.

Chairman's Remarks—As his first and most pleasant duty the Chairman read a message from Her Majesty the Queen thanking the Executive Council and members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for their kind and loyal message of greetings which she greatly appreciated and sending her best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Meeting. The Chairman then welcomed delegates coming directly from Boston, Delft, Gothenburg, the Hague and Stockholm Branches. Although it had been reported in the Bulletin he felt that he must mention the late Cashier, Mrs Margaret Hall, whose devoted work for the Society was sadly missed at Headquarters.

The Chairman recorded his personal thanks for their complete co-operation to the Vice-Chairman, Mrs Parker, and his two Conveners, Miss Margaret Anderson for the work of the Examinations Committee and Mr Duncan Macleod for the work of the Publications Committee and his successful function as Director of Summer School. He also thanked the Honorary Archivist, Dr Alastair MacFadyen, Miss Adams (co-operating with the Archivist on the biography of Dr Milligan), the various sub-committees and the Executive Council.

He reported a successful year and said that the Society was growing at a fast rate overseas but more expansion was necessary in Scotland itself and he issued a challenge to all Scottish Branches and members to make especial efforts to recruit the young and to hold their interest in our great heritage.

Mr Taylor undertook to convey the Annual General Meeting's good wishes to the Treasurer, Miss Vaughan, for a speedy recovery, her absence from the meeting being due to illness.

Minutes—The Minutes having been in delegates' hands for some time, were taken as read. Mr T. Leslie (Croydon and District Branch) seconded by Mrs R. Brodie (Edinburgh Branch) moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 3rd November, 1979, which were unanimously approved.

Appointment of President—Mrs M. C. Gudger (Rochdale Branch), seconded by Mr R. Hunn (Delaware Valley Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President and the motion was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—Mr R. MacKenzie (Glasgow Branch) seconded by Miss F. Martin (Stirlingshire East Branch) moved confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lt. Col. Colin C. Mitchell, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, and the Hon. Colin Tennant. Confirmation of these appointments was approved unanimously.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of the Executive Council for 1980-81—

Mrs M. G. Parker took the Chair.

(a) **Chairman**: Mrs James Taylor (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

Mr J. Taylor took the Chair.

(b) **Vice-Chairman**: Mrs Margaret G. Parker (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

(c) **Six Members of the Executive Council**: The result of the voting was:

Miss L. Martin	112	Votes	} Elected
Mr R. Mackay	110	"	
Mr A. Aitkenhead	104	"	
Miss I. Elliot	104	"	
Mrs N. Dunn	92	"	
Mr W. J. Ireland	72	"	
Miss J. Reid	71	"	
Mrs V. Sim	59	"	} Not Elected

Adoption of the Annual Report—Presenting the Annual Report which had been in delegates' hands for some four weeks, the Secretary reported a difficult year at Headquarters starting with the death of Mrs Hall and continuing with changes and shortage of staff throughout the period under review. She recorded her sincere thanks to the Assistant Secretary, Mrs Wallace, for her support and assistance during this time and also thanked those members of the Society who had given voluntary assistance at times of particular stress at Headquarters and at Summer School. The full complement of staff had at last been reached in October and already the benefit was apparent. A burglary at the end of September had resulted in damage, loss and chaos at Headquarters which had necessitated valuable time being spent on clearing up.

Referring to Membership, Miss Gibson warned against complacency and urged Branches — especially the smaller ones — to continue their efforts to increase membership. She reported that Elgin Branch was in abeyance as they had been unable to find Office-Bearers to keep the Branch going, though she hoped this position would soon be remedied.

Since the figures reported in the Bulletin as at 30th June the Memorial Fund had increased and now stood at £14,667 and remained open for further donations.

Miss Gibson told delegates that Miss Allie Anderson, for whom a reception had been arranged in Edinburgh in May, was now seriously ill in hospital.

In moving the adoption of the Annual Report, Mr J. Laurie (London Branch), paid tribute to the work done for the Society by Miss Muriel Gibson, Secretary. On behalf of the Meeting he asked Mr Graham Bell (Edinburgh) to convey their good wishes to Miss Allie Anderson. Miss C. M. H. Goodman (Berks/Hants/Surrey Border Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Report was adopted unanimously.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet

Mrs M. G. Parker took the Chair

Mr J. Taylor (Chairman of the Society and Convener of the Finance Committee) presented the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet. He reported that growth in subscription income had been good though partly made up of a "rush" for new Long Term Members registering before 1st July, 1980, when the membership fee had been increased; the remainder was a substantial increase in ordinary members coming into the Society through the Branches. Affiliation fees had also increased.

Investment income was the highest ever received by the Society at £5,961 compared with £4,013 the previous year. This was achieved by taking advantage of the highest short term rates available on the money held temporarily. Interest rates would fall and allowances had been made for this. Royalties were up and the surplus on sales of publications and other items had also increased.

Looking at the income side of the revenue account Mr Taylor said that the Society must be grateful that the outcome of four years' negotiations with H.M. Customs and Excise was confirmation that the Society was exempt from V.A.T. otherwise an extra charge of 15 per cent would have had to be made on subscriptions and various other items, with the consequent requirement of additional staff at Headquarters for the administration of the scheme.

Turning to expenses, the Chairman said administrative costs were higher than in previous years and included inter alia staff increments and Bulletin and subscription copy increases.

The year ended with a surplus of £6,801 which had been allocated as shown in the Appropriation Account. With costs rising as they did last year, he considered this was a remarkable achievement. Plans and schemes laid down in previous years were paying off and Headquarters staff under the expert guidance of the Secretary, must be congratulated as should also the members of the Finance Committee.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor said that investments had increased by £4,225 with Stocks of Publications and Accessories standing at £15,116. Preparing an estimate of income and expenditure for a year ahead was not easy in an inflationary situation but the Finance Committee had shown complete confidence estimating a surplus.

In moving the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor thanked Miss Matheson, the Auditor, and Miss Vaughan,

the Treasurer, and her staff for their continued support and interest in the Society.

Mr C. P. Wadsworth (Gatehouse-of-Fleet Branch) seconded Mr Taylor's motion and the Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor—Confirmation of the appointment of Miss M. A. Matheson, C.A., was proposed by Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Miss F. MacCormick (Forfar Branch) and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS—

(a) Amendments to the Constitution and Rules

(i) On behalf of the Executive Council Mr D. Macleod (Immediate Past Chairman) seconded by Miss N. J. Arnot (Kirkcaldy Branch) moved the following amendments to the Constitution:

Page	Section	Sub-Section	Para	
2				Under "RULES" insert new item "IV Teachers' Associations". Renumber 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" insert "and each Teachers' Association".
6	VI	(2)	(f)	Second line: Delete "aforementioned"; substitute "hereafter mentioned".
8	VI	(4)	(a)	Summer School Committee: after "Director of Summer School" delete "(the Vice-President)".
9	VII		7	Designate sub-para as (a), (b), (c) and (d).
10/11	II	(1)	(a)	Delete "the Vice-President whom failing".
11	II	(1)	(b)	Delete "the Vice-President".
14	III	(3)	(b)	Delete "Honorary" substitute "Honorary".

The motion was CARRIED by an overwhelming majority (and over two-thirds of the votes).

(ii) On behalf of the Executive Council Group Captain Huxley (Leamington Spa Branch), seconded by Mr John Hutton (San Francisco Branch) moved the following amendments to the Constitution:

Page	Section	Sub-Section	Para	
4	VI	(1)	(b)	Line 4: After "General Meeting" insert "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)	Delete "Fifteen" substitute "Twenty-five".
8	VI	(4)	(e)	After "Director of Summer School" delete "Five" and substitute "Four".
8	VI	(4)	(f)	Other Committees, penultimate line delete "ten" substitute "seven".

The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

(iii) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr J. C. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch) seconded by Miss M. Clark (Dunfermline Branch) moved the following amendments to the Constitution:

Page	Section	Sub-Section	Para
9	VII		3
9	VII		4
9	VII		4
10	VII		9
10	VII		10
10	VII		10

Mr R. MacKenzie (Glasgow Branch) seconded by Miss F. Adams (Glasgow Branch) moved that the proposal regarding Page 9, Section VII, para 3 should be amended as follows:

"After 'Branches' add 'and delegates'. Remainder of paragraph to be adjusted accordingly".

After considerable discussion voting was 14 for the Glasgow Branch amendment with a large majority against. The Glasgow Branch amendment therefore FELL.

The Chairman then put the amendments to the Constitution as proposed by the Executive Council to the meeting; at the request of Miss Barker (London Branch) each amendment was voted on individually the results being for the respective amendments: Unanimous — Overwhelming majority — Unanimous — Overwhelming majority — Unanimous — Unanimous. These amendments to the Constitution were therefore CARRIED.

(iv) Mr W. A. Gray, seconded by Mrs Wadsworth, proposed, on behalf of the Executive Council, that the following amendments be made to the Rules of the Society:

Page	Section	Sub-Section	Para
11	II	(1)	(b)
11	II	(2)	
11	II	(2)	
11	II	(2)	
11	II	(2)	
14	III	(4)	(a)
15	III	(6)	(e)

Miss Paterson (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Miss Adams (Glasgow Branch) moved that on page 11, Rule II, sub-section (2), para (d), be retained with from "unless" to the end of the paragraph deleted.

The Glasgow Branch amendment was CARRIED by an overwhelming majority and the Executive Council's motion to delete para (d) DEFEATED, as a consequence it was not necessary to renumber paras (e) and (f).

Mr Gray's motion as amended by the Glasgow Branch motion, was carried unanimously.

(v) Mr G. Burnett (Toronto Branch), seconded by Mr T. Leslie (Croydon and District Branch) moved that the Constitution and Rules of the Society be amended as follows:

Page	Section	Sub-Section	Para
10	VII		9

Mrs L. Gaul (Hamilton (Ontario) Branch) moved the direct negative. After discussion the voting was 26 for the motion and a large majority against and the motion therefore FELL.

(b) Teachers' Associations — Subscriptions
Miss F. I. Galway (Belfast Branch), seconded by Miss M. M. Ross (Forres Branch) on behalf of the Executive Council moved that the annual subscription for a Teachers' Association should be £25 at the present time. The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

Annual General Meeting 1981—The Chairman confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 14th November, 1981, in Dumfries.

Vote of Thanks—Mr Graham Bell (Edinburgh Branch), proposing the Vote of Thanks, recorded our appreciation of the kindness of the Lord Provost and City of Aberdeen for hosting the Annual General Meeting and for the excellent lunch which they had provided for the Executive Council members. He also thanked the University of Aberdeen for permitting the Society to hold the meeting in the magnificent Mitchell Hall and he reminded delegates that it was the University of Aberdeen which had conferred the doctorate on Dr Milligan and that therefore the University had a special place in our affections.

Mr Bell thanked Aberdeen Branch who had been the hosts for the Annual General Meeting and congratulated the Chairman, Miss Frances Gordon, and the Secretary, Mr Hamish McIntosh, and their Committee for the hard work they had put in for the Meeting. In thanking the Branch he included the stewards and tellers at the Meeting itself and the stewards at the Ball and the Dance.

In thanking the Headquarters staff for their work he made particular mention of Miss Gibson whom he said was not only an efficient Secretary but who had the work of the Society at heart, and of Miss Vaughan, the Treasurer, whose presence at the A.G.M. he greatly missed and he hoped she would soon be well enough to attend our meetings. Finally Mr Bell thanked the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and said that Mr Taylor had had a long and difficult meeting and that all present were greatly indebted to him.

The meeting closed at 5.20 p.m.

Signature: James Jaeshot

Chairman

Date: 14th November 1981.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

14th NOVEMBER, 1981

MINUTES of the Fifty-Second Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 14th November, 1981, at 2.30 p.m., in the Loreburn Hall, Newall Terrace, Dumfries.

Present—Mr James Taylor (Chairman), Mrs M. G. Parker (Vice-Chairman) and an attendance of 401 members of whom 151 were Delegates.

In the Chair—Mr James Taylor.

Apologies—Apologies were received from the Earl of Mansfield, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Sir Iain Moncreiffe, Col. Colin Mitchell, Miss D. M. Vaughan, Miss M. Auld, Mrs M. S. Baikie, Mrs F. Inglis, Mr J. Laurie, Mr and Mrs H. Lisk, Miss L. Martin, Miss F. MacCormick, Mr A. S. Greenyer, Mrs B. Wass.

In tendering the apologies from Miss Vaughan, the Treasurer, the Chairman said her recovery was slow and undertook to convey the good wishes of the meeting to her.

Chairman's Remarks—As his first and most pleasant duty the Chairman read a message from Her Majesty the Queen. Her Majesty thanked members for their kind message of loyal greetings which she had received with much pleasure and sent her best wishes for a successful and enjoyable meeting. The Chairman suggested it would be appropriate to send heartiest congratulations to the Prince and Princess of Wales on their forthcoming event and the meeting unanimously agreed.

Welcoming delegates the Chairman reported that the meeting was attended by the largest number of delegates ever — a reflection both of the increase in the number of Branches and of the greater interest being taken by overseas Branches. 17 of the 50 Overseas Branches and 66 of the 83 Home Branches had nominated delegates. He was particularly pleased that Central Kentucky Branch, formed only in July of this year, was represented.

Mr Taylor said that the past year had been a successful one for the Society and he had had the opportunity throughout the year of attending Branch functions. His experience had shown that the standard of dancing was being well maintained and he had been impressed by the enthusiasm of Branch officials.

For their complete co-operation during the year, the Chairman thanked Mrs Parker (Vice-Chairman), Miss Margaret Anderson (Convener, Examinations Committee) and Mr Duncan Macleod (Convener of Publications and Research Committee and also Director of Summer School). He also thanked all members of the Executive Council for their contribution to the success of the year.

Minutes—The Minutes having been in delegates' hands for several weeks were taken as read. Group Captain D. S. Huxley (Leamington Spa Branch), seconded by Mr G. Burnett (Toronto Branch), proposed

the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 1st November, 1980. Mr G. Mehan (Hawaii Branch) pointed out a printing error under Election of Office-Bearers (a) Chairman. With the substitution of 'Mr' instead of 'Mrs' before Mr James Taylor's name, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Appointment of President—Mr W. Hamilton (Detroit Branch), seconded by Mr A. E. Boyd (Bedfordshire Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President and the motion was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—

(a) Mr J. C. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne Branch), seconded by Miss E. M. C. Ferguson (Dumfries Branch) moved confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lt. Colin C. Mitchell, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that ilk, and the Hon. Colin Tennant. Confirmation of these appointments was approved unanimously.

(b) Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Miss D. A. Paterson (Glasgow Branch) proposed that Miss Allie Anderson (Edinburgh Branch) be appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. This appointment was unanimously approved.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of the Executive Council for 1981-82—

Mrs M. G. Parker took the Chair.

(a) **Chairman**: Mr James Taylor (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

Mr J. Taylor took the Chair.

(b) **Vice-Chairman**: Mrs Margaret G. Parker (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

(c) **Six Members of the Executive Council**: The result of the voting was—

Mr Robert H. Mackay	137	Votes	
Mr John Drewry	123		
Miss Florence H. Adams	116		
Mr Alastair S. Aitkenhead	114		
Miss Alice B. W. Mann	92		
Mr William J. Ireland	90		
Miss Jean F. Reid	83		
Mrs V. Sim	70		
			} Elected
			} Not Elected

Adoption of the Annual Report—Presenting the Annual Report which had been in delegates' hands for some seven weeks, the Secretary drew members attention to the drop in annual members and said this posed a challenge to Branches. She hoped that every encouragement would be given to beginners and to young people and that we should be able to make up the lost numbers before the next report.

The number of Branches had increased and there had been a noticeable increase also in the number of Affiliated Groups; in this

respect Miss Gibson mentioned the very successful teaching/examination tour undertaken by Miss Anderson and Mrs Holden in Africa. Their visit had stimulated a great deal of interest in the Society and several new groups had applied for affiliation as a result.

Minor changes since the report had been printed were that (a) the adjudicators' course would take place on 1st May, 1982, and (b) that the day of assembly for Summer School would in future be a Sunday instead of a Monday. This latter change would give each week an equal number of teaching days and add one extra day's teaching to the two-week courses.

In the main, the Secretary felt that the General Purposes Committee's recommendations regarding the Annual General Meeting administration had worked well and the host Branch had met all necessary requirements.

Despite an even busier year, the full complement of staff at Headquarters had eased the strain and Miss Gibson recorded her thanks to the loyal and conscientious members of staff who had assisted her at Headquarters.

Mr W. J. Ireland (London Branch) said he had read the report with considerable interest. He drew attention to the anomaly of a drop in membership while the number of Branches was increasing and he urged all Branches to do their utmost to recruit new members. In moving the adoption of the Annual Report he coupled his proposal with a vote of thanks to Miss Gibson and her staff for their work over the past twelve months. Miss C. McCulloch (Lorn Branch) seconded the motion and the Report was adopted unanimously.

Adoption of Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—

Mrs M. G. Parker took the Chair.

Presenting the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet Mr Taylor (as Convener of the Finance Committee) said that the accounts should be read in conjunction with the other reports today as behind every figure in the accounts there was a detailed narrative of effort and contribution by members of the Society in the past year.

Although the annual subscription rate was increased from £1 to £2 per member from 1st July, 1980, the total subscription income increased by only 50 per cent owing to the make up of the membership. Affiliation fees, while not a large figure in itself, nevertheless represented the extensive Scottish Country Dance network worldwide from which would grow new Branches.

Royalty income was below estimate but the contribution to Society Funds from sales of publications and records more than offset this. The surplus enabled the Publications Committee to plan and the Finance Committee to support the issue of two records this year as an investment in addition to the usual publications.

Taking the total income of the Society and dividing it by the number of members it works out at £1.95 per head but as the average subscription (allowing for Life and Long Term members) works out at 72p per head, it is obvious that we have had to make an additional £1.23 per member from sources other than membership in order to cover the costs of Bulletin, subscription copy,

administration, meetings, examinations, overseas travel and maintain reserves.

The surplus available for appropriation to specific and general reserves for the purposes of the Society was £14,291 — more than double last year's figure, detailed as in the accounts.

Turning to the Estimates for the year ahead, Mr Taylor said that the Finance Committee had erred as ever on the cautious side. It would be noted that a substantial figure had been budgeted for the cost of meetings within the United Kingdom. He felt that a lasting benefit accrued from the regular contact between old and new representatives and home and overseas delegates. To prepare an estimate of income and expenditure for the coming year required crystal ball gazing especially when inflation is expected to continue running in double figures. We had shown a good surplus this year and to back up our confidence a small surplus had been declared for the year 1981-82.

Finally, in respect of the Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor said it would be wise to refresh ourselves as to what it represented. Under the Assets heading were all those resources entrusted to the safe custody of the Headquarters staff under the supervision of the Finance Committee; under the Liabilities heading is the accumulated capital which belongs to the membership of the Society and which is matched by the Assets listed on the other side.

Drawing attention to the Auditor's report Mr Taylor said it indicated that the Society's financial affairs had been scrutinised by an independent professional who was not involved in the day to day running of the Society and who was better placed to give an objective check. He recorded his thanks to Miss Matheson, the Auditor.

For the excellent results this year he thanked the Secretary and Headquarters staff, the Treasurer and her staff, the Finance Committee and lastly, though not least, the members of the Society.

Mr Taylor moved the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet. Miss A. W. Miller (Detroit Branch) thanked Mr Taylor for all his efforts and work on behalf of the Society and seconded the motion. The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor—

Mr J. Taylor took the Chair.

Confirmation of the appointment of Miss M. A. Matheson, C.A., was proposed by Mr D. A. Gray (Bournemouth Branch), seconded by Miss M. Rooney (Portrush Branch) and approved unanimously.

Annual General Meeting 1982—The Chairman confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 30th October, 1982, in the College of Education, Dundee.

Vote of Thanks—Dr. MacFadyen, proposing the Vote of Thanks, said that members would appreciate that a great many people contributed in a great many ways to ensure the success of such an occasion as the Annual General Meeting and to all those he said a very special thank you on behalf of the Society. There were a number

of people, however, who merited particular thanks. Firstly, we were indebted to Miss Gibson and her office staff for the work they had undertaken in preparation for this meeting. He thanked the Lord Provost of Dumfries for the hospitality extended to the Executive Council members on behalf of the District at luncheon earlier in the day. Dr. MacFadyen said we were particularly indebted to the host Branch, Dumfries, Branches like his own who had hosted Annual General Meetings in the past would know how much work had to be undertaken to prepare for an AGM. To Miss Ferguson, Chairman of the Branch, Mrs O'Gorman, the Treasurer, and Mrs Dickson, the Secretary, and to all members of their committee he gave sincere thanks for the success of the weekend. Lastly he thanked the Chairman, Mr Taylor, who was no doubt glad to be able to preside over an unusually non-controversial meeting, for getting us through the business today. The meeting joined him in expressing a very hearty Vote of Thanks to all those mentioned and to those whom he had not been able to name.

The meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.

James Taylor.
Chairman
30th October 1982.

MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
30th October, 1982

MINUTES of the 53rd Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 30th October, 1982, at 2.30 p.m. in the Dundee College of Education, Gardyne Road, West Ferry, Dundee.

PRESENT

Mr. James Taylor (Chairman), Mrs. M.G. Parker (Vice Chairman) and an attendance of 418 members of whom 158 were delegates.

In the Chair : Mr. James Taylor

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Earl of Mansfield, Miss Allie Anderson, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh Douglas Hamilton, Lt.Col. Colin Mitchell, Sir Iain Moncreiffe, Hon. Colin Tennant, Miss D.M. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Scahill, Mr. and Mrs. A. Staples, Miss B. Peel, Mr. D. Campbell, Mr. A. MacTaggart.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen thanking members for their loyal greetings which had been sent to her and saying that, as Patron of the Society, she had much appreciated the message and sent her warm good wishes for a successful and enjoyable Meeting. A further message from the Queen's private secretary intimated that Her Majesty had been delighted to accept a copy of this year's book of dances, the Bulletin and the record for Book 2.

Mr. Taylor then welcomed members to the meeting and especially those whose Branches were represented for the first time. In spite of the world wide economic difficulties the Society had continued to thrive - a sign of the maturity and stability of a long established Society which was yet prepared to move with the times. He made reference to the recent teaching tour of Branches and Groups in Ireland and the visit to groups in the Cowal Peninsula of Argyll which had the immediate result of increasing the number of affiliated groups and of producing further applications for individual memberships. All the Branches and Groups had been most appreciative and the success of these visits encouraged the Society to plan for more such tours. He also referred to the trip to the Far East and Australasia planned for Dr. MacFadyen next year.

The Chairman also made mention of the discussion by the General Purposes Committee on the situation of children in the Society and said that Branches would shortly be asked for their suggestions and views in this respect.

Mr. Taylor said that he had truly enjoyed the position of Chairman and had endeavoured to introduce new methods especially on the financial side with a view to keeping the Society solvent. He thanked Mrs. Parker, the Vice Chairman, Mr. Macleod, Director of Summer School, and all the Conveners of Committees for their complete cooperation during his term of office; in addition he thanked the Executive Council members for their work on behalf of the Society and recorded his appreciation of the work of the permanent staff at Headquarters.

MINUTES

The Minutes having been in delegates' hands for several weeks were taken as read. Dr. Ian Hall (Manchester Branch) seconded by Mrs. C.P. Wadsworth (Gatehouse of Fleet Branch) proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 14th November, 1981, and the motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Mr. W. Clement (Northern Virginia Branch) seconded by Miss M. Barker (London Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President and the motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Miss M. M. Brown (Edinburgh Branch) moved confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of Miss Allie Anderson, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lt. Colin C. Mitchell, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, and the Hon. Colin Tennant. The motion was seconded by Miss I. Mundie (Nottingham Branch) and the appointments were approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1982-83.

(a) CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Margaret M. Parker (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

(b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: The result of the voting was -

Dr. Alastair MacFadyen	132 votesElected
Mr. Alastair Aitkenhead	25 "Not elected.

(c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: The result of the voting was -

Miss Dorothy Leura	130 votes)	
Mr. John Drewry	126 ")	
Mrs. Anna Holden	125 ")	Elected
Miss Florence Adams	113 ")	
Mrs. Norah Dunn	97 ")	
Miss Alice Mann	90 ")	
Miss Christian Catto	88 ")	
Mr. William J. Ireland	83 ")	Not Elected

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Presenting the Annual Report the Secretary said that in view of the general recession the Society had done well to maintain its membership and that the signs so far were that the current year might possibly even see an increase in membership. She hoped that Branches with small numbers would try very hard to increase their membership so as to ensure their viability. Members would see from the report a marked increase in the number of affiliated groups and the Secretary stressed the benefits accruing from such visits as examiners to South Africa and the other visits mentioned in the Chairman's remarks. The visits of pianists along with teachers was a great delight whenever it could be arranged.

Miss Gibson reported an excellent reception of the "Scottish Country Dances for Children" and its accompanying tape this year. Next year, the Diamond Jubilee of the Society, would see the publication of Dr. Milligan's biography which was being compiled by Dr. MacFadyen and Miss Adams.

Summer School had been a great success with many improvements but the Society had already been notified of additional costs in 1983, not only for residence and catering but for the use of the University's halls which had hitherto been free.

The Secretary said that the Society owed much to the voluntary office bearers in the Branches who keep the business of the Society going and her thanks to them in her report was no mere courtesy acknowledgement. She also paid tribute to the unflagging enthusiasm of the outgoing Chairman, Mr. James Taylor and voiced her regret that Miss Vaughan had resigned as Treasurer for health reasons.

Dr. A. MacFadyen (Glasgow Branch), seconded by Mr. B.C. Campbell (Portrush Branch) moved the adoption of the Annual Report which was accepted unanimously.

In presenting the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet, Mr. Taylor (as Convener of the Finance Committee) said that the accounts indicated a year as active and financially successful as the previous one, the net surplus available for the various purposes of the Society being £13,879 as compared with £14,291 for 1981.

The subscription income at £21,505 was almost £4,000 above the figure for 1981. He had been advised that some branches had themselves increased the subscription and reminded everyone that the Constitution of the Society made it quite clear that rates can only be changed by the Society at an Annual General Meeting. The subscription at present was £2 and was divided equally between Headquarters and Branches. To provide and post the Bulletin and the subscription book of dances costs more than the £1 allocated to Headquarters. Obviously this imbalance cannot continue with the Society subsidising every member. Although at the moment the Society was financially sound, we must plan for the Society's future success and he gave notice that the Finance Committee intended to put a motion to the Executive for the next Annual General Meeting that the subscription be increased by at least 50% to cover the cost of inflation and to help Branches.

The Summer School for 1981 had broken even. The Finance Committee had recently set the fees for Summer School 1983 to cover the cost of the increased charge for accommodation but it was hoped to absorb the considerable charges for University halls (hitherto free) by careful examination of our outlays and ways of working.

The surplus on sales of publications and records was over £4,000 up on last year reflecting benefits from highly active publications and research work. To meet higher demands it had been necessary to carry higher stocks which were £7,000 higher at nearly £31,000. The net income on all sales was 5% higher than the previous year.

There had been increased expenditure on overseas extension work but the goodwill generated was invaluable to the Society. Extension work at home was also being planned.

Turning to the estimates for the year ahead expenditures were expected to be in the region of 7% above last year but the same surplus on sales was not taken for granted, nor the same high level of investment income as interest rates were dropping.

Turning finally to the Balance Sheet, Mr. Taylor said that investments were nearly £8,000 up at £47,347, and stocks £7,000 up at £30,854. Current liabilities were £1,200 up at £5,595. Of the overall surplus of £13,879, £12,000 was allocated to various reserves as shown in the appropriation account, leaving £2,002 to be added to the Capital Account.

Mr. Taylor recorded the thanks of the Society to Miss Matheson, the Auditor, and he also thanked the Finance Committee for their excellent stewardship.

Mr. Taylor moved the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet.

Mr. Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch) seconding the motion, said the Society was depending on sales to keep itself in credit and therefore it seemed that the subscription should be increased next year. An increase would help branches as well as central funds. He pointed out that stock held could not be said to be available for spending. He paid tribute to the work which Mr. Taylor was doing as Finance Convener and said that as Chairman and as Finance Convener Mr. Taylor had put the resources of the Society on a firm footing. He also thanked Mr. Wishart of the Treasurer's office for the week to week work he had carried out on behalf of Miss Vaughan.

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

Mr. James Taylor resumed the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

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Before calling for nominations for the appointment of Treasurer the Chairman said that members would have read in the Bulletin that Miss D.M. Vaughan who had been the Society Treasurer for the past 29 years, had now decided to retire on health grounds, and he wished to put on record our appreciation of her services to the Society. Her interest was not only in her official capacity as Treasurer, but embraced all aspects concerning the Society.

It had been his privilege to work with her over the past fifteen years on the Finance Committee; during nine of these he had been Finance Convener and he was grateful for all the advice she had passed on to him. One of her most valuable contributions to the Society was the negotiations over a four year period with the Custom and Excise, which resulted in the Society being exempted from V.A.T. otherwise 15% would have had to be added not only to the subscription, but to many other items.

He said we should all miss her pawk sense of humour and in appreciation of her service to the Society he asked Mr. Wishart to accept on her behalf a small token of our appreciation with the sincere good wishes of all members of the Society.

Miss A. W. Miller (Duns & District Branch) proposed that Mrs. Marilyn Jeffcoat, F.C.C.A. be appointed as Treasurer. Miss F.I. Galway (Belfast Branch) seconded the motion. There were no other nominations and the appointment was approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment of Miss M. A. Matheson, C.A., was proposed by Miss L. C. Martin (Aberdeen Branch), seconded by Mr. R.E. Green (Birmingham Branch) and approved unanimously.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1983

The Chairman confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 5th November, 1983, at Troon, Ayrshire.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. Bruce Frazer (Berks, Hants, Surrey Border Branch) proposing the Vote of Thanks said that he had travelled north in a very efficient car and in thinking of the tremendous amount of administration and organisation required to achieve the smooth working of all the parts under the bonnet, he could not help but be struck by the analogy with the Annual General Meeting.

First the design team based in Edinburgh made the preparations and kept continuity from one year to the next; then we had the production team - the people who were required to put the parts together and make the whole thing function as smooth running machinery. He said we were fortunate to have such an efficient branch in Dundee and in particular thanked their Office Bearers and also Miss Dorothy Nicoll who had coped with a vast volume of mail. He also thanked the stewards and tellers and all the members of Dundee Branch who had given their time and effort in any way. Finally there was the 'Production Manager' whose job it was to hold all together on the day and he thanked the Chairman, Mr. Taylor, for conducting the meeting in such a genial manner. Mr. Frazer said it was an added pleasure for him to return to his home town and to propose this vote of thanks and he asked delegates to show, in the usual way, their appreciation of all that was involved in the running of the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.55 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5TH NOVEMBER, 1983

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY,
5TH NOVEMBER, 1983, AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE CIVIC HALLS, SOUTH BEACH, TROON.

PRESENT

The Earl of Mansfield (President), Mrs. M.G. Parker (Chairman),
Mr. J. Taylor (Immediate Past Chairman), Dr. A. MacFadyen (Vice-Chairman)
and an attendance of 479 members of whom 178 were delegates.

In the Chair : The Earl of Mansfield

Councillor A.D. Paton, on behalf of the Kyle and Carrick District Council extended to all members a very warm welcome and congratulated the Society on achieving its Diamond Jubilee. He said the Society could look backwards and see with satisfaction what had been accomplished and forwards with anticipation of even better things to come.

The President, thanking Councillor Paton for his kind welcome said that the District Council had shown its appreciation of the work of the Society by providing the Halls for the Annual General Meeting and he asked Councillor Paton to convey to the Council the thanks of the Society for their generosity in this respect.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Miss Allie Anderson, Lt.Col. Colin Mitchell, Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lisk, Mrs. E. Gilroy, Mr. W. Ireland, Mrs. F. Inglis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Boode and Mr. C. Mackay.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The President first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen, in which she conveyed her sincere thanks to the Executive Council and members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for their loyal greetings and sent her best wishes for a successful and enjoyable meeting. He then read a message of good wishes for a successful meeting and for the future of the Society from New Zealand Branch.

The President reminded everyone that it was sixty years ago in November that Miss Milligan and Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich called the meeting in Glasgow which founded the Society. Even the Second World War had not shaken the foundations which had then been laid and the Society had continued to flourish at home and overseas in a way neither of these ladies could have foreseen when they called the inaugural meeting. In this Diamond Jubilee Year, he said, we could congratulate ourselves on increases in the number of Branches, Affiliated Groups and members and at the Annual General Meeting there were more delegates than ever before. To those delegates attending for the first time he gave a special welcome. All the portents showed that the Society was going forward - and doing so with increased vigour.

Before concluding his remarks, the President took the opportunity to congratulate Ayr Branch who were hosts on this occasion, on their Golden Jubilee and also to congratulate the Glasgow and Edinburgh Branches who also achieved their Diamond Jubilee this year.

MINUTES

The Minutes having been in delegates' hands for several weeks were taken as read. Mr. B. Hamilton (representing Detroit Branch) seconded by Miss I. Mundie (Nottingham Branch) proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 30th October, 1982, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs. M. G. Parker took the Chair

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Group Capt. J.D.S. Huxley (Leamington Spa Branch), seconded by Miss M. Turner (Ayr Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS

Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Mr. D.R. Warburton (Milton Keynes Branch) moved the confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice Presidents of the Society of Miss Allie Anderson, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Glenconner, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lieut-Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1983-84.

- (a) CHAIRMAN: Mrs. M.G. Parker (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Dr. A. MacFadyen (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of all the delegates.
- (c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : The following were elected by ballot:

Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr. J. Drewry, Mrs. N. Dunn,
Mrs. A. Holden, Miss D. Leurs, Miss D. Paterson

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary, presenting the Annual Report which had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks, said that in spite of the world recession the Society had expanded during the year under review. Although diffident about forecasting, she felt that the momentum was continuing and that the increased activity evident within the Society at present must lead to further expansion. Dr. MacFadyen's tour of the Far East and Australasia had been a resounding success and the General Purposes Committee's policy of teaching and publicity tours was producing tangible results and would be continued.

The Publication Committee had marked the Diamond Jubilee by the publication of "Dance With Your Soul" by Dr. MacFadyen and Miss Adams; Miss Gibson hoped that young members of the Society would read this biography of Dr. Milligan with as much interest as those older members who had known her personally.

In proposing the adoption of the Annual Report Mr. G. Burnett (Toronto Branch) said that he was very much impressed by the amount of work undertaken by the various Committees and thanked the members for the time and effort expended in the service of the Society and the Headquarters Secretariat for their work throughout the year. Miss J. Banks (Forres Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Report was adopted unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

Mr. J. Taylor (Immediate Past Chairman), presenting the Annual Accounts of the Society, turned to the Revenue Account and pointed out that the subscription income fell short of administrative requirements. The 1982 Summer School had produced a surplus but the safety margin in relation to increased accommodation costs was not great and due to additional University charges for Halls, this year's School would make a loss. While books and records sales had remained level, increased revenue had accrued from accessories. The tremendous increase in the volume of work at Headquarters had led to an increase in staff being necessary and therefore an increase in salaries. Administrative costs as a whole went up by

11 per cent to £40,404. Last year's Bulletin cost £9,000, an increase of £1500 on the previous year and this year's would cost over £10,000. The examinations tour in North America had cost just under £3,000 while the increased cost of travel had raised meeting expenses.

Looking at the estimate for 1983/84 administrative expenses had been forecast at £48,000; this cost had to be met if progress was to be made not only at home but world-wide. On the other side, it was forecast that our total income would remain in line with the past year.

Looking at the Balance Sheet, Mr. Taylor drew attention to the increase in stocks due mainly to the greater supply of records, publications and of the biography of Dr. Milligan. The Jean Milligan Memorial Fund stood at £20,500; the interest on the capital sum supported such projects as the latest extremely successful tour by Dr. MacFadyen and he hoped that the fund would continue to increase.

The past year had been one of consolidation financially ending with a surplus of £11,534 before appropriations to special purposes compared to £13,479 for the previous year. The Finance Committee had allocated this surplus to Extension Work Overseas (£5,000), General Reserve (£5,000), Staff Fund £1,000, leaving a balance of £799 to augment the capital account.

In conclusion Mr. Taylor said that thrifty housekeeping was not the complete answer. It is important that the Society has adequate working capital. He took the opportunity to thank Miss Matheson, the Auditor, Mrs. Jeffcoat, our Treasurer, Miss Gibson, the Secretary and all the Headquarter staff and he expressed his gratitude to the Finance Committee for their continued support and loyalty to the Society.

In moving the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet Mr. Taylor was seconded by Mr. J.C. Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch) who paid tribute to Mr. Taylor's acumen in the management of the Society's finances.

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment as auditor of Miss M. A. Matheson was proposed by Mr. A. Gillies (Croydon and District Branch), seconded by Miss C. McCulloch (Lorn (Argyll) Branch), and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

(a) Mr. J. Taylor (Immediate Past Chairman) on behalf of the Executive Council moved -

"that with effect from 1st July, 1984, the annual subscription be raised to £3, the subscription, as at present, being divided in proportion of 50 per cent to be retained by the Branch and 50 per cent to be forwarded to Headquarters. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to or later than, 1st July, the increased subscription will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1984."

Miss F. I. Galway (Belfast Branch) seconded the motion.
The motion was carried unanimously.

(b) Mr. R. Baird (York and North Humberside Branch), seconded by Mrs. H. Brown (York and North Humberside Branch) moved -

"that the additional item of 'Any Other Business' be added to the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for future meetings."

Dr. A. MacFadyen (Vice-Chairman), seconded by Mrs. W. Wadsworth (Gatehouse of Fleet Branch) moved the Direct Negative.

After some discussion both for and against the motion it was put to the meeting and was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

The President made the following presentations:

- (a) The Society's Scroll - to Miss Ina Nairn (Forfar Branch), Mrs. Helen Walker (Castle Douglas Branch), Miss Phyllis Wood (Birmingham Branch).
- (b) Past Chairman's Badge - to Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Mr. D. Macleod and Mr. J. Taylor.
- (c) A small gift was presented to Dr. MacFadyen and to Miss Adams as a token of thanks for their work in connection with the production of "Dance With Your Soul" the biography of Dr. Jean C. Milligan.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1984

The President confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1984, in Jordanhill College, Glasgow.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mrs. A. Holden (representing Detroit Branch) said one was well advised when speaking in public to keep one's words short and sweet since one never knew when one might have to eat them! She was confident, however, that the meeting would wish her to express adequately their thanks to those who had given their time and effort to ensure the success of the Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, she thanked the President, the Earl of Mansfield, for his presence and for exercising control of the meeting in such a pleasant manner. The host Branch, Ayr, had taken on a mammoth task in providing the facilities for this special weekend. For most people the public face of the Branch had been its Honorary Secretary, Miss Nina Galloway who had tackled a formidable job with great competence, remaining imperturbable throughout. Mrs. Holden congratulated the members of Ayr Branch on their stamina during the long haul up to the Annual General Meeting and for the provision of M.Cs., tellers, stewards, etc. and not least on the warm welcome given by the Branch to delegates and visitors. She thanked the District Council for the provision of the halls and for their welcome to the meeting transmitted on their behalf by Councillor Paton.

Mrs. Holden thanked Mrs. Parker for the assiduous manner in which she had carried out her duties ^{as Chairman of the Society} in this, the Diamond Jubilee Year, and she also thanked all delegates and members who had attended the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

..... Margaret G. Parker Chairman
PRESIDENT
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3rd November, 1984

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1984, at 2.30 p.m. in Jordanhill College, Southbrae Drive, Glasgow.

PRESENT

Mrs. M. G. Parker (Chairman), Dr. A. MacFadyen (Vice-Chairman) and an attendance of 483 members of whom 176 were delegates.

In the Chair: Mrs. M. G. Parker

APOLOGIES

The Earl of Mansfield, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lt.Col. Colin C. Mitchell, Group Captain and Mrs. Huxley, Mrs. E. Gilroy, Mrs. F. Inglis, Mr. W. J. Ireland, Mrs. M. Killeen, Mr. J. Laurie, Mrs. H. Lisk, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mair, Miss I. Mundie, Miss W. Van Taanam, Mr. H. Van Zon.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen, in which she sincerely thanked the Executive Council and all members of the Society for their loyal greetings on the occasion of the 55th Annual General Meeting. As Patron of the Society Her Majesty had been delighted to receive the message and sent her best wishes to all for a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

The Chairman then welcomed all delegates to the meeting and said she had had a special message from our President who hoped to be forgiven for not being able to attend as he had hoped to do. Unfortunately he had been asked to undertake a very important and unavoidable duty and could not be present; Mrs. Parker was pleased to tell the meeting that the President was now fit and well again after his illness earlier in the year.

With an expanding Society it was to be expected, the Chairman said, that the number of delegates would increase and indeed 196 - the largest number ever - had been notified though in the event all had not been able to attend. She gave a special welcome to those delegates attending for the first time and hoped they would find the meeting interesting and the functions enjoyable.

The Society was still flourishing in spite of the difficult conditions throughout the world or perhaps, Mrs. Parker said, it might be because of these since when life is difficult it is all the more necessary to be part of an organisation which offers friendship, sociability and a feeling of belonging to a family. She was sure that Miss Milligan, if she could look down on us, would be pleased to see that we were looking after the heritage which she had left us.

MINUTES

The Minutes, having been in delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read. Dr. I.M. Hall (Manchester Branch) seconded by Mrs. M. Hutton (representing Delaware Branch) proposed the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 5th November, 1983, and the motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Miss M. H. Anderson (representing New Zealand Branch), seconded by Mr. A.C. Morris (Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS

- (a) Mrs. M. C. Stoker (London Branch) seconded by Mr. D.A. Gray (Bournemouth Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of Miss Allie Anderson, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Glenconner, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lt.Col. Colin C. Mitchell and Sir Ian Moncreiffe of that Ilk. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.
- (b) Mr. Alastair Smart (Edinburgh Branch) moved that Miss Florence H. Adams should be appointed an Honorary Vice President. Mr. W. Cross (Glasgow Branch) seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. Miss Adams thanked the meeting for the honour conferred on her by this appointment.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1984-85.

Dr. A. MacFadyen took the Chair

- (a) CHAIRMAN: Mrs. M.G. Parker (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

Mrs. M. G. Parker resumed the Chair

- (b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Dr. A. MacFadyen (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

- (c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: The following were elected by ballot:

Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead - Miss I. Bennett - Miss M. Brown
Miss A.B.W. Mann - Miss L. C. Martin - Miss D. Paterson

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

Presenting the Annual Report the Secretary said that though delegates had had the report in their hands for some time there were one or two points worth emphasising. Although each year a number of members with whom the Society had lost touch were transferred to the 'resigned' file, the number of current members still continued to grow; there was a small but steady increase in the number of branches each year and, this year, a very large increase in the number of affiliated groups.

The teaching tours funded from the Memorial Fund continued to be an outstanding success, benefiting both Branches and Groups visited and the Society itself. A new publicity leaflet was now available to Branches and the Secretary hoped that the smaller branches especially would avail themselves of this advertising aid.

The production of a model constitution for Branches would be useful to keep Branches with the same terminology and outline organisation world wide.

Miss Gibson reported that the Society had now, after protracted negotiations with Paterson's Publications, obtained the publishing rights for "Won't You Join The Dance?" and for dance books Nos. 1 - 5.

Mr. C. P. Wadsworth (Gatehouse of Fleet Branch) moving the adoption of the Annual Report said the expansion of the Society was only too obvious if one compared the present Bulletin with one some years back; he noted that the staff had not increased in the same proportion and congratulated them on coping with the increased volume of work. Miss Claire Goodman (Berks, Hants, Surrey Border Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Report was adopted unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET.

In moving the adoption of the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet Mr. Taylor (Finance Convener), said that, as he had forewarned delegates at the last Annual General Meeting the surplus this year of £1,945 was well down from that last year (£11,534). The several reasons for this included increased cost of holding meetings, of printing, postage and stationery and all overheads, all of which were beyond our control, and we had also absorbed some of the increased costs of running the Summer School.

A new item had appeared in the Revenue Account - the purchase of archives - because an opportunity had arisen to purchase old dance books and manuscripts; he asked all members to look out for such articles and advise Headquarters as the collection of manuscripts relating to Scottish Country Dances was one of the objects of the Society.

Administration expenses rose from £26,000 last year to £36,000 in 1984 and this was after tight financial control and the internal transfer to cover costs of administering the Summer School. The subscription copy was an expensive one and the October 1983 Bulletin itself cost nearly £10,000. It was with all these factors in mind that the increase in subscription rate was proposed at last year's Annual General Meeting and accepted by delegates. The benefit of the increase is only now beginning to show. We are constantly on the look-out to make savings and this year we have been fortunate in making a major reduction in the cost of the Bulletin by obtaining a very competitive printer.

While there was a healthy surplus on sales of publications and of accessories Mr. Taylor said that no allowance had been made in the figures shown for the handling of sales or for the cost of carrying the very extensive stocks.

We had again attracted the attention of the VAT office and were in the process of negotiating with the Customs and Excise authorities to agree what has to be included in their definition of turnover. It seems likely that part of the subscription will attract VAT at 15%. The result was that we should have to conduct our sales through a separate limited company with any surplus being covenanted to the Society; as long as turnover is kept below the registration limits no VAT should be due; this would mean extra work for both offices - the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Mr. Taylor said, however, that there was no need to be depressed as the Society had a very healthy Balance Sheet and we had been able to maintain our reserves with investments worth more than £60,000 and stocks of £37,000 as well as our property at Coates Crescent and the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund; he hoped sales this year would again increase.

In the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1985 allowances had been made for the long overdue upgrading of the Headquarters offices and for introducing a word processor and computerisation. The capital value of the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund at 30th June was £24,791.75 and he was delighted that it was still growing; the income from the fund had been used for scholarships, overseas visits, and other great benefits to the Society.

Finally Mr. Taylor took the opportunity to thank the Auditor, Miss Matheson, the Treasurer, Mrs. Jeffcoat, and his Finance Committee for their continued support and loyalty to the Society; he also thanked the Secretary and her staff for their work in promoting sales.

The motion to adopt the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet was seconded by Miss A.W. Miller (Duns and District Branch) who said that the Society owed much to Mr. Taylor as Finance Convener for the sound state of the Society's finances.

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment as auditor of Miss M.A. Matheson was proposed by Mr. J. Wilson (representing Nairobi Branch), seconded by Mr. M.G. Stephens (Kirkcaldy Branch) and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

4.

- (a) On behalf of the Executive Council Mrs. Anna Holden (representing Florida Branch), seconded by Miss M. M. Ross (Forres Branch), moved the following amendment to the Constitution and Rules of the Society (1980):

"VI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section (1) Membership, para (b) - page 5:

Line 3: After 'School' insert 'and the Honorary Archivist'

Line 4: At end delete 'a'

Line 5: Delete 'member'; substitute 'members'.

Section (4) Committees of Council, para (d) page 9

Delete first paragraph.

Substitute 'This Committee shall consist of eight members including the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Honorary Archivist'

→ Mr Cross (Glasgow Branch) asked for a point of information. He asked if there were not two motions in one in the amendment to the Society Constitution.

The Chairman ruled that had any Branch taken exception to any part of the resolution they had had the opportunity to put in amendments. No amendments had been received.

→ Mr. Alastair Smart (Edinburgh Branch) moved against the motion.

On a vote being taken the motion was passed by an overwhelming majority.

- (b) Miss M. Brander (representing Los Angeles Branch) seconded by Dr. J. Reinstein (Paris Branch) moved -

"(i) 'that, due to the differences between various published editions of RSCDS dances, henceforth all RSCDS dance publications will have the date of current revisions on each page.

(ii) that the name of the RSCDS editor be indicated on those pages where there are substantive changes in the score.

(iii) that henceforth:

(a) if a dance is recognizably the same as its source, then its reference shall be in the usual form.

(b) if the dance has been edited by the RSCDS from, or is closely related to, its source, then its reference shall be in the form 'with a difference' or some equivalent phrase.

(c) if the dance shares its name and less than half of its figures with its 'source', then its reference shall be 'inspired by' or some equivalent phrase.

(d) if the dance does not fit into one of the above categories, then its reference shall be 'devised by the Publications Committee' or whomever is responsible"

Mr. A. Boode (Delft Branch) moved the direct negative.

Mrs. L. Gaul (representing Hamilton(Ontario) Branch) moved that the motion be remitted to the Publications Committee in the first instance for their consideration and comment. Mr. J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) seconded Mrs. Gaul's proposal.

The motion to remit the Los Angeles Branch motion to the Publications and Research Committee was carried by 81 votes FOR and 18 AGAINST.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY
(Vice-Chairman)

Dr. A. MacFadyen, reading out the list of those awarded the Society's Scroll, said that a Scroll had been sent to Mr. R. Campbell (Toronto Branch and Secretary, T.A.C.) and to Mrs. A. McN. Smith (Cape Town Branch) who were unable to attend. A Scroll would also be sent to Mrs. W. Nock (N.W. Craven Branch) who had been admitted to hospital.

Mrs. M. G. Parker (Chairman) made the presentation of the Society's Scroll to Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow Branch), Miss N. J. Arnott (Kirkcaldy Branch), Mrs. I. Finn (Manchester Branch), Miss H. Gardiner Jones (Wolverhampton Branch) and Miss C. McC. Kane (Belfast Branch)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1985

The Chairman confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 2nd November, 1985, and the venue would be Helensburgh Academy, Helensburgh.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. W. Hamilton (representing Detroit Branch) thanked in very original rhyme the Glasgow Branch, hosts of the occasion. Perhaps Mr. Steele, the Branch Secretary, to whom the applications for the weekend had been sent, was best known to everyone but Miss Dorothy Paterson, the Branch Chairman had headed what had been a real joint effort by the Branch Committee. The Branch had offered generous hospitality to delegates and had also defrayed the cost of the hall for the Annual General Meeting. Mr. Hamilton also thanked Dr. Bone, Principal of Jordanhill College, for his permission to hold the meeting there, and Mr. Wilkie and Mrs. Fyffe of the College staff for the catering arrangements.

On behalf of the Executive Council and Scroll recipients Mr. Hamilton thanked the Branch for the lunch prior to the Annual General Meeting. He also thanked Bailie Davison who had attended in place of Lord Provost Gray to whom greetings were sent.

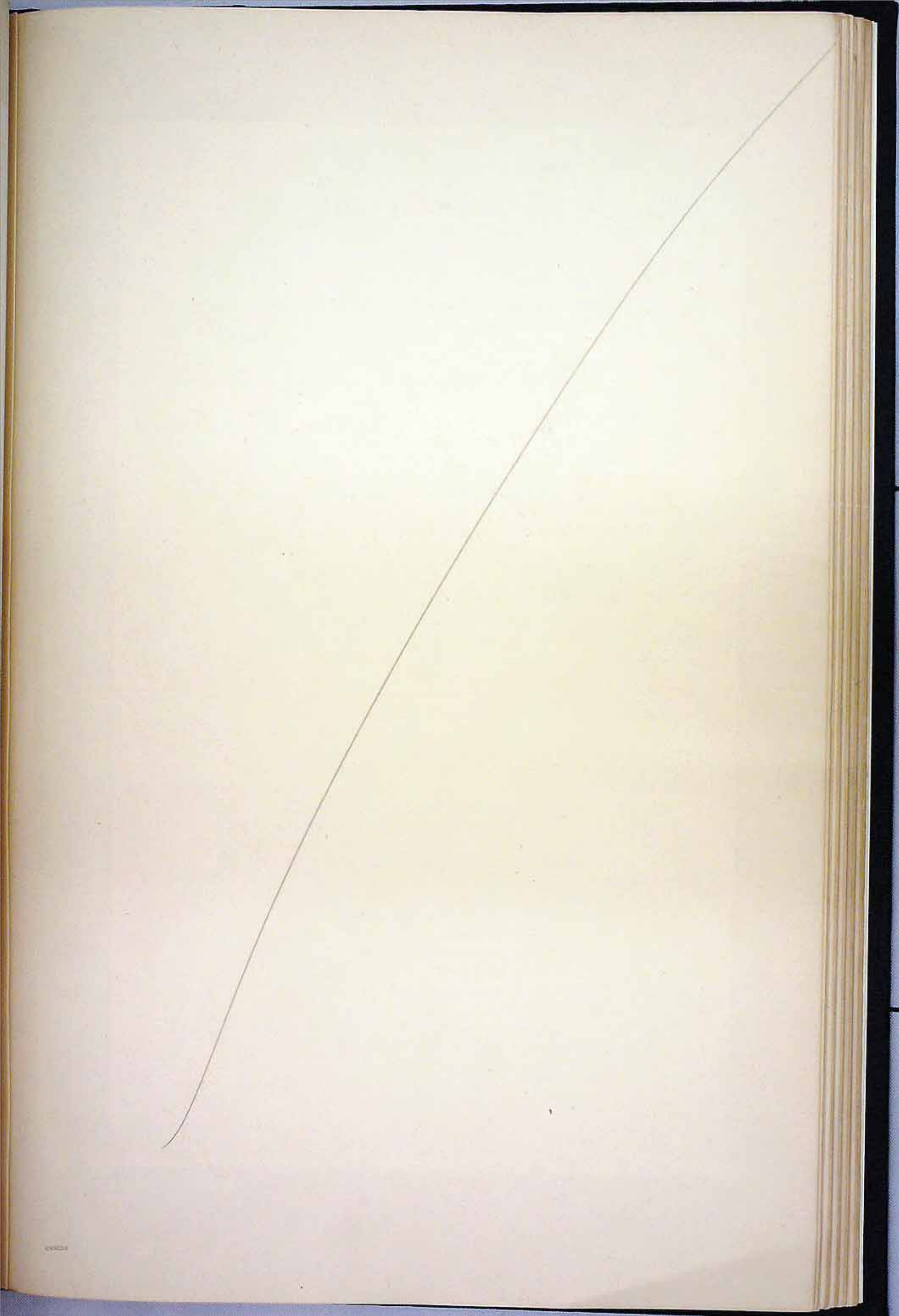
Lastly he thanked Mrs. Parker for taking the Chair and guiding the meeting through the business on the agenda and Miss Gibson, Secretary, for her work in connection with the A.G.M.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

Margaret G. Parker

2nd November, 1985



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2nd November, 1985

MINUTES OF THE FIFTYSIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday,
2nd November, 1985, in the Victoria Halls, Sinclair Street,
Helensburgh.

PRESENT: Mrs M G Parker (Chairman), Dr A MacFadyen (Vice-Chairman),
Miss F H Adams (Hon Vice President) and an attendance of
435 of whom 169 were delegates.

In the Chair: Mrs M G Parker

Before officially opening the meeting Mrs Parker made mention of the recent and sudden death of Miss Margaret Anderson whose untimely demise had left the Society bereft. Not only had she, as Examinations Committee Convener, sought to put the examinations on a proper professional footing, but in herself was a delightful person - friendly, and dedicated to the Society. Mrs Parker undertook on behalf of all present to extend deepest sympathy to Miss Anderson's relatives and friends.

APOLOGIES

The Earl of Mansfield, The Duke of Atholl, Lord Glenconner,
Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Miss Allie Anderson, Lt Col Colin C
Mitchell, Mr and Mrs H Barnes, Mr W Clement, Mr D Haynes, Mr W Ireland,
Miss D Kinghorn, Miss M McCartney, Mr K Smith, Mrs M Stoker,
Mrs Van Taanam, Mr H Van Zon.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen ⁱⁿ for which she sent her warm thanks to the Executive Council and all members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, gathered together for the 56th Annual General Meeting, for their kind message of loyal greetings. As Patron of the Society Her Majesty had been delighted to receive this message and sent her best wishes to all for a very successful occasion.

Mrs Parker then welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially those dedicated members of the Society who were present to receive the Society's Scroll in recognition of their services to the Society. She said that the host Branch, West Dunbartonshire, and the Dumbarton District Council had done all in their power to welcome the Annual General Meeting to Helensburgh and to provide hospitality to those attending. She informed the meeting that the Earl of Mansfield was unable to attend owing to domestic circumstances and that he had written to her to say how disappointing it was for him not to be present as he looked forward to his dealings with the Society and he had asked her to give his apologies to the meeting. Mrs Parker was glad to report that in spite of difficult times the Society continued to expand and to flourish.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 3rd November, 1984, having been in delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read.

Mrs. R. Brodie (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Miss B.N. Fawdry (Birmingham Branch) proposed the adoption of the Minutes and the motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Mr. B. Frazer (Berks, Hants, Surrey Border Branch), seconded by Miss M.A. Rae (Duns and District Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in his appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Miss M.M. Brown (Edinburgh Branch) seconded by Miss F. Martin (East Stirlingshire Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of Miss Florence Adams, Miss Allie Anderson, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Glenconner, Lord Hugh M. Douglas Hamilton and Lt. Colin C. Mitchell. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR 1985/86

(a) CHAIRMAN: Dr. A. MacFadyen (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.

Dr. A. MacFadyen took the Chair

Dr. MacFadyen thanked delegates for the opportunity they had afforded him to serve the Society in the office of Chairman which he considered a great privilege. He would endeavour to be worthy of the honour.

He then took the opportunity to pay tribute to his immediate predecessor in office and said that Mrs. Parker was a lady of many talents who led a very full and active life. She had had a very successful career in education combined with active involvement in local government culminating in her appointment as Provost of Kilmarnock and the award of MBE. He said that Mrs. Parker was also an acknowledged expert on Robert Burns and much in demand as a speaker and adjudicator in this respect. She still, however, managed to give a great deal of time to Scottish Country Dancing and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society finally serving over the last six years as Vice-Chairman and Chairman.

He had come to know Mrs. Parker as a warm and friendly person with a great sense of humour. On occasions such as this she always provided a decorative touch to proceedings. Dr. MacFadyen then presented Mrs. Parker with her 'Past Chairman's Badge' and on behalf of the entire membership thanked her most sincerely for all she had done for the Society over the past many years, but especially during her Chairmanship.

Replying, Mrs. Parker thanked the new Chairman for his remarks and told delegates that while in the Chair she had enjoyed three wonderful years. She had visited many Branches during that time and had invariably been received with the utmost hospitality. She had been fortunate during her term of office in having the support of good and hardworking Conveners of Committees - Mr. Macleod who gave such valuable service both as Director of Summer School and Convener of the Publications and Research Committee, Mr. Taylor who as Convener of the Finance Committee had wrought a veritable metamorphosis in the Society's finances. She thanked the members of those committees and of the Examinations and the General Purposes Committees for their work and support while she had been in office and she acknowledged her indebtedness also to the Secretary and staff at Coates Crescent.

Mrs. Parker congratulated Dr. MacFadyen on his appointment as Chairman and hoped he would enjoy his term of office as much as she had done.

(b) Vice Chairman: Mr. Alastair S. Aitkenhead was elected by ballot.

(c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The following were elected by ballot: Miss I. Bennett, Miss M.M. Brown, Mrs. N. Dunn, Miss A. Mann, Miss L. Martin, Miss D. Paterson.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Report^{for the year 1984/85} included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks and in presenting it the Secretary said that over the years she had seen the steady expansion of the Society and that though this year there appeared to be a net loss of 8 members world wide giving us a membership of 26,148, yet we had three more new Branches in the period under review and many more affiliated groups. She drew attention to the changes in the examination requirements and said that the Society was to be congratulated on having such good emissaries in the examiners/teachers who undertook to give their time and knowledge freely for the official tours organised by the Society.

Miss Gibson briefly outlined the work completed by the various Committees throughout the year (detailed in the Report) and emphasised the desire of the staff at Headquarters to be of service to members.

Miss L. Martin (Aberdeen Branch) moved the adoption of the Annual Report. Mrs. A. Murphy (Carlisle and Border Branch) seconded the motion and the Report was adopted unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET.

Mr. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch), presenting the Accounts and Balance Sheet, a copy of which had been in delegates' hands for some time, said that while 1984 had not been a good year so far as a surplus was concerned we had seen the benefit this year in the increased subscription decided by the 1983 Annual General Meeting.

The upgrading of Headquarters had been completed to give more office space, to improve the amenities for staff, the committees and visitors and to provide additional storage space for our expanding stocks, especially now that we had acquired the publishing rights from Paterson's Publications for Books 1-5 and "Won't You Join the Dance." It would be noted from the accounts that the value of stock had increased from £37,495 last year to £52,688 this year. Unfortunately the extra stock rooms had been won at the cost of losing tenants and the revenue from their rent (£1,150). Mr. Taylor said that he had reported to the Executive Council that the cost of the improvements (£10,221) would come out of capital; however, it had been possible to take it from revenue as could be seen from the Appropriation Account and the Society's good investments remained intact. It was also intended to purchase a complete word processing system including printer,

He announced the formation of the trading activities into a limited company - "Strathspey Sales Co. Ltd." - owned by the Society and all profits being covenanted to the Society. These will be shown in the Balance Sheet next year. The company was incorporated in April and commenced trading on on 1st July, 1985.

Reviewing the Revenue Account, Mr. Taylor said it was worth noting that the subscription income was totally inadequate to run the Society. The Summer School in 1984 had made a loss but although this year's School also showed a deficit it was considerably smaller. It was essential for the Society to provide a teaching school and a meeting place for both overseas and home members to get together as a family unit and we had to endeavour to keep accommodation costs to students as low as possible.

Turnover on Sales was up by 5% giving a surplus of £22,389 mostly from records while turnover on accessories was up by 50% on the previous year giving a surplus of £5313. Interest on investments and deposits had also increased and at £10,242 was up 28% on the previous year, this result being attributable both to careful investment and high interest rates. The investments and deposits of £67,808 had a market value of £75,583, the Equity stock adding most to this value.

On the expenditure side Staff salaries had increased by 11% but we had to keep pace with inflation and the going rate for the job if we wished to retain staff - essential as it was in a small office like ours to have a loyal work force. Overseas travel for examiners/teachers had increased by £739 to £2,224 in the year under review but this again was essential expenditure to maintain the links with our overseas Branches.

However, with a change of printer we had achieved savings on the publication of the Bulletin.

From the Balance Sheet it would be seen that the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund had increased by £4,676 and now stood at over £30,000. Mr. Taylor, on behalf of the Society, thanked Branches, Affiliated Groups and individuals for their donations and acknowledged the legacy from the late Group Captain Huxley and also the efforts of the organisers of raffles at Summer School who between them had gathered in £826. He also thanked Miss Gibson for her administration of the Fund.

Looking ahead examination/teaching tours have been planned at regular intervals to Australia, New Zealand, and Africa in addition to the regular visits to North America.

A new fund shown in the accounts is the Porter Bequest which the Society, in accordance with the terms of Mr. Porter's will, merely administers in order that the interest is used to assist a student from the Maritime Provinces of Canada to attend the Society's Summer School in Scotland.

Mr. Taylor said it would be seen from the Estimates that we anticipated administrative expenses would rise by 7% next year and we had made the necessary increases for inflation and allowed a contingency safety margin of £4,500 on our overall income of £64,000. Given the commitment of the Finance Committee and the staff under the leadership of Miss Gibson (Secretary) and Mrs. Jeffcoat (Treasurer) he felt there need be no fears for the future. Lastly, he thanked Miss M.A. Matheson, the Auditor for her professional services.

Mr. Taylor moved the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet.

Mr. John Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch) seconding the motion pointed out that the surplus revenue this year had been largely used in refurbishing the basement premises at Headquarters and improving toilet facilities but the surplus had accrued from sales of accessories, records and books thanks both to purchasers and to the HQ staff who sold them. The surplus budgeted for next year was only 7% of the revenue income.

He praised Mr. Taylor's work as Convener of the Finance Committee as it was largely due to his drive and initiative that the finances of the Society were in such a healthy state. He thanked Mr. Taylor for this and also thanked Mrs. Jeffcoat, our excellent Treasurer, for all her meticulous work.

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were unanimously adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment as auditor of Miss M.A. Matheson, C.A. was proposed by Mr. J. Fyfe (Cheshire Branch), seconded by Mr. J. B. Dickson (representing Montreal Branch) and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

(a) Miss M. Brander (representing Los Angeles Branch) seconded by Dr. J. Reinstein (Paris Branch) moved:

- (i) "that, due to the differences between various published editions of RSCDS dances, henceforth all RSCDS dance publications will have the date of current revisions on each page.
- (ii) that the name of the RSCDS editor be indicated on those pages where there are substantive changes in the score.
- (iii) that henceforth:
 - (a) if a dance is recognisably the same as its source, then its reference shall be in the usual form.
 - (b) if the dance has been edited by the RSCDS from, or is closely related to, its source, then its reference shall be in the form 'with a difference' or some equivalent phrase.
 - (c) if the dance shares its name and less than half of its figures with its 'source', then its reference shall be 'inspired by' or some equivalent phrase.
 - (d) if the dance does not fit into one of the above categories, then its reference shall be 'devised by the Publications Committee' or whomever is responsible".

Mr. W. Hamilton (representing Detroit Branch) ^{on behalf of the Executive Council} moved that paragraph (1) be amended by the deletion of "each page" in the last line and the substitution of "every book/leaflet".

Mr. R. Mackay (representing Detroit Branch) seconded Mr. Hamilton's motion.

Miss Brander intimated that Los Angeles Branch was prepared to accept the amendment and on a vote being taken the amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority.

The resolution as amended was carried by a large majority.

(b) Mr. W. Cross (Glasgow Branch) seconded by Mr. J. Waterson (Glasgow Branch) moved
 "that the 1985 AGM of the RSCDS give powers to the Executive Council to elect or co-opt 5 members of the Society to review and re-write where necessary the Constitution of the Society."

Mr. J. Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch) moved the Direct Negative.

After some discussion both for and against the motion the vote was For the motion: 32, Against the motion: 109. The motion was therefore rejected.

(c) Mr. T. Macleod (Dundee Branch) seconded by Mrs. Cruickshanks (Dundee Branch) moved:

"that the present division of the membership subscription, 50% being retained by the Branch and 50% forwarded to Headquarters, be altered to allot two-thirds to the Branch and one-third to Headquarters with effect from 1st July, 1986."

Mr. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) moved the Direct Negative.

On a vote being taken a substantial majority were against the motion which was rejected.

- (d) Mrs. Linklater-Shirras (Inverness and District Branch) seconded by Mr. J. Walker (Inverness and District Branch) moved "that in the event of any motion before the AGM having more than one section or sub-section, each one should be voted on separately by the delegates present." After discussion the voting was: For the motion 61 Against the motion: 76 and the motion was defeated.
- (e) Mr. I. M. Birnie (Bramhall Branch) seconded by Mrs. J. Birnie (Bramhall Branch) moved "that 'Any Other Business' be included in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting" Miss D. Paterson (Glasgow Branch) moved the Direct Negative. After discussion for and against the motion it was defeated by a large majority.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Dr. MacFadyen announced the awards while Mrs. Parker, (now Immediate Past Chairman) presented the Scrolls to the following members: Miss Molly Clavering (Moffat Branch), Miss May Collie (Peterhead Branch), Mrs. Elizabeth D. Gilroy (East Lothian Branch), Miss Susan Inglis (Edinburgh Branch), Mrs. Margaret McAulay (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch), Mrs. Olga Meyer (New York Branch), Miss Margaret Prentice (Glasgow Branch)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1986

The Chairman confirmed that the date of the next Annual General Meeting would be on 1st November, 1986, in Dundee.

VOLE OF THANKS

Miss D A Paterson (Glasgow Branch) said that for many it would be a first visit to Helensburgh. Apart from the beauty of the surroundings, the area had produced many famous sons and daughters, in particular John Logie Baird, the inventor of Television, and she wondered how the Weekend might have been presented by the Media.

It had been ably directed by Jack Gregor (Chairman, Dunbartonshire West Branch) with Mrs Mary McIntosh as Link Man assisted by a competent and hardworking team. If the event had followed the normal pattern of AGMs with all the attendant requests and problems, "Some Mothers Do Have 'Em" was probably in Mary's mind, while we had "The Navy Lark" getting the school shipshape for the dances and the prop department giving the dancing areas a real tartan flavour. "Upstairs, Downstairs" might have described Friday with the generous hospitality of the Provest and Councillors of Dumbarton District Council upstairs, and downstairs the equally generous hospitality of Dunbartonshire West Branch. Thereafter we had the "Magic of Dance" to the music of David Ross and the Lothian Band.

We had had a choice of channels on Saturday morning with some adopting the advice "Take the High Road" to view the beauty of the Three Lochs, some watching "Travelogue", many emulating "Fame" with the expertise of Johan MacLean and Alastair Aitkenhead, accompanied by Muriel More and Jean Sim, and others contenting themselves with "Breakfast TV".

The Provost and Councillors of Dumbarton District Council had provided further hospitality in the form of lunch for the Executive Council prior to the meeting itself.

Miss Paterson suggested that the Annual General Meeting might be likened to a "Party Political Conference", or to "Any Questions" though she felt the spotted bowtie image was not sartorially correct for the RSCDS. In the "Awards of the Year" what a pleasure it had been to see all the Scroll recipients. Whatever category the AGM might slot into, it had been, as usual, "Mastermind"ed by the "East Enders" and skillfully executed by Mrs Parker and Dr MacFadyen.

After each programme credits appear and Miss Paterson was sure that the meeting would wish to join her in thanking the Provost and Councillors of Dumbarton District Council, the Headmaster of Hermitage Academy, Jack Gregor, Mary McIntosh and the Dunbartonshire West Branch Committee, Miss Gibson and the Headquarters staff, Mrs Parker for all her work while Chairman and Dr MacFadyen who was to be congratulated on his appointment as Chairman of the Society and on undergoing his baptism of fire so successfully in conducting the meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

MacFadyen

1 November 1986.

Chairman/President

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

**FIFTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held in

DUNDEE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GARDYNE ROAD,
WEST FERRY, DUNDEE

on SATURDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1986, at 2.30 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR — The Rt. Hon. The EARL OF MANSFIELD

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES.
2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.
3. MINUTES.
—To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd November, 1985, circulated in the 1986 Bulletin.
4. CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT.
—To confirm the appointment of the Earl of Mansfield as President.
5. CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS.
—(a) To confirm the appointment of the Honorary Vice-Presidents: Miss Florence Adams; The Duke of Atholl; Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, K.T.; Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton; Lord Glenconner; Lieut. Colonel Colin C. Mitchell.
—(b) To appoint as Honorary Vice-President Mrs Mary C. Gudger.

*Manchester Branch
Carlisle and Border Branch
Dunbartonshire West Branch
Liverpool Branch
Rochdale Branch
Southport Branch*
6. ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1986-87.
7. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT.
—Circulated in the 1986 Bulletin.
8. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET.
—Circulated in the 1986 Bulletin.
9. TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR.
—To appoint as auditor Mrs Isobel Baillie in place of Miss M. Matheson who has resigned.
10. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY.
11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1987.
—To confirm the date, 31st October, 1987, and the place, Edinburgh.

VOTE OF THANKS.

M. MURIEL GIBSON, Secretary, R.S.C.D.S.,
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1st November, 1986

MINUTES OF THE FIFTYSEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 1st November, 1986, in the Dundee College of Education, Gardyne Road, West Ferry, Dundee.

PRESENT

The Earl of Mansfield (President), the Duke of Atholl (Hon. Vice President), Dr. A. MacFadyen (Chairman), Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead (Vice-Chairman) and an attendance of 418 of whom 174 were delegates.

In the Chair : The Earl of Mansfield

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Miss Florence Adams, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lt.Col. Colin Mitchell, Mrs. I. Cramb, Miss A.O. Cumming, Mr. D. Campbell, Mr. J.B. Dickson, Mrs. E.D. Gilroy, Mr. A. Greenyer, Mr. D. Haynes, Mrs. F. Inglis, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss K. Lawlor, Miss B. Peel, Mrs. W. van Taanom, Mr. H. van Zon, Mrs. P. Sinclair, Mr. I.G.R. Zobel.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen thanking members for their message of loyal greetings and sending her best wishes for the success of the Annual General Meeting.

He said that the year now drawing to a close had been a special year for this Society celebrating as we did the birth of Dr. Jean Milligan 100 years ago. As the year had progressed all of us had been reminded of the way our lives had been enriched by the efforts of that lady; apart from the contribution which she had made to our national traditions and culture everyone who had anything to do with the Society had widened their circle of friends and increased the richness of their own experience. While, of course, Dr. Milligan and Mrs. Stewart founded the Society with all hopes for the future, they could not have expected the Society to have expanded to the extent it had done.

The Chairman said that many present would have attended the Jean Milligan Centenary Weekend. He had certainly much enjoyed the Garden Party which he and his wife had attended and where they had met members of the Society from many parts of the world. The weather had been fine and they had found it altogether a very happy occasion. Moments like that showed us how much the Society's activities and sphere of influence had expanded. Since he had been President, every year had shown a record of expansion and a furtherance of the Society's aims throughout the world. A large attendance of members had come to the Annual General Meeting from home and overseas and the Ball and Dance were fully supported. Lord Mansfield said it must be a great joy to all those who worked very hard for the Society that its meetings and functions were so well attended and that there was such a continuing interest by the members.

In welcoming delegates and members to the meeting the Chairman said how pleased he was that the Duke of Atholl, one of our Honorary Vice Presidents, was able to be present. He also gave a special welcome to the delegate who had come to represent Adelaide Branch for the first time. In conclusion he said that he would be very proud to meet a little later on those members who were to receive the award of the Scroll for the services they had rendered to the Society.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 2nd November, 1985, having been in delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read. Mrs. M. Linklater-Shirras (Inverness and District Branch) pointed out a minor printing error which was duly corrected. Mr. J. Murphy (Carlisle and Border Branch) then moved that the Minutes be approved. His motion was seconded by Miss I. Paton (Ayr Branch) and carried unanimously.

Dr. A. MacFadyen took the Chair

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Miss A.B.W. Mann (Dundee Branch) seconded by Mr. W.A. Gray (South Wales Branch) moved that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr. A. Smart (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Miss J. Yeats (representing Ottawa Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society, of the Duke of Atholl, Miss Florence Adams, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lord Glenconner, Lt.Col. Colin C. Mitchell. Confirmation of these appointments was unanimously approved.

Mr. J. McKercher (Manchester Branch) proposed that Mrs. Mary C. Gudger be appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. He said that Mrs. Gudger had made a contribution and given service to the Society of an exceptional nature. She had formed, or helped to form, a number of Branches in the North of England and had travelled considerably to teach, guide and encourage. She had taught or examined hundreds of members over the years and it was with pride and great affection that Manchester Branch had put forward this motion. Miss J. Bradley (Southport Branch) seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1986-87

- (a) CHAIRMAN: Dr. A. MacFadyen (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. The following were elected by ballot: Miss I. Bennett, Miss M.M. Brown, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. G. Lawson, Miss A.B.W. Mann, Miss Lesley C. Martin.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Report for the year 1985-86, included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of the delegates for some weeks and in presenting it the Secretary said that the Society was past the stage when phenomenal increases each year could be expected. Our aim must now be for a small but steady growth and it was gratifying to know that had been achieved this year in membership, Branches and Affiliated Groups.

Miss Gibson briefly outlined the work achieved by the various Committees throughout the year (detailed in the Report) and reminded delegates that the 'Open Forum' would be re-introduced at next year's Annual General Meeting.

The Annual Report was adopted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Robert McKay (representing Detroit Branch), seconded by Mr. G. Lawson (Glasgow Branch).

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

A copy of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet had been in delegates' hands for some weeks. Before formally presenting the Accounts, Mr. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) intimated to the meeting the death of Miss Dorothea M. Vaughan who had for 29 years been the Society Treasurer before retiring in 1981 because of ill health. Appreciation of her services to the Society were recorded. He also intimated the retirement of the present Auditor, Miss Marjory Matheson, and as she was present he took the opportunity to thank her for all her past services and to wish her well for the future.

Mr. Taylor said that the financial results for the year under review were very similar to last year and that the Society was on a steady course. Looking at the Revenue Account interest on investments and deposits had contributed nearly £12,500 compared with under £11,000 last year. To some extent this depended on the level of interest rates so we could not depend on an equivalent increase next year.

Sales of accessories were now dealt with by a separate company, Strathspey Sales Ltd. to which the Society had made a loan of £12,000 to cover the need for stock and working capital. In return the Society received 10% interest on the loan and all profit was covenanted to the Society.

Rent receivable from the basement premises had ceased as the rooms were now required to house our stock of Publications and Accessories valued at over £40,000. On the expenditure side it would be noted that new budget categories for Archives and Publicity had been introduced as they had to be recognised as part of the Society's activities. The Jean Milligan Centenary celebrations at Jordanhill were highly successful and we had balanced the books.

The Summer School account always showed a large figure in hand at the year end which was just prior to the start of the Summer School. After payment to the University of St. Andrews, administration and other related expenses there was a very small surplus on the 1986 Summer School which was in keeping with our policy of keeping fees as low as practical.

The Jean Milligan Fund continued to grow and advantage was taken of a rise in the market to take a small gain on the fixed interest stock in Charibonds by investing the proceeds in Charifund, a Unit Trust investing in Equities. In this way we could maintain the purchasing power of our investment and although the yield is lower at first the experience of the last few years has been that it will certainly increase and exceed the income from fixed interest stock.

Mr. Taylor advised members that the Porter Bequest would be omitted from the Society Balance Sheet next year as it forms no part of the Society finance. We simply administer the account. Under the terms of the late James Porter's Will the accrued interest from the capital enabled a member of the Fredericton S.C.D. group or from the Maritime Provinces of Canada, to attend Summer School.

Turning to the Estimates for next year, Mr. Taylor indicated that there was no reason to expect growth in income and with the uncertainty over investment income the budget had been set on the cautious side. Expenditure on the other hand will not remain static. Travel and Meetings were costing more and postal charges had just risen. However, in comparison with similar societies our position was strong though careful management would, as usual, be necessary.

He thanked the members of the Finance Committee, the Secretary and the Treasurer, for their commitment to ensuring that the Society's financial position remained healthy and moved the adoption of the Accounts and Balance Sheet.

Seconding the motion, Mr. Turnbull (Richmond (Yorks) Branch) thanked Mr. Taylor for all his work on behalf of the Society. The President, adding his congratulations to Mr. Taylor and all concerned, said it was seldom that one saw such a satisfactory state of accounts by a body which did not receive anything from the public purse.
The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted with acclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr. J.C. Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch) proposed that Mrs. Isobel Baillie be appointed as the Society's Auditor now that Miss Matheson had retired. Mrs. Baillie was a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Accountants and had varied commercial experience becoming Chief Financial Analyst for an investment company in Kuwait where she managed funds in excess of £200 million. She was now in public practice engaged in auditing and preparation of accounts for a number of clients. She lived in Edinburgh and he believed she would do a creditable and thorough job for the Society.

Miss M. Duffield (West Lothian Branch) seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Dr. MacFadyen (Society Chairman) announced the awards while Lord Mansfield (President) presented the Scrolls to the following members:

Mrs. Jessie Bain (Banffshire Branch), Miss Winifred M. Carnie (Glasgow Branch), Mr. George Mechan (Dundee Branch), Mr. Bobby Watson (Aberdeen Branch) and Mrs. Karin Willberg (Tamburin Stuttgart Group).

Dr. MacFadyen said that Scrolls had already been presented this year to Miss Phyllis Gale (New Zealand Branch), Dr. Robert Smith (Hamilton (Ontario) Branch) and Mr. and Mrs. Thomson (Mornington Peninsula Branch). Further arrangements would be made to present Scrolls to those who had been unable to attend the Annual General Meeting due to incapacity - Mrs. I. Cramb (HQ Member), Miss A.O. Cumming (Aberdeen Branch) and Miss B.K. Lawlor (Belfast Branch)

Lord Mansfield then presented to Miss Mann (Chairman of Dundee Branch) a beautifully embroidered banner with the Dundee Coat of Arms and Branch details. This had been made and sent by Mrs. Ethel McNaughton a native of Dundee now in Detroit and was intended to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Dundee Branch.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1987

The Chairman confirmed that the date of the next Annual General Meeting would be on 31st October, 1987, in Edinburgh.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr. John Macdonald (London Branch) said he had been tempted to couch this vote of thanks in computer terms but having had trouble with his hardware he had given up the idea. In any case he wondered if the Secretary would have welcomed being described as our Central Processing Unit or the Honorary Archivist as the Keeper of the Floppy Disks.

It was little wonder that, with Miss Mann's leadership, the Dundee Branch had made such an excellent job of organising the weekend and he made special mention of Miss Bennett (Branch Treasurer) Mrs. Cruickshanks and Mrs. Joy Smith though the whole Branch had gone out of their way to make everyone feel welcome. He thanked those who had been M.Cs at the dances, who had acted as stewards and tellers and the ladies whose afternoon tea would shortly be enjoyed.

One of the delightful things about having a different venue each year was to witness the enthusiasm with which local government combined with the local branch, and he thanked Provost Mitchell and the Dundee Council for the reception given to the Executive Council before the Ball and the Parks Department for the floral decorations. He considered that Dundee Branch was fortunate in having the College of Education as the venue and thanked the Principal and his staff who had been particularly helpful.

On behalf of the meeting Mr. Macdonald thanked Lord Mansfield who, in the midst of a busy public and private life, had made time to be with us and expressed the gratitude of the members for his competent chairmanship.

The Annual General Meeting is the culmination of another year in the life of the Society and he considered thanks should be given to those at the helm - Alastair MacFadyen (Chairman) and Alastair Aitkenhead (Vice-Chairman) who made a great leadership team and to the staff at Headquarters.

He made a plea to delegates to make a special effort to encourage more young people into Scottish Country Dancing and to set up more classes for children in and out of school, throughout the youth movement and in Universities and Colleges. These were our future members from whom our virile Society will draw strength and grow.

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

31st October, 1987

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

31st October, 1987

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 31st October, 1987, in the Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh.

PRESENT

The Earl of Mansfield (President), Miss F.H. Adams (Hon. Vice-President), Mrs M.C. Gudger, (Hon. Vice-President), Dr. A. MacFadyen (Chairman), Mr A.S. Aitkenhead (Vice-Chairman) and an attendance of 505 of whom 191 were delegates.

In the Chair : The Earl of Mansfield

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lt. Col. Colin Mitchell, Mrs Isobel Cramb, Mr and Mrs George Burnett, Miss Jean R. Bradley, Mrs Flora Inglis, Mrs Eve Clegg.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Welcoming members to the Meeting the President expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. He then read messages from Her Majesty the Queen. Firstly, in response to a message of loyal greetings sent on behalf of the Society, Her Majesty sent her sincere thanks and warm wishes for a most enjoyable and successful occasion. Earlier in the year we had sent Her Majesty this year's publications and records which had been accepted with the greatest of pleasure and, through her Private Secretary, Her Majesty the Queen had sent her thanks for our thoughtfulness and generosity.

Lord Mansfield said that the year which was ending so far as the Society was concerned was again one of success. We had increased the number of our Branches and of our Affiliates. That did not necessarily come without danger. As Dr. Milligan had once pointed out "the danger of this marvellous spreading of interest is any careless straying from tradition". While we were delighted to share our Scottish form of dance with the world we must be vigilant to guard against its traditional form being lost or distorted. In this respect the regular tours of teachers and examiners nowadays arranged by the Society to Branches overseas would help to take care of this.

Commenting on the greater number of delegates present this year the President gave a special welcome to those delegates who had travelled a great distance from overseas to be present. He was particularly pleased, too, to see those who were present to receive the Society's Scroll in recognition of the service they had given to the Society.

Unfortunately there was a sad note to the day's proceedings - the grievous loss to the Society by the death on 13th October, 1987, of Duncan Macleod who, at the time of his death, held the appointment of Director of Summer School and Convener of the Publications Committee. The President then called on Mr Alastair Aitkenhead, Vice-Chairman, to remind the meeting of something of Duncan and his achievements.

Mr Aitkenhead said it was with a great feeling of loss that he heard of the death of his friend and colleague and it was with a great feeling of privilege that he rose to pay tribute to Duncan Macleod today. He had known Duncan as a student in the Scottish School of Physical Education where he was recognised as a strong gymnast. Finishing at the Scottish School Duncan joined the Army serving with the Cameron Highlanders and the Seaforth Highlanders and was wounded in Europe. Commissioned in the field, he was later attached to the Army Physical Training Corps. Back in Scotland he led the elite team of Scottish gymnasts to Sweden. We all did Scottish Country Dancing but Duncan also played the pipes which he had learned as a boy and performed Highland Dancing, taught to him by his sister who was a Scottish Champion.

On his way to becoming Principal Teacher of Physical Education in one of the biggest schools in Glasgow, he found time to be the Secretary of the Scottish Schools Swimming Association being instrumental in producing the Awards which exist today. He was a member of the Royal Scottish Life-Saving Society and as such was teacher, instructor, examiner and, more recently a judge at the Commonwealth Games in the swimming events.

It is perhaps as a dancer that most of us knew Duncan. He was a member and Secretary of the Glasgow Branch demonstration team and followed Miss Milligan as Chairman of the Glasgow Branch. He served on the Executive Council of the Society, was Convener of the Publications Committee and Director of the Summer School, taking over at the death of Dr. Milligan. He served with tremendous concentration, dedication and enthusiasm. Throughout the world in Scottish Country Dancing circles, Mr Aitkenhead did not think there was anyone who did not know Duncan. As ambassador for Scotland he will be remembered by a great many people.

It was with a feeling of compassion that the Society sent sincere sympathy to Sheena, Sheila and Iain, his family.

Mr Aitkenhead asked the meeting to be upstanding for a moment in memory of Duncan Macleod.

At the end of a brief period of silence the meeting was resumed.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 1st November, 1986, having been in delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read.

Mr J.B. Dougal (Cheltenham Branch) seconded by Mr I. McDiarmid (Annan Branch) moved that the Minutes be approved, the motion being carried unanimously.

Dr. A. MacFadyen now took the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Mr W. Clement (^{representing} Northern Virginia Branch) seconded by Mrs M. Donaldson (Belfast Branch) moved that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Miss F. Martin (Stirlingshire East Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of Miss Florence Adams, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton, Lord Glenconner, Mrs M.C. Gudger, and Lt. Colonel Colin C. Mitchell. The motion was seconded by Mr A. Grant (Banffshire Branch) and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1987-88

- (a) CHAIRMAN: Dr. A. MacFayden (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr A.S. Aitkenhead (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: There being six nominees for six places and with the unanimous agreement of the delegates, the following were declared duly elected: Miss I. Bennett, Mr J. Drewry, Mrs N. Dunn, Miss D. Leurs, Mr G. Lawson, Miss A.B.W. Mann.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Report for the year 1986-87, included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of the delegates' for some three or four weeks. Presenting the report the Secretary said that she had, last year, anticipated a small increase in membership this year but had been pleasantly surprised to find the membership had increased by over 700 net. She stressed the necessity to strengthen in Scotland the roots which nourished our Branches and Groups world wide.

Miss Gibson highlighted certain aspects of the work of the various Committees and congratulated the Society on having on these Committees members who so zealously and devotedly gave their time and effort to Society business.

The Annual Report was adopted unanimously on a motion by Mr K. Stacey (Doncaster and District Branch) seconded by Miss E.M.C. Ferguson (Dumfries Branch).

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

A copy of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet had been in delegates' hands for some weeks. Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) presenting the accounts said that he had predicted last year that there would be no substantial increase in income in the year 1986-87 and events had proved him right. While subscriptions rose by £2,175 investment income fell by £2,143. The net income from the 1986 Summer School which falls in the year under review fell by nearly £1,000 on the previous year.

However, income from Royalties and the sale of publications as well as the income from Strathspey Sales contributed an additional £4,000.

On the expenditure side most items were as forecast but there were substantial extra costs (nearly £2,000) incurred on meeting expenses, largely because of the Extraordinary Meeting at St. Andrews. Expenses increased slightly on Archives and publicity. Among the miscellaneous expenses were the oil painting presented to Jordanhill College in memory of Jean Milligan, the cost of restoring and inscribing Jean Milligan's name on the family headstone at Denny and the provision of a plaque outside Headquarters in memory of our other Co-Founder, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch.

Overall the surplus for the year before appropriation was £12,273 compared with the previous year's surplus of £14,963. In terms of our total turnover of £336,535 this surplus is not large and is required to bank against lean years and to further our work in specific areas. You will see in the Appropriation Account that from the surplus we have allocated £3,860 to the Publications Reserve (only in this way can we make long term plans for books, records and now video recordings which will be invaluable to future generations throughout the world), £5,000 to the General Fund and carried the balance of £3,413 to the Capital Account.

Turning to the Balance Sheet Mr Taylor said he was pleased to report a strong and healthy position. The Annual Subscription was very small compared to most other national organisations and this was made possible by careful management and investment of our own resources. The Society received no outside help whatsoever and for the satisfactory position achieved we have to thank not only the Finance Committee but also the Headquarters Staff, especially Miss Gibson and Mrs Jeffcoat.

This year had seen a further development in respect of VAT and Mrs Jeffcoat had prepared a short paper giving a summary of the effects of VAT registration and her paper would be distributed to all Branches. He advised that the paper be studied and that any queries should be raised at the forthcoming Executive Council meeting. He hoped the financial cost would be negligible but it would add to the administrative burden. It was unlikely that VAT would apply to any Branches. He thanked Mrs Jeffcoat, the Treasurer, for all her efforts and for the arrangements she had made with the Customs and Excise to the benefit of the Society.

The Jean Milligan Memorial Fund continued to grow and Mr Taylor thanked Miss Gibson for her administration of the Fund.

Looking at the estimates for next year Mr Taylor said that investment income was expected to fall. Due to the fact that there was no net income from Summer School, that the income from the sales of publications was slightly reduced in expectation that the Bulletin might cost more this year, that the subscription copy was more expensive and extra costs were planned for overseas tours, we were budgeting only to break even. Because of the recent run of good years our reserves could meet this situation without an immediate increase in subscription but the position would have to be reviewed next year if we were to avoid eating into funds which have taken so long to build up.

Mr Taylor said that members need not be concerned about the fall in share prices as our Society investments were mainly in Corporation Loans and Government Securities and a very watchful eye was being kept on Society finances.

Finally, he drew attention to the Auditor's Certificate and thanked Mrs Isobel Baillie for her first full audit for the Society.

Mr Taylor then moved for the adoption of the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet.

Mr R. Turnbull (Richmond Branch) in seconding the motion thanked Mr Taylor for all he was doing on behalf of the Society. The Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

Mr Dewdney (Southport Branch) referring to the sum shown in the accounts as being conveyed from Strathspey Sales Ltd. asked if delegates could see the Strathspey Sales accounts. Mr Taylor explained that the Strathspey Sales Accounts went before the Executive Council to which a report was given.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr J. Hutton (^{representing} Delaware Valley Branch) said he had been assured that Mrs Isobel Baillie had made a good job of the audit and he proposed that she be re-appointed as Auditor of the Society. Mr I.M. Birnie (Bramhall Branch) seconded the motion which was duly carried.

RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Mr J.C. Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch) seconded by Mr J. Fyfe (Cheshire Branch) moved that the Constitution and Rules 1980 (as amended in 1984) be amended as follows:

RULES

- (i) III(3)(c) page 16, line 3
Delete "audit" substitute "certification".
- (ii) III(6)(a) Delete text and substitute:
"Branch Accounts shall be prepared at the end of each financial year and shall be reported on by a qualified accountant or, if a qualified accountant is not available, another person with appropriate qualifications may be appointed with prior approval of Headquarters. A certified copy of the Branch Accounts in the form prescribed by the Finance Committee shall be sent to the Secretary of the Society as soon as possible thereafter but not later than two months after the Branch Annual General Meeting."

Mr R. Turnbull (Richmond Branch) moved that the entire motion be remitted to the Executive Council for further consideration and decision under Section VI 3(a) of the Constitution. Miss M.M. Ross (Forres Branch) seconded the proposal to remit the matter to the Executive Council.

The President asked the proposers of the motion if they were prepared to accept the remit of the motion to the Executive Council. Mr Douglas said he could not do so with a mandate from his Branch. The matter was then put to the vote with the following result:

For remitting the motion to the Executive Council - An overwhelming majority

- (b) Mr J. Matthew (East Lothian Branch) moved
"that a suitable venue be found for the Annual General Meeting and that that venue be made a permanent one."

There being no seconder the motion fell.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Dr. MacFadyen (Society Chairman) announced the awards while Lord Mansfield (President) presented the Scrolls to the following members:

Mr and Mrs Howard Booth (London Branch), Mrs Elizabeth C. Broome (Leamington Spa Branch), Mr Douglas J.T. Henderson (Dundee Branch), Miss Katherine McLauchlan (East Angus Branch), Miss M.A. Rae (Duns & District Branch), Miss Jean Stewart (Stirlingshire Branch), Miss Edith Watson (Glasgow Branch).

Dr. MacFayden said a Scroll had already been presented to Mrs Mary Shoolbraid Brandon and arrangements were in train to present Scrolls to Mrs May V. Kersley (Belfast) and Mrs Nan Allen (Aberdeen) who were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1988

The President confirmed that the Annual General Meeting in 1988 would take place on 5th November in Glasgow.

VOTE OF THANKS

Dr. J. Reinstein (Paris Branch) considered it a special honour to his Branch - as one of the newer and overseas ones - that he should be asked as their delegate to move the vote of thanks. The Branch had enjoyed the support of Headquarters when they were forming the Branch some three or four years ago and they greatly appreciated this renewal of the "Auld Alliance" between the Branch and Scotland.

He said that the A.G.M. Weekend had been superbly organised from the start and for this we had to thank the Edinburgh Branch, its Executive Committee and especially the Sub-Committee formed specifically for the purpose of overseeing the A.G.M. arrangements and which had worked for a full two years under the convenership of Miss Dorothy Leurs. He also thanked Miss Leurs for the splendid class which had started the day so well.

On behalf of Executive Council members, Dr. Reinstein thanked Edinburgh Branch for the most enjoyable lunch prior to the meeting and, on behalf of all present, for the provision of the very competent stewarding at the meeting, and for the Ball on the previous evening when 500 members attended. He anticipated that its great success would be repeated for the 600 people who were expected at the Dance following the A.G.M. Throughout the weekend Mr Dickson of the Assembly Rooms and his staff had been most helpful and thanks were also due to Edinburgh District for the floral decorations.

Commenting on the Open Forum, reintroduced into the Weekend, he said that it had given an opportunity for all members to express their opinions in which they had been very well encouraged by the Chairman of the Forum, Mr Alastair Aitkenhead, Vice-Chairman of the Society, and those with him on the platform, Dr. MacFadyen, Mrs Holden and Mr Taylor.

Dr. Reinstein took the opportunity to say a word about Duncan Macleod. Before the Paris Branch was formed, and when still a Group, their first teacher from Scotland was Duncan Macleod in 1976. Duncan's interest in people had been displayed when years later he recognised at St. Andrews the person who had met him at the airport, Danielle, now Dr. Reinstein's wife. Dr. Reinstein himself when first attending Summer School in the kilt had experienced Duncan's kindness when he had been given some friendly advice on the wearing of the kilt.

Finally, Dr. Reinstein thanked the Earl of Mansfield for so ably and pleasantly presiding over the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.20 p.m.

5th November, 1988

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5th November, 1988

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 5th November, 1988 in Jordanhill College of Education, Southbrae Drive, Glasgow.

PRESENT

The Earl of Mansfield (President), Mrs M.C. Gudger (Hon. Vice-President), Dr. A. MacFadyen (Chairman), Mr A.S. Aitkenhead (Vice-Chairman), and an attendance of 512 of whom 189 were delegates.

In the Chair : The Earl of Mansfield

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Miss F.H. Adams, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lt. Col. Colin Mitchell, Mr H. Barnes, Mr W. Cross, Mr and Mrs Dewdney, Mr J. Drewry, Mrs F. Inglis, Mr W.J. Ireland and Ms. M. Johnstone.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Welcoming delegates and members to the Meeting the President extended a special welcome to those who were to receive the Society's awards. He then read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in which she warmly thanked the Executive Council and all members of the Society for their loyal greetings on the occasion of the 59th Annual General Meeting. As Patron of the Society Her Majesty had been delighted to receive this message and sent her best wishes to all for a happy and successful occasion.

Lord Mansfield said it was a good thing to reflect that indeed we do have Royal Patronage and to realise our privileged position. He went on to say that the Society had had a good year as far as growth was concerned. Scottish Country Dancing was an activity which held the interest of so many people, an interest which was steadily increasing world-wide. The early founders would be proud if they could see how the Society grew in strength from year to year. This has enabled it to withstand the losses it has suffered from time to time, some of which, sadly, are listed in this year's obituaries. We have been blessed with many enthusiasts who have given time, labour and love to the Society and who are exemplified by those who are with us today to receive the Society's Scroll.

Lord Mansfield also said he was impressed by the number of overseas Branches who participate through their delegates and representatives in the business meetings of the Society. The Society was in a flourishing, healthy state and he was sure that all present would share his wish that this should long continue.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 31st October, 1987, having been in the delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read.

Miss I. Paton (Ayr Branch) proposed and Mr R.J. Turnbull (Richmond, N. Yorks Branch) seconded their adoption, which was carried unanimously.

Dr. A. MacFadyen now took the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Mr R. Mackay (representing San Francisco Branch) seconded by Miss C. Catto (representing Detroit Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

- (a) Miss A.W. Miller (Duns & District Branch) seconded by Mr D. Gray (Edinburgh Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of Miss Florence Adams, The Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton, Lord Glenconner, Mrs M.C. Gudger, Lt. Col. Colin C. Mitchell. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.
- (b) Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) proposed that Lt. Col. M. Muriel Gibson be appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. He paid tribute to Miss Gibson's thirteen years of twenty-four hours a day commitment to the Society and in proposing her appointment he had three things in mind. Firstly to ensure that her great knowledge of the Society should not be lost. Secondly to ensure that the Society met, and kept, contact with her at least once a year, and thirdly to ensure that she had a use for all the wonderful hats she had accumulated over her years with the Society! Mr A.S. Aitkenhead (Vice-Chairman) seconded the motion which was carried with acclamation.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1988-89

- (a) CHAIRMAN: Mr Alastair S. Aitkenhead (Sole Nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Miss A.W. Miller was elected by ballot.
- (c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: There being six nominees for six places and with the unanimous agreement of the delegates, the following were declared duly elected: Miss C. Catto, Mr J. Drewry, Mr G. Lawson, Miss D. Leurs, Mr A. Mair and Miss A.B.W. Mann.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Report for the year 1987-88, included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of the delegates for some weeks. Presenting this, her fourteenth report, the Secretary said that when she had decided to retire, she considered that the Annual General Meeting was the appropriate time to do so since it was the end of the working year. Miss Gibson then informed the Meeting that the membership had increased during the year by more than 600; there were two more Branches, Portland (Oregon) and the Isle of Skye, and the number of affiliates had also increased. She went on to outline the work completed by the various Committees and drew attention to the formidable task ahead of re-writing a Manual of Scottish Country Dancing.

Summer School, despite being divided between two university halls, was its usual success. An innovation introduced this year was an excursion on the middle Sunday of each course. The excursions were so successful that they will be extended to each Sunday in next year's programme.

One fact which particularly delighted her was that the capital in the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund was well over the £50,000 which she had so wanted it to reach before she left Headquarters. Finally she wished her successor happiness and success in her work for the Society.

Dr. I.P. Gormley (Isle of Skye Branch) moving the adoption of the Annual Report, thanked Miss Gibson for all her dedication and work over the last thirteen years. Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Report was adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Miss L.C. Martin (Aberdeen Branch) in proposing Mrs Joan A. Moore as Secretary of the Society, told the meeting that Mrs Moore graduated with a B.A. from Trinity College, Dublin, and her early career was in secondary teaching, first in Dublin and then in Northern Ireland. From there she moved to Scotland, where she became Field Officer, North of Scotland, for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, and more recently Secretary to the Scottish Accident Prevention Council. Mr W.A. Gray (South Wales Branch) seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

Mr Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch), presenting the Accounts and Balance Sheet, a copy of which had been in delegates' hands for some time, said it was worth noting that the subscription income of £34,000 does not cover the staff salaries and falls short of the administrative expenses by some £56,000. Growth in other sources of income is slowing down, surplus on sales of publications is up only 5.7% and we were able to recover only £20,000 from the Summer School (the same as in 1987).

Although income from Investment was up 14% we could not assume this would continue. Our investment policy to date had been successful and had contributed to the health and growth of the Society. It had also made possible one of Miss Gibson's great ambitions, namely, to see the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund stand at over £50,000 before she retired. In fact it was now about £57,000. Mr Taylor congratulated Miss Gibson on the way she had fought and guarded the profit from this fund to the great benefit of our members throughout the world.

On the revenue side our problem was that as income growth slowed down costs and demands from members continued to rise. We responded to more requests for grants, paid more for examiners' expenses and teachers' overseas travel, now with accompanying pianists. At the last Finance Committee Meeting it was agreed that all internal continental travel would be paid by the Society for official teachers/examiners on tour overseas and for the accompanying pianists.

Mr Taylor pointed out that the Society has to compete for staff in the real world and must provide them with modern office equipment. The Society was losing an extremely valuable asset in its Secretary. Everyone has said that she did the work of several people and had the memory and speed of any computer. If this was true, and Mr Taylor said he could vouch that it was, then we should be budgeting for more than one person to take her place. From the 100 persons who requested application forms and the job description, 60 returned application forms and we could only assume that the other 40 were frightened off by the magnitude of the work load. Nine were selected and interviewed by a committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Conveners of all standing Committees and our Treasurer. Mrs Joan Moore was selected and accepted the post. Mr Taylor congratulated her and wished her well in her new position.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor said we would see from the Appropriation Account that we had strengthened the main accounts with the surplus from the year. He said that we do not, like many other charities, have to react to crises, we have reserves to tide us over a lean year but those reserves themselves contribute to our income. If we deplete them, the proportion that we have to fund from subscriptions will increase.

Last year Mr Taylor had said that "It was most unlikely that VAT would apply to any Branch". However, this year one Branch was involved and a VAT Consultant was engaged and the problem resolved. But any U.K. Branch nearing a total turnover of £22,500 should get in touch with our Treasurer, Mrs Jeffcoat.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure for next year show for the first time ever a deficit, of £9,100.

He then thanked the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Finance Committee for their devotion to the duty of keeping our Finances on an even keel.

Before thanking Mrs Isobel Baillie, the Auditor, for her valuable contribution, Mr Taylor advised the members that the gifts to be presented to Miss Gibson by our President, Lord Mansfield, are financed from the "Staff Fund", as Miss Gibson has no pension provision from the Society.

Mr Taylor then moved for the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet.

Seconding the motion Miss M. Duffield (West Lothian Branch) thanked Mr Taylor for his full and comprehensive report.

Mrs Linklater-Shirras (Inverness & District Branch) asked why in 1987 the audit fee was £500, £600 in 1988 and an estimated £1,500 in 1989 budget. Mrs Jeffcoat, Treasurer, replied that there were two reasons for this apparent increase. Firstly the fee shown for 1988 and 1989 includes an element for VAT consultancy work. More significantly there had been a printing error in the 1989 budget figure which occurred because proof reading took place by fax machine during the postal strike. The audit fee had been £500 for the last three years and was not expected to be materially different next year.

The Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment of Mrs Isobel Baillie as Auditor was proposed by Mr J.H. Wilson (representing Nairobi Branch), seconded by Mrs M. McIntosh (Dunbartonshire West Branch) and carried with acclamation.

RESOLUTIONS

(a) Mr J. Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) on behalf of the Executive Council moved:

"that with effect from 1st July, 1989, the annual subscription be raised to £5, the subscription as at present being divided in proportion of 50% to be retained by the Branch and 50% to be forwarded to Headquarters. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than, 1st July, the increased subscription will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1989."

Mrs A. Murphy (Carlisle & Border Branch) seconded the motion.

- (i) Mr J. Woods (Monklands Branch) moved that the second line be amended by the deletion of "£5" and the substitution of "£4", and this was seconded by Miss N. Rintoul (Monklands Branch).

Mr Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) opposed the amendment. After some discussion both for and against, the amendment was defeated by a large majority.

- (ii) Mr W.A. Gray (South Wales Branch) moved that after the second "1989" be inserted:

"Second and subsequent members of the R.S.C.D.S. in any one household should pay £3 only per annum."

Mr J. Gardner (South Wales Branch) seconded this amendment. Mr R. Turnbull (Richmond, N. Yorks Branch) spoke against the amendment. After some discussion this amendment was defeated by a clear majority.

The original motion was then put to the Meeting and was carried with an overwhelming majority.

- (b) Miss M. Brander (representing Los Angeles Branch) seconded by Mrs M. Power (representing San Diego Branch) moved:

"that with effect from 1st July, 1989, new Long Term Memberships no longer be extended to Royal Scottish Country Dance Society members."

In the course of discussion Mr J. Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne & District Branch) proposed that the motion be remitted back to the Executive Council for further consideration and this was seconded by Miss M. Barker (London Branch).

The President asked the proposers of the motion if they were prepared to accept the remit of the motion to the Executive Council. Miss Brander, on behalf of the Los Angeles Branch, said they were willing that the matter be referred back to the Executive Council and accordingly withdrew the motion.

The meeting approved that the motion should be remitted back to the Executive Council.

- (c) Mr J. Carswell (West Lothian Branch), seconded by Mr Waterson (Glasgow Branch), moved the motion:

"that the Executive Council of the Society consider the effect that the present subscription book system has had and is having, on the traditional dances of Scotland and recommend to next year's Annual General Meeting whether or not to retain it or substitute alternatives."

Mr G. Stephens (Kirkcaldy Branch) moved that the motion should be amended with the addition after "alternatives" of : "and that the Executive Council review their whole policy with regard to the publication of dances", which was seconded by Mrs A.E. Stephens (Kirkcaldy Branch).

On a vote being taken the amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority and the resolution as amended was carried by a large majority.

(d) Miss R. Henderson (Glasgow Branch) seconded by Mr R. Bone (Glasgow Branch) moved:

"that the 1988 A.G.M. of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society give sanction to the Executive Council to elect or co-opt three or more members of the Society to carry out an overall review of the Constitution, the results of such review, in so far as by then carried out, to be presented to the 1989 A.G.M. of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society together with a forecast of when the completed review will be presented to the Society to be voted upon."

Dr. A. MacFadyen spoke against the motion. On a vote being taken, the motion was rejected by an overwhelming majority.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Mr A.S. Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) announced the awards while Lord Mansfield presented the Scrolls to the following members:

Mr Andrew Gillies (Croydon & District Branch), Mrs Helen Jensen (St. Andrew's Society, Denmark), Mrs Margaret Macwaters (Ottawa Branch), Mrs Margaret Parker (Ayr Branch), Mrs Sheena Macleod who received the Scroll posthumously awarded to her husband, Duncan.

Mr Aitkenhead said that Scrolls had already been presented to Mr Noel V. Lillie (Seattle Branch), Mrs Mary D. Sinclair (Adelaide Branch), Mrs Freddy Sverdlove (New York Branch) and Mrs Nixon who received the Scroll posthumously awarded to her husband, Archie.

Lord Mansfield, then presented the "Past Chairman's Badge" to Dr. MacFadyen. He told the delegates that in addition to his Chairman's duties, Dr. MacFadyen was also the Society's Honorary Archivist. That he had spent some eighteen months producing "An Album for Mrs Stewart" and had recently returned from an arduous six weeks teaching and examining in Australia. Accepting his Badge, Dr. MacFadyen said he had enjoyed his three years in office and thanked all those who had supported him, in particular the Secretary and the Executive Council.

PRESENTATION TO MISS MURIEL GIBSON

Before asking the President to present Miss Gibson with the keys of the car which the Society was giving her, Dr. MacFadyen paid tribute to her many talents, amongst them being her agility of mind and persuasiveness in argument. Her wide knowledge of the Society and the advice she imparted had been invaluable and he had greatly appreciated her help during his years as Chairman. He had recently learned that Miss Gibson had been invited to join a charitable organisation, the Scottish Knights Templars, as a Dame Commander.

Having received the keys of her car from Lord Mansfield, Mr Aitkenhead, the new Chairman, presented Miss Gibson with a cheque and gift of jewellery from the Branches and Members.

In reply Miss Gibson said she was quite overwhelmed by everybody's kindness and generosity and would find it very difficult to express her thanks adequately. She talked briefly about her years with the Society and said that she had been able to work with Dr. Milligan for three years. She paid tribute to the Chairmen and Committee Conveners under whom she had served. Many Branch Secretaries had become more like pen friends and in many cases friends. She paid a special word of thanks to her staff, particularly the Assistant Secretary for her loyalty and support. She concluded by saying that on looking back on her service with the Society she could see only good times.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1989

The President confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday 4th November 1989 in Bell's Sports Centre, Perth.

VOTE OF THANKS

Miss M. Barker (London Branch) proposing the vote of thanks said that organising the Annual General Meeting is becoming an arduous undertaking as the attendance grows, and we were very grateful to the Glasgow Branch for assuming this responsibility yet again. The Branch had requested that nobody should be singled out for thanks because the Management Committee had shared equally in the preparation. Miss Barker warmly thanked the Branch for all their hospitality and hard work; Dr. Bone, the Principal of Jordanhill and Mr David Wilkie, the catering officer for helping to make things run smoothly; Lord Mansfield for giving time in a busy schedule to come and chair the meeting and also for the personal interest he shows in the Society.

The Open Forum had been interesting and useful and the Chairman of the panel and Conveners of the Committees were thanked for answering the questions.

Miss Barker took the opportunity to thank Miss Gibson for all her efforts on behalf of the Society and hoped that her new interests will give her great pleasure and satisfaction.

Finally good wishes were extended to the new Secretary, Mrs Moore, and it was hoped she would enjoy working for the Society.

The meeting closed at 5.35 p.m.

4th November, 1989

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4th November, 1989

MINUTES OF THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 4th November, 1989, in Bell's Sports Centre, Hay Street, Perth, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT

The Earl of Mansfield (President), the Duke of Atholl (Hon. Vice President), Lt. Col. M Muriel Gibson (Hon. Vice President), Mr A S Aitkenhead (Chairman), Miss A W Miller (Vice Chairman), and an attendance of 506, of whom 184 were delegates.

In the Chair : The Earl of Mansfield

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Miss F H Adams, Mr and Mrs H Barnes, Mr D Campbell, Mrs F Inglis, Lt. Col. C Mitchell, Mrs S Nedderman, Miss Van Taanom, Mr D Warburton, Miss J Yeats, Mr Van Zon.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The President first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in which she sincerely thanked the Executive Council and members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for their kind and loyal message of greeting sent on the occasion of their Sixtieth Annual General Meeting. As Patron of the Society, Her Majesty much appreciated message and sent her best wishes to all concerned for a most enjoyable and successful event.

Welcoming members to the Meeting the President expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present and said that the Sixtieth Annual General Meeting was a milestone and an occasion of which the Society could be justly proud. A special welcome was given to the Duke of Atholl, Honorary Vice President, who was thanked for his generosity in allowing the Atholl Highlanders' Pipers to play at the annual ball that night, and to Lt. Col. Gibson who was attending as an Honorary Vice President for the first time. To delegates who were also attending for the first time the President extended a special welcome and to those members who would be receiving the Society's Scroll later in the proceedings he intimated his appreciation of all they had done over the years on behalf of the Society world-wide.

Paying tribute to Mrs Gudger, Lord Mansfield said she had been a very loyal and devoted member of the Society. She had helped to found the Liverpool and Southport Branches, had been an enthusiastic teacher and had served on the Executive Council for many years. Mrs Gudger was appointed Honorary Vice President in 1986 and would be sadly missed by all who knew her.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 5th November 1988, having been in delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read.

Mr W Frazer (Berks/Hants/Surrey Border Branch) proposed and Mrs L Gaul (representing Hamilton, Ontario Branch) seconded their adoption which carried unanimously.

Mr A S Aitkenhead now took the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Mr W Hamilton (representing Detroit Branch) seconded by Mrs J MacSporran (Dunfermline Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS

Miss M Barker (London Branch) seconded by Mrs F Turnbull (Richmond Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice Presidents of the Society of Miss Florence Adams, The Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh M Douglas-Hamilton, Lt. Col. M Muriel Gibson, Lord Glenconner, Lt. Col. C Mitchell. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1989/1990.

- (a) CHAIRMAN: Mr Alastair S Aitkenhead (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Miss A W Miller (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: The following were elected by ballot: Miss I Bennett, Miss C Catto, Mr J Drewry, Mrs N Dunn, Mr D Hollings, Miss D Leurs.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The report for the year 1988-90, included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of delegates for some three or four weeks. Presenting the report, the Secretary said that the year under review appeared to be one of continued growth and expansion. However she did not feel confident that the increase in membership on the previous year of over 2,000 gave an accurate picture. She stressed that for any useful forward planning it was vitally important that the Society should have exact information and said she intended to review the membership returns before the end of the year.

Having highlighted certain aspects of the work of the various Committees, Mrs Moore went on to say that at the end of her first year as Secretary, there were many whom she wished to thank, the Committee Conveners for their help but in particular all Branch Secretaries for their patience and understanding when things may have been slower than usual coming from Headquarters. She added that it had been a difficult year in the office because of staff changes and she wished to record her sincere thanks to Mrs Wallace, Assistant Secretary, for all her support.

In moving the adoption of the Annual Report, Mrs A Murphy (Carlisle and Borders Branch) paid tribute to the work done for the Society by the Secretary and Headquarters' staff. Mrs M J Boode-Gould (Delft Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Report was adopted unanimously.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet included in the Bulletin, had been in delegates hands for some weeks. Presenting the report, Mr J Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) said he had to report a deficit for the year under review. This had been expected because the Subscription increase had not taken effect until June 1989. A deficit of £9,100 had been estimated but it was, in fact, £15,704.

The most dramatic increase in expenditure had been in staff costs which accounted for an increase of £10,000. Meeting expenses, printing, stationery and publicity each increased by £2,000. Extension work overseas increased by £3,000. Subscription income in 1989 was down on the previous year because the full effect of VAT was now being felt. The Interest on Investments had also fallen as during the year £13,000 was invested in our stock of books and records. The surplus on the sale of Publications was also down from £26,000 to £23,000. Mr Taylor said that this was worrying in view of the investment we are now making in producing new books and records each year. It is costing more to replace old stock and some stocks of books which had been superceded have had to be written off. This is shown in the new Valuation of Stock at £54,000.

Mr Taylor advised that if the Society wished to retain the Subscription Copy and Bulletin in the present form for at least the next two years, some cuts in expenditure would have to be made. The Society would also have to look closely at what it is providing and ask is it really what the members want.

These are major topics and could not be changed without a great deal of debate throughout the Society, in the Committees and at the Executive Council, but it would have to be accepted that by keeping the Subscription Rate low, it will affect the level of service that can be provided.

Mr Taylor then said that in aiming to put our economy back on course, the Finance Committee proposed that for the current year we discontinue grants for Overseas Extension Work and budget Publicity and Overseas Travel to that shown in the Estimate of Income and Expenditure for 1990. Deficits could persist into 1990 and 1991 but with the restriction on expenditure he was hopeful that it would be small.

Mr Taylor reported that there were 3,527 Life Members whose fund stands at £426. To provide their Bulletin and Subscription Copy, the Treasurer allocates 20 pence per member and in two or three years there will be no money to allocate. Mr Taylor then asked for donations to the Society (£38 last year) as well as to the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund which now stands at £65,000. Contributions, unlike Subscriptions, could be covenanted.

Mr Taylor said the Society still had reserves built up in the past and that it had a valuable asset in the form of Headquarters' property but it would not be fair to future members if the Society strips out all its past savings in order to keep the Subscription Rate artificially low or to provide benefits out of annual revenue which it cannot afford.

Finally he drew attention to the Auditor's Certificate and thanked Mrs Isobel Baillie for her valuable contribution. He also thanked the members of the Finance Committee, the Secretary and the Treasurer for their hard work and earnest devotion in looking after the Society's finances.

Mr Taylor then moved the adoption of the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet. Mr D Ross (Edinburgh Branch), in seconding the motion thanked Mr Taylor for his report. The Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment of Mrs Isobel Baillie as Auditor was proposed by Mr T Steele (representing Vancouver Branch), seconded by Miss I Bennett (St Andrews Branch) and carried with acclamation.

RESOLUTIONS

The Agenda as prescribed was changed and resolution (c) was taken as an amendment to resolution (a) to enable the voting to proceed.

- (a) Mr J Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) on behalf of the Executive Council moved:

"that with effect from 1st July 1990, the annual membership of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society be in two categories.

Young membership of the Society open to all persons between the age of 16 and 25 years.

Full membership of the Society open to all persons over the age of 26 years.

The annual subscription rate for the Young Membership to be 50% of the Full Membership rate.

The subscription for both categories to be divided in proportion of 50% to be retained by the Branch and 50% to be forwarded to Headquarters.

Both memberships will have full voting rights and receive both the Bulletin and Subscription Copy.

Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than 1st July, the resolutions will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1990".

Miss A W Miller (Vice-Chairman) seconded the motion.

Mr M R Lewis spoke on the Birmingham Branch amendments to the motion:

- 1: "that with effect from 1st July 1990, the annual subscription be £5 for members over the age of 21 years and £2.50 for those members between the ages of 16 and 21 years, the subscription as at present being divided in proportion of 50% to be retained by the Branch and 50% to be forwarded to Headquarters".
- 2: "that the facility of half-price membership subscription be altered to include those members between the ages of 21 and 25 years who are students in full-time education".
- 3: "that the facility of half-price membership subscription be extended to Senior Citizens; namely male persons who have attained the age of 65 years and females who have attained the age of 60 years".

Mrs V Cannadine (Birmingham Branch) seconded the amendments.

After some discussion both for and against, the amendments were overwhelmingly defeated.

The original motion was then put to the Meeting and was defeated by a substantial majority.

- (b) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr J Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne and District) moved:

"that with effect from 1st July 1990, new Long Term Memberships no longer be extended to Royal Scottish Country Dance Society members".

Miss M Brander (representing Los Angeles Branch) seconded the motion.

After some discussion the voting was -

For the motion - 82 Against the motion - 85.

The motion was therefore rejected.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Mr A S Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) announced the awards while Lord Mansfield presented the Scrolls to the following members:

Mrs Norah Dunn (Dunbartonshire West Branch), Miss Beryl Fawdry (Birmingham Branch), Miss Freda Galway (Belfast Branch), Mrs Margaret Hunter (Edinburgh Branch), Miss Alice Mann (Dundee Branch).

Mrs Marjorie Nisbett received the Scroll awarded posthumously to her nephew Mr Christopher Blair (Newcastle-upon-Tyne and District Branch).

The meeting was informed that Mrs Jean London (Sydney Branch) and Mrs Margot Montieth (Johannesburg Branch) were unable to attend but would be presented with their Scrolls at Branch functions.

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN

Mr A S Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) then asked the Meeting to record their thanks to Dr A MacFadyen, outgoing Immediate Past Chairman, for his seven years of loyal service to the Society. During his term of office Dr MacFadyen had been a tower of strength on the committees and his sound advice had always been appreciated.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1990

The President confirmed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday 3rd November 1990 at Ayr.

VOTE OF THANKS

Mr Robert Mackay said that he was delighted to have been invited to propose the vote of thanks because he had grown up in Perth and had learned the basics of Scottish Country Dancing there, first with Mary Scrimgeour, a founder member of the Perth Branch, and then as a teenager in Bill Clement's class.

Mr Mackay thanked Perth & Kinross District Council for granting the Society the use of Bell's Sports Centre and their staff for co-operating in all the arrangements. He warmly thanked the District Council for providing the excellent Executive Lunch earlier in the day and Provost Mr Alex Murray who very kindly had welcomed everyone to a reception the previous night.

Mr Mackay said that he knew the problems and the enormous workload involved in organising the Annual General Meeting and he warmly congratulated Perth and Perthshire Branch for their splendid arrangements.

The Committee had done a tremendous job under its Chairman, Mrs Christine Munro and they should all feel very pleased with the result.

The class during the morning had been a great success and thanks were due to Miss Christian Catto, the teacher, and to Mrs May Stewart, the pianist.

Mr Mackay thanked the Duke of Atholl for his presence and also Lt. Col. Muriel Gibson for attending. In thanking the Headquarters' staff for their work, he congratulated the Secretary, Mrs Joan Moore, who had just organised her first Annual General Meeting.

Finally, Mr Mackay thanked the Earl of Mansfield for presiding over the Annual General Meeting with such distinction, control, understanding and humour.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

3rd November 1990

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3rd November 1990

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 3rd November 1990 at 2.30pm in the Municipal Halls, South Beach, Troon.

PRESENT

The Earl of Mansfield (President), Lt. Colonel M Muriel Gibson (Hon. Vice President), Mr A S Aitkenhead (Chairman), Miss A W Miller (Vice Chairman) and an attendance of 488 of whom 192 were delegates.

In the Chair: The Earl of Mansfield

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Miss F H Adams, Mrs L Fyfe, Miss F Galway, Mrs F Inglis, Mr W Ireland, Mrs McColl, Mrs S Nedderman, Mr J S Pearce, Mr R J Taylor, Mrs Van Taanom, Mr Van Zon.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The President first read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in which she warmly thanked the Executive Council and Members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for their loyal greetings sent on the occasion of the Sixty-First Annual General Meeting. As Patron, Her Majesty had been delighted to receive this message and sent her best wishes to all concerned for a happy and successful occasion.

Welcoming delegates, the President reported that 190 delegates were attending, representing 96 Branches including 27 overseas Branches. He gave a special welcome to those delegates who were attending for the first time and hoped they would find the meeting interesting and the functions enjoyable. He congratulated in advance those who were to be presented with the Society's Scroll awarded in recognition of their services to the Society and said that all had worked to further the interests of the Society both at home and overseas.

In conclusion Lord Mansfield said he had now been attending the Annual General Meeting as President for fifteen years and that he would be happy to continue in this capacity.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 4th November 1989 having been in the delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read.

Mr D Ross (Edinburgh Branch) proposed and Miss B Nairn (Perth & Perthshire Branch) seconded their adoption which carried unanimously.

Mr A S Aitkenhead now took the Chair

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Mr R Mackay (representing San Francisco Branch) seconded by Miss D Hamilton (Glasgow Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS

Mr D Stewart McMillan (West Renfrewshire Branch) seconded by Miss C Traynor (Glasgow Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary Vice Presidents of the Society of Miss Florence Adams, The Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel KT, Lieut Colonel M Muriel Gibson, Lord Glencomer. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE - BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1990 - 1991

- (a) CHAIRMAN: Mr Alastair S Aitkenhead (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) VICE CHAIRMAN: Miss A W Miller (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: The following were elected by ballot: Miss C Catto, Mrs N Dunn, Miss A B Mann, Miss L Martin, Mr D Ross, Miss C P Traynor.

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Report for the year 1989-90, included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of the delegates for some weeks and in presenting it the Secretary said there had been a small but steady growth in Membership, Branches and Affiliated Groups. She thanked Branch secretaries for their accurate reporting and for the early submissions of all material this year, which had made it possible to print the Bulletin ahead of time.

Mrs Moore then briefly outlined the work of the various Committees throughout the year (detailed in the Report).

The Annual Report was adopted unanimously on a proposal by Mr A Cockett (London Branch) seconded by Miss E Ferguson (Dumfries Branch).

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet included in the Bulletin, had been in delegates hands for some weeks. Presenting the report, Mr J Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) said that last year's deficit of £15,704 had been turned into a surplus this year of £3,200 by increased income from subscriptions and applying restraints on certain expenditure.

Last year we had spent £25,000 on publications and £6,572 on overseas travel. Our stock was up by £10,000 to £77,000 which was disturbing but this year we are taking steps to reduce this figure, by offering a free choice from stock for the Subscription Copy. This year the Publications Committee is producing only one record of eight selected dances from Book 15 and two cassettes for the entire fourteen dances (12 dances from Book 15 plus two dances from Book 14). There will also be cassettes of piano music for Examination Dances and the second cassette for Thirty Popular Dances, all at the budget cost of £10,000.

The Jean Milligan Fund stands at £70,000 (£5,000 up) and although we only spent £3,619 of the interest last year, plans have been put forward by the General Purposes Committee to spend £6/£7000 this year on such things as Scholarships to St Andrew's Summer School, a music course, visiting teachers to outlying Branches and Affiliated Groups in the UK and the support of selected items at the celebration Summer School of 1991

Mr Taylor drew the attention of delegates to the 1989 Bulletin in which we gave a budget of administrative expenses of £91,050. In the event actual expenses totalled £90,922, a difference of less than £100. This very close result does, however, disguise some worrying features. The cost of meetings came to nearly £14,000, more than £2,000 over budget and the shortfall was met by not spending the full amount on office accommodation which covers business community charge, heating, lighting and all of what it takes to run an office. This reflected good housekeeping by the Headquarter's staff.

The revenue account showed no expenditure against archives or publicity. This was not true, because half the Printing and Stationery sum of £4,019 was spent on publicity material.

Action was being taken to control postage and telephone costs, although we should remember that unit costs have gone up and that usage has increased, especially as the office now operates from two places during Summer School. It is more difficult to see how Meeting costs can be reduced if we wish to encourage the Branches to send representatives to our Meetings. The cost of providing this opportunity to participate in the affairs of the Society is something we tend to forget when we look at what benefits are covered by the subscription. There will be no increase from subscription coming through in the current year's accounts and even making cutbacks in extension grants, (these are grants given to Branch teams going to overseas festivals) and paying for some overseas travel out of special reserves, we are looking at a potential deficit of £9,750. The printed accounts in the 1991 budget refer to a surplus, but the figures in brackets show that this is in fact a deficit.

Mr Taylor continued that our rather cumbersome method of increasing subscriptions meant that, even if agreed at the Annual General Meeting, the effect will not be felt until June 1992 and full returns on the new rate would not be received until 1993. It was a fact of life that expenditure increased annually. Staff costs were the biggest single category of expenditure and were tied to the general level of inflation (10%). With restraints, increases this year had been authorised at 7 % and we have to expect the cost of services, electricity, telephone etc., to increase.

Headquarters income is very dependent on subscriptions and these have historically been increased every three years.

It should be obvious therefore that the Society is likely to have a deficit in the year before a subscription increase is requested. This is not bad management. On the contrary, our aim is to balance our books over time, so as to give the best possible value to current members without jeopardising the future.

Finally, Mr Taylor drew attention to the Auditor's Certificate and thanked Mrs Isobel Baillie for her valuable contribution. He also thanked members of the Finance Committee, the Secretary and the Treasurer for their hard work in looking after the Society's finances.

Mr Taylor then moved the adoption of the Annual Accounts and the Balance Sheet. Mr J Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne & District Branch), in seconding the motion thanked Mr Taylor for his report. The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Confirmation of the appointment of Mrs Isobel Baillie as Auditor was proposed by Miss I Paton (Ayr Branch), seconded by Mr A Dewdney (Southport Branch) and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Mr K Stacey (Doncaster and District Branch) on behalf of the Executive Council moved:

"that with effect from 1st July, 1991, the Annual Subscription be divided 60% to Headquarters and 40% to the Branch. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than, 1st July, the proposed division will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1991".

Miss M Ross (Forres Branch) seconded the motion.

Mr Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) moved that the motion should be amended with the addition after "Annual Subscription," of "Long Term Membership," and this was seconded by Mr Alasdair Smart (representing Florida South Branch).

On a vote being taken the amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority and the resolution as amended was carried.

- (b) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr J Taylor (Stirlingshire Branch) seconded by Mr R Turnbull (Richmond Branch) moved:

"that with effect from 1st July 1991, Long Term Membership be altered to give ten years membership for ten times the annual rate of Subscription ruling at the time".

The motion was carried overwhelmingly.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

- (c) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A S Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A W Miller (Vice Chairman) moved:

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:-

Section 11, OBJECTS

para (d) delete entire para and substitute:-

"To promote/publish by all available means information and music relating to Scottish Country Dancing and in particular to publish, or cause to be published descriptions of Scottish Country Dances with music and diagrams in simple form and at moderate price".

para (e) delete entire para and substitute:-

"To collect books, manuscripts, illustrations and other memorabilia relating to Scottish Country Dancing and to the Society"

The motion was carried.

- (d) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A S Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A W Miller (Vice Chairman) moved

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:-

Section 111, MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

para 1, line 3, after "Society" insert:-

"Such persons may be a Member of only one Branch of the Society".

para 4, line 4, after "Society" add:-

"No Branch shall have the power to refuse membership to any person but any Branch may make a recommendation to the Executive Council stating its reasons why membership should be refused".

para 5, line 4, after "Society" add:-

"No Branch shall have the power to terminate the membership of any person. In terms of the procedure contained in its Constitution, a Branch may suspend the membership of any person temporarily pending a decision by the Executive Council to whom the matter must be referred in writing by the Branch".

Insert new para 6:-

"The Executive Council shall have power to terminate the membership of any person, not being the member of a Branch, if in their opinion that person's conduct is prejudicial to the interests of the Society".

delete existing para 6 and substitute new para 7:-

"The rates of membership subscription shall be such as may be determined from time to time by the Society in General Meeting".

The motion was carried overwhelmingly.

- (e) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A S Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A W Miller (Vice Chairman) moved

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:-

Section V, OFFICIALS

para 1, line 1 delete "may" and substitute "shall".

line 3 delete "they see" and substitute "it sees".

para 2, line 1 after "Secretary" insert "or an appropriate substitute".

The motion was carried unanimously.

(f) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A S Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A W Miller (Vice Chairman) moved

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:-

(f) Section VI, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (pages 5,6,7,8,9).

para (1))c), line 2, after "Branch" add and insert "at its Annual General Meeting. Overseas Branches may appoint as their representative a member of the Society resident in the UK".

line 7 after "allowed" add "provided that no representative shall represent more than one Branch".

para (2) (g), line 5, delete "through Secretaries of Branches".

para (3) (b), line 2, delete "they consider" and substitute "it considers".

line 5, delete "they see" and substitute "it sees".

para (3) (d) line 1, delete "as far as possible".

para (4) line 2, after "Council" add:-

"The members of these Committees shall be elected at the first meeting of the Executive Council subsequent to the Annual General Meeting".

para (4) delete last paragraph and substitute:-

"Any standing Committee shall be vested with power (i) to co-opt to any or all of its meetings such persons as can further the work of that Committee and (ii) to appoint a Sub-Committee or Sub-Committees on an ad hoc basis either from its own members or from co-opted members. Such co-opted members need not be members of the Executive Council. They shall not have voting powers".

para 4 add additional paragraph:-

"No person other than the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Director of Summer School and the Honorary Archivist shall serve on one or a succession of Standing Committees for more than five consecutive years. Thereafter such person shall not be eligible to serve on any Committee for a period of one year".

para (4) (a) Functions - after "Executive Council" add "and to prepare the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting".

para (4) (b) Functions - add additional paragraph:-

"To appoint and to dismiss staff (other than the Secretary) to determine the appropriate salary scales to be paid and to deal with any other relevant staffing and office matters".

para (4) (d) Functions - after "instructional literature" insert "and other relevant material".

para (4) (g) Immediate Past Chairman - line 3 delete "a" and substitute "an additional".

On behalf of Kirkcaldy Branch Mr G Stephens, seconded by Mrs J MacSporran (Dunfermline Branch) moved that the motion should be amended as follows:-

para (4) (d) Functions - after "Finance Committee" add the words "and to the approval of the Executive Council".

On a vote being taken the amendment was carried and the resolution as amended was carried by a large majority.

(g) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A S Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A W Miller (Vice Chairman) moved

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:

Section VII, GENERAL MEETINGS

para 4 delete last sentence.

para 7 (a) line 4, delete "either" and "or a Branch Committee Meeting".

The motion was carried.

- (h) On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr A S Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) seconded by Miss A W Miller (Vice-Chairman) moved

"that the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's Constitution and Rules be amended as follows:-

RULES

Section 1.

para 1. delete existing paragraph and substitute:-

"The Society's subscription year shall run from 1st July to 30th June of the following year. On joining the Society a member shall pay his first annual subscription which shall become renewable in each year, or his Long Term Membership subscription".

insert new paragraph 2:-

"The holding of a current membership card or receipt form duly issued on behalf of the Society shall be evidence of membership of the Society".

delete existing paragraph 2 and substitute new paragraph 3:-

"A member may become a Long Term Member on payment of such sums as may be determined from time to time by the Society in General Meeting".

Section 111 (1).

add new paragraph (f):-

"Branches shall adopt as their Constitution the Society's Model Constitution for Branches contained in Appendix 1. All Branch Constitutions and Rules and any proposed changes therein must be approved by the Executive Council of the Society and in the first instance shall be submitted to its General Purposes Committee".

Section 1V

para 1 line 2, delete "join" and substitute "affiliate to".

para 1 add new paragraph (d):-

"An association must not engage in activities deemed by the Society to be prejudicial to the objects and interest of the Society as defined in Section 11 of the Constitution".

On behalf of Kirkcaldy Branch Mr G Stephens, seconded by Mrs J MacSporran (Dunfermline Branch) moved that the motion should be amended as follows:

Section 111 (1)

new para (f) line 1, before the word "Branches" insert the words "All new".

On a vote being taken the amendment was carried and the resolution as amended was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO THE SOCIETY

Mr A A Aitkenhead (Society Chairman) announced the awards while Lord Mansfield presented the Scrolls to the following members:-

Miss Janet Banks (Forres Branch), Mr James B C Brown (Edinburgh Branch), Mr William Little (Castle Douglas Branch) and Mr George Wells (Sydney Branch).

The Meeting was informed that Mrs June Shore (Hamilton Ontario Branch) was unable to attend but would be presented with her Scroll at a function organised by her Branch.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1991

The President confirmed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on 2nd November 1991 at Dundee.

VOTE OF THANKS

Proposing the vote of thanks Mr Bruce Frazer (Berks/Hants/Surrey Border Branch) said he thanked Ayr Branch for hosting the Annual General Meeting and in particular Mr Bill Clark, the Branch Chairman, for masterminding the arrangements. He regretted that Mr Clark was in hospital recovering from an operation and wished him well. Mr Frazer paid tribute to Miss Reena Sharp, who had stepped in at very short notice, and to Mrs Carlyle Secretary of the Branch and of the organising committee.

Mr Frazer then thanked Kyle and Carrick District Council for cooperating in all the arrangements.

He warmly thanked the District Council for providing the excellent Executive Lunch earlier in the day and Provost Danny MacNeill for his welcome at the lunch and his opening remarks at the Meeting. He expressed appreciation of the floral display in the halls and thanked the Parks Department for providing them.

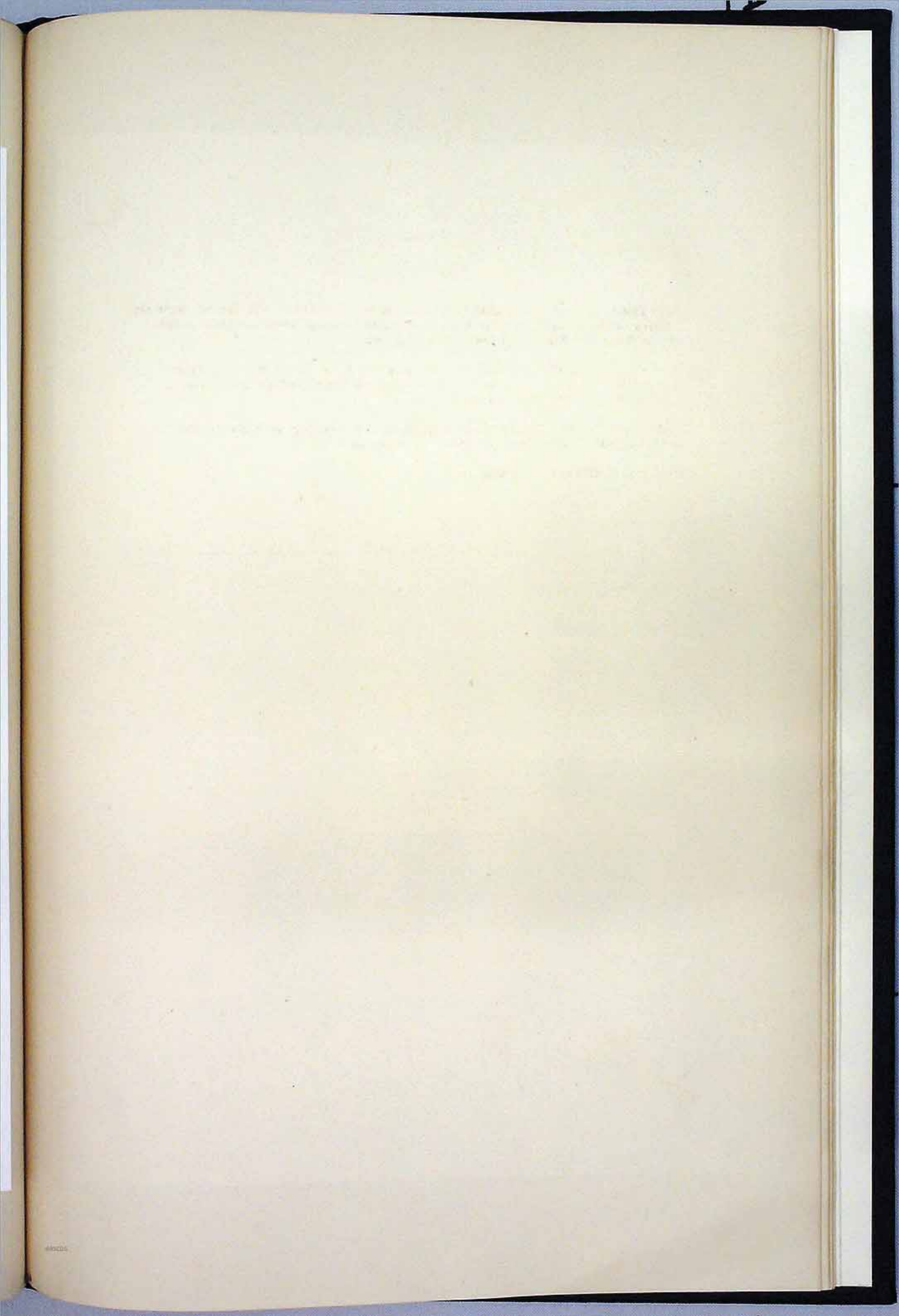
The classes during the morning had been most successful and thanks were due to Miss Dorothy Leurs and Mr Bill Little, the class teachers and to Mrs Muriel More and Mrs Janie Barr, the pianists.

In thanking Bill Clement and the two young pipers from the First Troon Company of the Boys Brigade Mr Frazer said we were fortunate to have so much talent within the Society.

Finally, Mr Frazer thanked Lord Mansfield for leading us through the complexities of the Constitution with such dexterity.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2 NOVEMBER 1991

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held on Saturday 2 November 1991 at the Northern College of Education, Gardyne Road, Dundee, at 2.30pm.

PRESENT

Lt. Col. M Muriel Gibson (Hon. Vice-President), Mr A S Aitkenhead (Chairman), Miss A W Miller (Vice-Chairman) and an attendance of 461, of whom 209 were delegates.

In the Chair: Mr A S Aitkenhead

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Lord Mansfield, the Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Miss F Adams, Mr J S Pearce, Miss M Prentice, Mr H van Zon, Mrs W van Taanom.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Welcoming delegates and members to the Meeting, Mr Aitkenhead extended a special welcome to those who were attending for the first time and he congratulated, in advance, Mrs Holden and Mrs Wadsworth who would be receiving the Society's Scroll.

Mr Aitkenhead then read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in which she warmly thanked the Executive Council and all members of the Society for their loyal greetings sent on the occasion of the sixty-second Annual General Meeting. As Patron of the Society, Her Majesty had received this message with much pleasure and sent her best wishes for a successful occasion.

Mr Aitkenhead then informed the meeting that Mrs Florence Lesslie a former chairman of the Society from 1955 - 1958 had died on October 17 1991 in New Zealand. Mrs Lesslie was a member of Edinburgh Branch but had settled in New Zealand where she became the first examiner for the Society. In 1983 she had been awarded the Society Scroll. In paying tribute to her, Mr Aitkenhead said she had been a very loyal and devoted member of the Society and would be sadly missed by all who remembered her.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 2 November 1990 having been in the delegates' hands for several weeks, were taken as read.

Mr W Hamilton (representing Detroit Branch) proposed and Dr Wilson Nicol (London Branch) seconded their adoption. It was noted that the amendment to Resolution (a) had been included with the consent of the delegates present, although not on the Agenda.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT

Mr D Ross (Edinburgh Branch) seconded by Mrs J MacLean (representing Chicago Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

Mr G Lawson (Glasgow Branch) seconded by Mrs C Mair (St. Andrews Branch) proposed the confirmation of the appointment as Honorary-Vice Presidents of the Society of Miss Florence Adams, The Duke of Atholl, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, KT, Lt. Col. M Muriel Gibson, Lord Glenconner. Confirmation of these appointments was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1991 - 1992

- a) CHAIRMAN: Miss A Wilma Miller (Sole Nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- b) VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr George Lawson was elected by ballot.
- c) SIX MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: The following were elected by ballot: Mrs Norah Dunn, Mrs Anna H T Holden, Miss Alice B W Mann, Miss Lesley Martin, Mr David Ross, Miss C Traynor.

Miss A W Miller now took the Chair

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The report for the year 1990 - 1991, included in the Bulletin, had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks.

In presenting the report, the Secretary said that the apparent drop in membership for the year could be attributed to the current recession but in part also to the late return of membership subscriptions.

Having welcomed the formation of the four new Branches formed during the year, Mrs Moore congratulated The Hague, Los Angeles and Ottawa Branches on reaching their twenty-fifth anniversaries.

Mrs Moore highlighted certain aspects of the work of the various committees and finally thanked all the Branches for their co-operation during the last twelve months. She particularly thanked the Branch Secretaries for their prompt submission of material for the Bulletin. Unfortunately there had been some Branches whose details were too late for inclusion.

The Annual Report was adopted unanimously on a proposal by Mr R Mackay (representing San Francisco Branch), seconded by Dr L Dickson (Belfast Branch).

ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet included in the Bulletin, had been in delegates hands for some weeks. In the unfortunate absence of Mr Taylor, Convener of the Finance Committee, the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet was presented by Mr R Turnbull, member of the Finance Committee.

Referring to the Revenue Accounts, Mr Turnbull said that on the Income side the most significant item to note was that subscription income had remained virtually static showing an increase of only £24 from £48,972 to £48,996. Fortunately, the higher rate of fee for Affiliated Groups began to take effect and income from that source increased by £2,427.

A successful Summer School in 1990 produced a surplus of £9,505. Although there was extra income from Examinations and from Royalties, the surplus on Publications was down, as was the contribution from Strathspey Sales. Mr Turnbull said it was unclear whether this was a result of the recession or whether a change in product range is needed. Some feed-back on this would be welcomed.

Referring to Books and Records Mr Turnbull said there had been an increase in sales partially as a result of "bargain" offers made to try and reduce stock levels which were still too high. Despite the increased turnover, profit was smaller - £24,662 compared with £27,496 in the previous year. This reduction in profit was due to the reduced sale prices and the increased cost of replacement stock.

Mr Turnbull drew attention to a comparatively small new source of income described in the Accounts as commission. This was the result of a deal negotiated with James Senior of St Andrews, whereby the Society received a commission of shoe sales. The arrangement had now been simplified and in future a larger annual sum which was not dependent on proof of purchase would be received.

On the expenditure side, a major effort to maintain costs had resulted in an increase in administrations costs of approximately only 3% at a time when inflation was running at 10%.

Mr Turnbull then drew attention to the major increase in the cost of the Bulletin. He explained that, at a very late stage of production, the Society was advised that there were too many pages for it to be simply stapled together as in the past. It was further explained that the necessary change to book-binding would involve extra costs of £3,000.

In view of the deadline, and in the absence of guidelines about what could be omitted in such a case, it had been decided to go ahead. What had not been foreseen and was not known until after the event, was that the minimal extra weight took the postal costs into another price bracket, increasing the mailing charges by nearly £6,000. The Finance Committee had obviously been very concerned about what had happened and every effort had been made to ensure that the 1991 Bulletin was within budget. This meant cutting some news and editorial content.

Referring to Royalties, Mr Turnbull said that in the past Royalties received more or less equalled Royalties paid and only the net figure had been shown. However the cost of Royalties had increased. This was partially due to improved collection procedures but we hoped to benefit by this on the receiving end.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr Turnbull said that the Society's cash and bank balances had increased but the majority of the increase was temporary and was due to Summer School deposits. The sixtieth Summer School of 1991 was well subscribed and at the end of June there was over £200,000 on deposit.

The Jean Milligan Fund was gaining in strength each year and now stood at £77,849.

On the other side of the Balance Sheet Mr Turnbull pointed out that only £40 remained in the Life Membership Fund to maintain services to 3,396 Life Members, and although £32,893 looked a great deal of money for 4,281 Long Term Members, it worked out at only £7.68 each and some had ten years yet to run. Also, the fact that Annual Membership appeared to be declining was worrying.

Looking at the Estimates for 1992 Mr Turnbull said that the change in the proportion of the Subscription was expected to take effect bringing our total income to £100,000. Expenditure was expected to increase to £101,400 of which £30,000 was being allocated to the Summer School Account. This year's Bulletin had been costed at £15,000 and subscription copies at £5,000. There had been debate about the cost of the Examiners' Overseas travel and in order to maintain the programme of visits decided upon by the Examinations Committee, the cost of the 1991 Summer tour had been carried forward to the year in which it took place and set against the 1992 budget.

Finally Mr Turnbull thanked Mr Taylor for all the work he had done on behalf of the Society. He regretted that Mr Taylor had been unable to present what would have been his eighteenth Annual Report as Convener of the Finance Committee. He wished Mr Taylor well and hoped he would soon be out of hospital.

Having thanked the Secretary, the Treasurer and Mrs Isobel Baillie the Auditor for their work, Mr Turnbull then moved the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet. Miss M Ross (Forres Branch) seconded the motion. The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr J Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne & District Branch) proposed that Mr Humphrey Holmes CA be appointed as the Society's Auditor now that Mrs Isobel Baillie was resigning from the office. Mr Douglas Holmes, a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and presently in practice with Armitage and Norton, Chartered Accountants in Edinburgh, is senior audit manager responsible to the resident senior Partner. Mr Douglas said he believed that Mr Holmes would serve the Society well.

Mr K Stacey (Doncaster and District Branch) seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

- a) Mr T Steele (representing Vancouver Branch) on behalf of the Executive Council moved:

"that with effect from 1 July 1992 the Annual Subscription be raised to £10. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than, 1 July, the proposed increase will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1992.

Mr B Frazer (Berks/Hants/Surrey Border) seconded the motion.

- i) Mr J Baker (Liverpool Branch) spoke on the Liverpool Branch amendment to the motion:

"that the proposed increase in the Annual Subscription to £10 be introduced in two stages - the first, to £8, with effect from 1 July 1992 and the second, to £10 with effect from 1 July 1994".

Mr E Astle (Liverpool Branch) seconded the amendment.

After some discussion both for and against the amendment, the amendment was overwhelmingly defeated.

- ii) Mr J Douglas (Newcastle upon Tyne & District Branch) spoke on the Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch, Forfar Branch and Croydon & District Branch amendment to the motion:

"that with effect from 1 July 1992 the Annual Subscription be raised to £7. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than, 1 July, the proposed increase be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1992".

Miss P Young (Forfar Branch) seconded and Mr A Gillies (Croydon Branch) supported the amendment.

After discussion both for and against, the amendment was carried overwhelmingly thus becoming the substantive motion.

- iii) Mr G Stephens (Kirkcaldy Branch) spoke on the Kirkcaldy Branch amendment to the substantive motion:

"that with effect from 1 July 1992 the Annual Subscription be raised to £6.00".

Mr G Mechan (Dundee Branch) seconded the amendment.

After discussion both for and against, the amendment was overwhelmingly defeated.

- iv) Mr D Hollings (Dundee Branch) spoke on the Dundee Branch amendment to the substantive motion:

"that with effect from 1 July 1992 and each subsequent subscription year the Annual Subscription be raised by £1.00. Where a Branch starts its financial year prior to, or later than, 1 July 1992 the proposed increase will be operative from the start of the Branch financial year in 1992".

Miss A Mann (Dundee Branch) seconded the amendment.

After discussion, both for and against, the amendment was overwhelmingly defeated.

The amendments submitted by Doncaster Branch and Bath Branch to the resolution were withdrawn.

The original resolution was now put before the meeting. On a vote being taken the resolution was overwhelmingly defeated and amendment (ii) was carried by a large majority.

b) Mrs Jennings (Birmingham Branch) on behalf of Birmingham Branch moved:

"that with effect from 1st July 1992, joint Annual Membership will be available to married couples at a reduction of 30% i.e. £7.00 at the current rate. Each partner will have full membership rights, except that they will be entitled annually to one Bulletin and one dance book subscription copy only per couple".

Mrs Page (Birmingham Branch) seconded the motion.

i) Miss E Kennedy (Stirlingshire Branch) moved that "married couples" be deleted and substitute "two people of any one household", that "partner" be deleted and substitute "person", and that "couple" be deleted and substitute "household". This was seconded by Mr F Reid (Carlisle & Border Branch).

After some discussion the amendment was defeated by a large majority.

The amendment proposed on behalf of South Wales Branch was withdrawn.

The original motion was then put to the meeting and was defeated overwhelmingly.

c) Mrs Jennings (Birmingham Branch) on behalf of Birmingham Branch proposed:

"that with effect from 1 July 1992, joint Long Term Membership will be available to married couples at a reduction of 30%, i.e. £70.00 at the current rate. Each partner will have full membership rights, except that they will be entitled annually to one Bulletin and one dance book subscription copy only per couple.

Mrs Page (Birmingham Branch) seconded the motion.

After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

d) Miss E Kennedy (Stirlingshire Branch) on behalf of Stirlingshire Branch moved:

"that the Executive Council at its next meeting appoint a committee and convenor to consider proposals submitted by Branches to reduce the cost of Council Meetings and to bring to the 1992 Annual General Meeting of the Society a motion based on the Branch proposals for the delegates' consideration".

Mr J C Douglas (Newcastle & District Branch) seconded the motion.

After discussion, both for and against, the motion was carried overwhelmingly.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Miss A W Miller announced the awards while Mr A S Aitkenhead presented the Scrolls to the following members:-

Mrs Anna Holden (Birmingham Branch) and Mrs Winifred Wadsworth (Gatehouse of Fleet Branch).

Miss Miller said that Scrolls had already been presented to Mr Douglas Sutherland (Pietemmaritzburg Branch) and Mr Hans van Zon (The Hague Branch) and that arrangements were being made to present a Scroll to Mr Bryce Laing.

Miss Miller then presented the "Past Chairman's Badge" to Mr Alastair Aitkenhead. She told delegates that during his three years in office Mr Aitkenhead had travelled extensively both at home and abroad, continually promoting and publicising the Society. He would be particularly associated with the World Day of Dance and for Project '91'. Miss Miller told the meeting that the Chairman is expected to attend all meetings of the Society and that Mr Aitkenhead had met all his obligations well.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1992

The Chairman confirmed that the Annual General Meeting would be held on 7 November 1992 at Aberdeen.

VOTE OF THANKS

Proposing the vote of thanks Mrs Linda Gaul (representing Hamilton, Ontario Branch) said that it was her pleasant duty to thank all who had contributed to the success of the sixty-second Annual General Meeting of the Society. She said that much business had been transacted and that the dancing had been pretty good too! But these events did not just happen.

Mrs Gaul then thanked Dundee Branch for hosting the Annual General Meeting. Miss Sheila Phillips and her committee who had worked over many months to ensure the success of the weekend and Miss Alice Mann and Mrs Eileen Cruickshanks who deserved special thanks.

Mrs Gaul also thanked Miss Miller for conducting the Open Forum, and Miss Miller and Mr Aitkenhead for conducting the Annual General Meeting with such professionalism; the staff of the Northern College for their help in providing the varied facilities required for such a large gathering; the Dundee Branch for providing MCs, Stewards and Tellers; Mrs Stoker and Dr MacFadyen for the enjoyable morning classes and Mr Mackay and Miss McLauchlan for providing the music; St. Andrews Woollen Mill for the tartan drapes; Dundee District Council for the wine at the Executive lunch; Apex Acoustics for providing the sound system and lastly the delegates for demonstrating such a lively interest in the running of the Society.

