

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY CALGARY BRANCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING May 27, 2017
Mt Pleasant Community Centre
602 Ave NW, Calgary Alberta

MINUTES

Chair: President Debby Henderson

Board Members present: Sharon Barker, Nancy Laing (Secretary), Ann Longair (Vice President), Duane Martin, Freda Osborne, Penny Chase, Marg Partridge,

Society Members present:

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| 1. Mona Baker | 13. Marian Duguid | 25. Gabriel Patterson |
| 2. Michael Begg | 14. Marg Haynes | 26. Louise Ridout |
| 3. Janyin Bertram | 15. Doreen Herdman | 27. Joanne Robertson-More |
| 4. John Bertram | 16. Florence Horman | 28. Cynthia Sim |
| 5. Ken Blackwood | 17. Karen Larson (proxy) | 29. Malcolm Stewart |
| 6. Yolanda Bogle | 18. Peggy Linklater | 30. Pely Stewart |
| 7. Jennifer Bond | 19. Gerry Manzara | 31. Ilo Torgerson |
| 8. Kevin Bond | 20. Jean McCauley | 32. Ann Vanderwal |
| 9. Chris Browne | 21. Gavin More | 33. Sylvia Woods |
| 10. Alison Cotton | 22. Hanne-Lore Nielsen | 34. George Yeung |
| 11. Andre De Leebeeck | 23. Barbara O’Gorman | 35. Elle Yeung |
| 12. Barbara De Leebeeck | 24. William Partridge | |

43 people present. Quorum of 24 required. Quorum achieved.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm
2. Approval of the Minutes from AGM on May 28, 2016
Moved by Bill Partridge
Seconded by Penny Chase
Vote: Carried
3. President’s Report given by Debby Henderson (attached)
4. Secretary’s Report given by Nancy Laing (attached)
5. Treasurer’s Report given by Debby Henderson (attached)
 - a. Approval of the 2017 Financial Statements as presented
Moved by John Bertram
Seconded Sharon Barker
Vote: Carried

6. Election of Directors

- Debby Henderson reviewed the voting procedures
- Robert Henderson took the chair for election
- Each of the Executive Positions – President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary – nominations were read and requests for nominations from the floor were repeated for each position three times. Results shown in table below.
- Slate of nominations for Directors at Large were read and requests for nominations from the floor were repeated for each position three times. Results shown in table below.

Position	Nominations	Vote
President/Chair	Debby Henderson	Acclaimed
Vice-President/Chair	Ann Longair	Acclaimed
Treasurer	Denis Iffla	Acclaimed
Secretary	Penny Chase	Acclaimed
Director at Large	Duane Martin	Acclaimed
Director at Large	Donna Gillespie	
Director at Large	Sharon Barker	
Director at Large	Freda Osborne	
Director at Large	Marg Partridge	
Director at Large	Nancy Laing	
Director at Large	Ann Vanderwal	
Director at Large		

7. Chair returned to Debby Henderson
8. Appointment of Auditor/examiner - Karen Hyde and Doreen Herdman volunteered to audit
9. Motions already advised to the Secretary
- none sent
10. Request for any other competent business at the discretion of the chair
-none
11. Announcements including reminder to renew membership
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm
Motion by Bill Partridge
Seconded Ann Longair
Vote to adjourn.

*Minutes were taken by Nancy Laing, Secretary

RSCDS Calgary Branch President's Report 2016-17

The Branch has had another year!

After the AGM in May, dancing continued at Summer Dancing with teachers from Calgary and area sharing the teaching. The Branch Technique Class, taught by Sharon Barker, also continued until mid July. Many of our members attended TAC Summer School as well as Summer School in St. Andrews., Scotland.

Dancers from the Branch were also involved at the Highland games. We had a display in our new tents at all three games. Dancers from the Branch danced in the Opening Ceremonies for the Foothills Highland Games in Okotoks and performed twice in the Ceilidh tent in Canmore.

The fall was another busy time with regular classes starting up again, including a new Beginners' Class, taught by Debby Henderson. In September, we enjoyed the Welcome Back Dance with Glen Morin playing. This was followed by the Scots Gathering in Canmore on the Thanksgiving long weekend. Teachers Ron Wallace and Elaine Brunken and musicians Gary Thomas and Mary Ross provided excellent classes for the three days. The Alberta Scottish Country Dance Orchestra provided fabulous music for the Wild Rose Ball and Three Sisters Ceilidh. It was a great weekend of dancing and fun with friends, both old and new.

Early December was saddened by the death of Katharine Teh, member and former Director of the Branch. She was a brilliant person who embraced Scottish culture with exuberant enthusiasm. She is sorely missed.

We finished off the year with our Hogmanay dinner and dance, ringing in the New Year with Prosecco donated by Duane Martin and Nancy Laing.

Because of the hard work of our members at the Casino in January, we obtained \$68,000 to support the Branch activities for the coming 2 years. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful casino, especially our Casino Chair, Duane Martin.

Starting in December 2015 and finishing in March 2017, the Branch ran a Candidate's Course for individuals to obtain the Teaching Certificate, Level 1. Sharon Barker was our Tutor for this long and arduous undertaking. Thanks to her dedication, knowledge, patience and time commitment, as well as to the work and commitment of our Candidates, Sheree Iffla, Nancy Laing and Peggy Rodzinyak passed their exams and obtained their Level 1 Teaching Certificate in Scottish Country Dancing March 2017. We very much appreciate Sharon for her expertise and time in making our Candidate Class a success. In 2013, our Strategic Planning meeting identified a need for more teachers in the area and now we have 5 including Sheree, Nancy, Peggy, Ann Vanderwal(2015) and Debby. Henderson (2016). One final thank you from our Candidates to all who helped

with the course including the "volunteer" partners, the angles who provided a class to teach and to the musician, Graham Sewall.

I would also like to thank Graham Sewell for serving on the Board this past year. His experience, work and humor have been invaluable to our success.

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY – CALGARY BRANCH
SECRETARY'S REPORT - MAY 1, 2016 – APRIL 30, 2017



May 27, 2017

2017 was another eventful year with lots of classes, events and continuing initiatives. The full Secretary's report will be available on the website. A few highlights from the past year will be presented at the AGM.

Scottish Country Dance Classes are available every night of the week except Fridays and Sundays from September through May, sometimes in more than one location (see list below). In fact, there are over 300 chances to dance in and around Calgary each year. Of particular note in 2017 from Calgary's newer teachers are Debby Henderson's new Beginner's class and Ann Vanderwal's children, youth and adult classes in Airdrie. Sheree Iffla and Nancy Laing now have their Interim Teaching Certificate, so expect to see them teaching intermittently at Summer Dancing, Cross & Thistle on Tuesday nights and possibly elsewhere as they work toward their full certificates over the next two years.

The RSCDS Board of Directors wishes to thank all of the Calgary and area teachers for all of their hard work week after week throughout the year: Jim Adamson, Sharon Barker, Janyn Bertram, John Bertram, Fiona Carnie, Debby Henderson and Ann Vanderwal. Without the teachers, none of our dancing would be possible.

Mondays: St. Giles SCD Group; Airdrie kids (5-12 years), Summer Dancing (June – August)
Tuesdays: Cross & Thistle Dancers; Cross & Thistle Skills class (May-July); St. Andrew's Caledonian SCD Group (non RSCDS)
Wednesdays: Grace SCD Group; Airdrie Youth (12-24 years)
Thursdays: CSCDS (St. Barnabas); Confederation 55+ SCD Group
Saturdays: Airdrie SCD

Membership for 2016-2017 reached 94 members about the same as last year, with 70 returning members and 24 new members. With continued support from Casino funding, membership fees will remain the same at \$15 per person. The membership fees continue to cover membership in RSCDS Scotland. Please remember to visit rscds.org, login to your account and check your contact information and communications preferences to receive magazines and emails.

Initiatives: With continued access to Casino funding over the past few years, the RSCDS Board of Directors works to promote Scottish Country Dancing in and around Calgary and ensure that our community of Scottish Country Dancers is sustainable into the future. Some of the priorities are listed below:

1. **Hall Rental support:** Hall Rental support for all Calgary Branch groups continues to be one of the biggest budget items, but also a number 1 priority, as weekly class attendance is the biggest and most important way our membership enjoys Scottish Country Dancing.
2. **Member support to attend workshops around Alberta:** The workshop support initiative was a big success this year with 41 our members attending workshops in Edmonton, Canmore, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge. The plan is to continue this initiative, however, some changes to the guidelines may be necessary to meet budget constraints.
3. **Teacher Candidate Course & support:** This initiative continues to give good results with 4 new teachers now having achieved their interim certificates. The board is working hard this year on finalizing Teacher and Teacher Candidate support policies & procedures to ensure Calgary Branch continues to have a strong group of teachers to lead dancing for many years to come.

4. St. Giles Workshop: Another successful St. Giles workshop this year drawing Scottish Country Dancers from around Alberta and beyond. Congratulations to the St. Giles Scottish Country Dance Group for keeping this workshop going year after year.
5. Musicians: A few new musicians are emerging to learn to play for Scottish Country Dancing. Violinist, Annie has been playing weekly at Cross & Thistle and is honing her skills. And Ross Barker is adding playing the accordion for SCD to his list of talents.
6. Communications - Newsletter – Thanks to Ann Longair for getting the newsletter out each month and keeping our membership up to date on all the activities and news in the Calgary Branch area. And a big thank-you to Ann Vanderwall for continuing to keep the website as **the go-to place** for all our news.

Finally a big salute to all of our members who contribute to the Scottish Country Dance society and keep the dances and tradition alive every week by attending classes as well as volunteering and participating at the events and the Casino and keeping Scottish Country Dancing thriving.

Here's to another year of Happy Dancing!!

Nancy Laing
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Treasurer AGM Report

Saturday 25th May 2017

Audit: This year's audit was conducted on the 1st May by Karen Hyde and Doreen Herdman and I would like to thank them for their analysis and observations.

The two points noted on the Balance Sheet were Bank Charges which I entered once I received the Bank Statements and reconciled the accounts.

I would also like to thank them both for volunteering to conduct next year's audit.

Op. Acc.: This year we received a grant of \$4,525,19 on the 17th of March from the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) which was taken as income in the Operating Account on the 1st May.

CASINO Acc.: We received \$68,460.57 on the 8th May from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) as revenue from the Casino held in the 1st ¼ of this year.

With our next Casino scheduled for the 3rd ¼ of 2018 and subsequent revenue expected in November of that year, the Board will finalize our Budget / Cash Flow at our meeting in June and we feel confident that we will be able to maintain the same level of financial support for the 2017/18 year for Dance Groups, Individuals and Activities as we did for 2016/17. Thank You Denis Iffla - Treasurer