

Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Dance Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee
June 26, 2019

Present: Marsha Byrnes (called in), Sue Chari, Cathy Crabtree, Karen Gansz, Susan Haines, Jeffrey Hopper, Winifred McGowan, John Salyards, Jeremy Thorpe

Absent: Sharon Gilmour

1. **Minutes from the May 29, 2019 meeting** – The minutes were approved with one correction to the Highland Ball report to state that the restoration fee did need to be paid.
2. **Treasurer's Report** (Cathy) – Cathy reports that the total liabilities and net assets stand at \$108,649. The balance is high because of the receipt of Pinewoods Scottish Sessions fees. The Highland Ball had about a \$90 surplus. The Bookstore has purchased inventory to bring to Pinewoods, but it has not yet been paid for. The rental fee for the Ceilidh has been prepaid.
There have been discussions with Pinewoods regarding whether or not the lifeguard is covered under our insurance. Both Pinewoods and the user group would be liable if anything should occur at the waterfront. Cathy will clarify this issue with our broker. We may need to pay around \$2000 if a negotiation is not possible.
3. **Old Business** –
 - a. Party for Evelyn – MaryEllen Scannell and others have been working on the arrangements for Evelyn's party.
4. **Reports from Liaisons** –
 - a. Highland Ball (May 2020) (Cathy) – The date of May 16, 2020 has been penciled in on the calendar for the hall, but the 9th is also available. The Fiddle Gala is on the 16th, so Cathy will confirm that we would like the 9th instead. Marsha has offered to co-chair the Ball but does not have a co-chair(s). Exec also needs to decide on a band.
 - b. Joint Ceilidh (November 2, 2019) (Cathy) – The save-the-date information has been posted on the Branch website. A new poster highlighting the three sponsoring organizations has been created. The format for the program is complete, and the chairs are discussing what to charge. The Boston Scottish Country Dancers will work on their choreography and being more polished. The publicity push will begin after Pinewoods. Jeff Hopper will complete the application for a grant.
 - c. Scottish Sessions Pinewoods (July 5 – 13, 2019) (Jeremy) – There are 147 campers for Session I and 144 for Session II. The *Gazette* is going to the printer tonight, and the envelopes will be stuffed on Friday. The housing and party forms are being submitted.

- d. ESCape (July 1 – 5, 2019) (Sharon) – Communications with April Birnie and Daniel Potter have been good, and they seem to be on top of things. They are still looking for about 10 more campers to fill the session.
- e. Loon Mountain Games (September 20 – 22, 2019) (Jeff) – Work has started on the contracts. We have been asked if we would like to contribute to help underwrite the medals and trophies. NH Scots is looking for \$65. Jeff will get more information.
- f. Teaching and Music Committee (Marsha) – Jeremy will speak with the suggested replacements for the committee. A musician and an at-large person are needed. Most of the recent work of the committee still involves Pinewoods.
- g. Boston Scottish Country Dancers (Marsha) The team had a good performance on June 8th, and a few people were interested in the dance.
- h. Nominating Committee (Marsha) – One person is still needed for the committee.
- i. New Hampshire Highlands (August 23 – 25, 2019) (Susan) – Roberta Lasnik reports that most of the contracts are in, and the applications are slow.
- j. *Tartan Times* (Susan) – Evelyn Murray and Barbara McOwen will be starting on the next issue.
- k. Membership (Susan) – The Scannells report that nothing has changed in the last month.
- l. Website (Jeff) – The webmasters need updates on events. There has been an Android problem on some of the Pinewoods information.
- m. Bookstore (Cathy) – A job description of the Bookstore manager is needed. Exec would also like to know what they have for inventory, how much space is needed to store the Bookstore, and where they take the Bookstore. Cathy will check with them.
- n. SDCEA (Sue) – No report at this time.
- o. Class Liaisons –
 - Stow, MA (Sharon) – The class has finished for the summer.
 - Salem, MA (Sharon) – The class will be off for July. They are considering starting a day class.
 - Chelmsford, MA (John) – The class party, “A Royal Affair,” is being planned for August 10th at 3 PM. The flier and crib sheets are posted. A music subsidy was requested and approved.
 - Fairlee, VT (Karen) – Gary Apfel reports that on June 15, nine members of the Fairlee Class traveled to Lancaster for their annual spring frolic. June 26 will be their last class until September. At present, six class members are signed up to attend New Hampshire

Highlands, but Gary expects that a couple more folks will sign up by the time of camp.

- Burlington, VT (Karen) – The class will be working to get 4 members.
- Newton, MA (Sue) – The class will dance at the American Legion post from July 10 through August.
- Cambridge, MA (Sue) – Howard Lasnik and MaryEllen Scannell have been teaching during June. The end-of-the-season party was on June 24, 2019. The class will break for 2 weeks for Pinewoods.

5. New Business –

- a. Family Dance – Charles Liu reports that the Family Dance, led by Jen Schoonover, will be held on September 7th. The price for the band is \$100 to \$120. Exec approved supporting the event. If more money is taken in, the Branch will be reimbursed.

6. Next Meetings –

- a. August 27 – at Marsha’s (changed from August 28)