

**Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Dance Society**  
**Minutes of the Executive Committee**

June 24, 2020

**Zoom meeting:** Marsha Byrnes, Cathy Crabtree, Karen Gansz, Sharon Gilmour, Susan Haines, Winifred McGowan, Linda McJannet, Lance Ramshaw, John Salyards Jeremy Thorpe

- 1. Minutes from the May 27, 2020 meeting** – The minutes were approved as submitted.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report (Cathy)** - Cathy reports that there has been little activity since the AGM. The cash balance stands at \$75,331.00, with a net increase in assets of \$21,000.00. With this amount of available cash, we could consider investing some of it. We have not heard from the ESCape co-chairs to know what is being done with their funds.
- 3. Reports from Liaisons –**
  - a. Nominating Committee (Marsha) –
    - i. There was a question from Gary Apfel asking about a committee member participating remotely 100% of the time considering the technology that is now available. There are definitely advantages to meeting in person especially when it comes to discussions, but functioning remotely would also be acceptable.
    - ii. Replacements for the Membership chairs are still needed. Cathy has been trying to gathering information on the details of the job but has not gotten a clear picture. Some of the duties include updating the member addresses with Headquarters, maintaining the template for the directory, and membership recruitment via the membership form. Jeremy will continue asking perspective chairs.
    - iii. Two replacements are still needed for the Executive Committee
  - b. ESCape (Jeremy) – April and Daniel have responded and have suggestions of how to handle their camper fees. CDS has asked if the people who paid or were going to pay would pledge to donate a portion of their tuition to the teachers and musicians. The amount could be between \$100 and \$275 to the staff who had committed to be there for the week – 8 musicians, 3 teachers, and possibly a sound person. Two of the staff have declined compensation because they have fulltime jobs. This proposal would be in alignment with the role of CDS. Exec moved and approved this proposal.  
For next year, there needs to be a RSCDS Boston Branch co-chair for ESCape.
  - c. Scottish Sessions Pinewoods (Jeremy) – The live-streaming of the concert will be on July 11 and the pre-recorded Ceilidh will be on July 18. Each musician will be given \$300 with money raised from the concert and sent to

SDCEA and then we'll apply for a grant. Moneys raised from the Ceilidh will go to Pinewoods Camp Inc.

- d. Teaching and Music Committee (Marsha) – Elizabeth Anderson will fill the vacant musician position, and it was moved and approved for Robert McOwen to fill the unexpired term position vacated by Rebecca Gore. The TMC has asked if SDCEA musician funds were available for teachers also. Old Ceilidh videos are being solicited for the Ceilidh fundraiser on July 18. The Committee is looking into putting together on-line workshops for next year, and Robert is working with Headquarters for an on-line event to be held in July.
  - e. Highland Ball (Marsha) – Marsha will call Memorial Hall for available dates for 2021, preferably May 8, 2021.
  - f. Equipment (John) – Nothing to report.
  - g. Loon Mountain Games (Karen) – Nothing to report.
  - h. Joint Ceilidh (November 2020) (Cathy) – Talks will probably start in July.
  - i. Boston Scottish Country Dancers (Marsha) – Nothing to report.
  - j. New Hampshire Highlands (Susan) – Nothing to report.
  - k. Tartan Times (Susan) – Nothing to report.
  - l. Website (Lance) – The webmasters report that they have had so many competing entries on the video page that they had to create an index. They are still open to any suggestions for how to improve it. They asked if the AGM video should be placed on the “Members Only” page? They also asked about the financial report, and it was agreed that it belongs on the “Members Only” page.
  - m. Bookstore (Cathy) – Due to the pandemic and Headquarters office being closed, the Bookstore managers have not been able to obtain the books for the Ed Rawson award recipients.
  - n. Class Liaisons –
    - Brunswick, ME (Karen) – Patti Tillotson reports that the Brunswick Class is at week 10 for their Zoom class. They are still hoping to hold their dance party in October.
4. Old Business –
  5. New Business –
  6. Next Meeting –
    - a. August 26 via Zoom @7:15 PM