

Boston Branch of the Royal Scottish Dance Society

Minutes of the Executive Committee

February 24, 2021 (February meeting)

Zoom meeting: Marsha Byrnes, Bill Card, Cathy Crabtree, Karen Gansz, Susan Haines, Winifred McGowan, Linda McJannet, Lance Ramshaw, Alena Taylor, Jeremy Thorpe

- 1. Minutes from February 3, 2021 (January meeting)** – The minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting (January meeting) were accepted with two corrections. In the Equipment section, the text should read, “Thom Howe has found an analog mixer,” and in the Membership section, there were 15, not 50, new members.
- 2. Treasurer’s Report (Cathy)** - Cathy reports that the cash balance stands at \$73,870. Not much has changed since the February 3rd meeting except that a few membership checks that had been written in December were just received. Exec will need to discuss insurance at the next meeting because there are a few classes with only a couple of members. A class needs to have a minimum of 4 members in order to receive insurance coverage from the Branch.
Cathy also reports that the taxes have been filed.
- 3. New Business –**
 - a) The next PCI Board meeting will be held on March 7th, so hopefully there will be more information to share. Jeremy said he would be interested in knowing what the other user groups are doing/thinking concerning what may or may not be able to occur at Pinewoods this summer.
 - b) Debbie Jarvis sent along a thank you for Linda McJannet concerning the message that she had crafted concerning the cancellation of the Highland Ball. Thank you, Linda, for always knowing the right thing to say.
- 4. Reports from Liaisons –**
 - a) Teaching and Music Committee (Marsha) – The TMC has not met since the last Exec meeting.
 - b) Nominating Committee (Marsha) – Gary Apfel, chair of the Nominating Committee, reports that the committee should have a slate of candidates in place by March 15th.
 - c) Web Site (Lance) – Lance reports that the webmasters would be happy to list the Zoom classes, but the class contacts need to contact the webmasters directly in order to make certain the correct information has been provided.
- 5. Old Business –**
 - a) Spreading the word about the SDCEA application guidelines – The information has been sent to all of the class contacts.
Jeremy will ask the committee about the structure of the application because it seems to be worded strictly for musicians.
Linda will also contact the committee to let them know that she is their liaison/coordinator with Exec.

- b) Susie Petrov has asked about including biographies and pictures of the Branch musicians on the website. This project would require a lot of work. Would it help to attract new dancers or new members? Could it be used as a marketing opportunity? As we are well aware, live music is a great selling point. Exec will need to continue to think about this request and how it could be presented.

6. Next Meeting –

- a) Wednesday March 31 at 7:15 PM via Zoom