

**RSCDS Boston Branch Executive
Committee Meeting--Draft Agenda**

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 7:15pm

Location: Zoom link; <https://bentley.zoom.us/j/96473604914>

Linda's cell 1-617-417-1621

Attendance: Linda McJanet, David Grubb, Connie Kent, Marsha Byrnes, Ted Randolph, Cathy Crabtree, Bill Card, Emily Russell

Missing: Anne Johnson

Agenda

1. Minutes from the previous meeting *Approved.*
2. Treasurer's report (**Cathy**)
 - i. First 26 days of new fiscal year: Membership and donations only income so far. Expenses for fall concert, deposits for next spring, subsidies for Brunswick and Northampton. Increase in net assets: \$4,346.42 so far. Cash in bank: \$71,007.00.
 - ii. Approve music subsidy for Albany, ready when they ask.
 - iii. Last fiscal year: Ended the year with an increase of net assets of \$1,943. Cathy will share these numbers at the SAGM.
3. New business
 - a. Complete prep for Semi-Annual General Meeting (AGM) November
 - i. **Alena** to email the people directly to ask for reports. If reporters are present, they are to give the report. If they are present via Zoom, Alena will read their report out loud.
 - ii. Alex requested assistance with setting up/putting away chairs.
 - iii. John asks that the Zoom link be sent out a couple of days before the meeting but ensure everyone knows to look for it. Linda will send reminder email to go out 10 days before the event.
 - b. Delegates and ballot for HQ AGM—confirm discussion of higher fee; review who's voting and candidates for HQ officed
 - i. VOTING DEADLINE IS SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER (Jeremy, Linda, Alena, Cathy are designated voters)
 - ii. **Motion 8.1** Membership subscription “The Management Board proposes that for the year from 1st July 2023, the basic full annual subscription

shall be increased to £26 per annum, with other membership subscriptions based pro-rata on this amount”. VOTE: **FOR**

- iii. **Motion 8.2** Amendments to the wording of RSCDS Rules & Procedures “The Management Board proposes an update to the sections covering Management Committee Remits and the clarification of 16.1a” VOTE: **FOR**
- iv. **Motion 8.3** Updates to the Articles of Association and Rules & Procedures regarding Junior membership “The RSCDS Herts & Borders Branch proposes the introduction from 1 July 2023 of non-subscribing junior membership for children under the age of 12. It would be free for children under the age of 12 to become a non-subscribing junior member” VOTE: **FOR**
- v. 6 bios of people elected positions. VOTE: Andrew Timmins from Germany and Erica De Gannes from Canada. otherwise, we agree to vote for whoever has the most geographic diversity.

4. Reports from liaisons

- a. Membership—update on membership drive (**Cathy**)
 - i. 157 members as of today, compared to 149 last year this time. Second reminder email going to members shortly. Peter to approve and send asap. Cathy will nudge Peter O.
 - ii. There were 2 people that joined because of a Burns Night class.
- b. Teaching & Music Committee (**Marsha**)
 - i. NEFFA – Howard, Charles, Karen have each applied to do a NEFFA workshop. No indoor performances.
 - ii. Highland Ball - program is nearly complete, Elizabeth to make flyer, Tom gave his input on tunes. MCs are being narrowed down.
 - iii. Pinewoods – Tom is working on musicians. Robert is working with teachers and MCs. Switch from 12 to maybe 11 classes for full time teachers, clarifying the titles of the classes.
 - iv. Not planning any workshops. Next mtg is Nov 15.
- c. Boston Scottish Country Dancers (**Marsha**)
 - i. Two more rehearsals before the fall concert, and they have a few more people. Working on costumes. Live music at rehearsals.
- d. Highland Ball (**Marsha**)
 - i. Mtg with Elizabeth next week. She is still looking for a co-chair.
- e. Fall 2022 Concert (**Linda**)
 - i. Promotions and calendar posting. Globe will start running Wed Nov 2. Should be in the CDSS newsletter. Bill will look for the ad. The ticketing system does ask how we came about the tickets. Sold 158 tickets for matinee, and 90 tickets for evening. We are at 33.5% we need

- 65% to break even.
- ii. Still need a few volunteers for the day-of.
- f. ESCape (**Bill**)
 - i. Nothing new to report at this time. April and Daniel are getting married this Saturday. Staff is in process. Rates may need to be raised there as well.
- g. Scottish Pinewoods (**Connie**)
 - i. PCI will be raising rates, possibly up to 8% (Per night camper rate). We will likely know before New Year. Teaching staff is lined up.
- h. Website (**David**)
 - i. Nothing new to report at this time.
- i. Nominating Committee (**Marsha**): New member ideas?
 - i. Lucinda is willing to have MaryEllen (with ME's caveat that she doesn't need to call people.) Linda will check with Merrill to see how she feels.
 - ii. Bill suggested perhaps we ask class leaders to be on the nominating committee.
 - iii. This is a 3-year term. The by-laws don't have any other guidance at the moment.
- j. Equipment (**Connie**)
 - i. Brunswick dance went well and the system will be used again. No other news at the moment.
- k. Publicity (**Alena**)
 - i. Meet-up currently has 139 members. Ted to work with Alena to make a meet-up group for Great Barrington class.
- l. Loon Mountain Games (Sept. 16-18) (**Alena**)
 - i. Nothing new from Merrill.
- m. New Hampshire Highlands (**Anne**)
 - i. No luck hearing back from the leader
- n. Tartan Times (**Emily**)
 - i. Barbara sent a message asking for a who's who from Exec. **Alena** will work on that.
- o. Bookstore (**Alena**)
 - i. Nothing new from Laurie
- p. Class Liaisons (see page 2)

5. Continuing business

- a. **Discussion for future:** Membership directory. What class, what branch, membership information. What is the purpose? And does this need to be updated?
- b. **When does a class cease to be?**

6. Next Meeting: November 30th at 7:15pm.

Optional reports: Archives (Emily); Calendar (Jeremy)

CLASS LIAISONS

Great Barrington, MA: **Ted**

In a holding pattern until they get new members.

Northampton, MA: **Ted**

Active list of 25 people, but attendance has been low (had to cancel last class). Working on getting the tea dance for 19th of November, likely to ask for subsidy. She needs to get that event into the calendar and start promoting.

Albany, NY: **Ted**

Nothing new to report. Fall Frolic is already publicized.

Greenland, NH: **Bill**

No reports requested.

Nashua, NH: **Bill**

No reports requested.

Kennebunk, ME: **Bill**

Belfast, ME: **Anne**

Small but mighty.

Brunswick, ME: **Anne**

Annual fall dance with 25 people. Very pleased. Thankful to exec for subsidy.

Bucksport, ME: **Anne**

8 to 12 dancers weekly.

Lancaster, NH: **David**

Does anyone know how to contact Bill Tobin? David to look in the directory.

Fairlee, VT: **David**

Regular in-person meetings. 10 people-ish. Mask required.

Burlington, VT: **Connie**

Nothing happening in Burlington

Cambridge, MA: **Emily**

Several new people from meet up. Yay! Max of 3 sets. Early Oct mask poll went out, decided to continue with current policy. To be revisited in the spring. Halloween double-social hour on 10/31.

Brookline, MA: **Emily**

Nothing has been done to re-start, neither of them are interested in doing so going forward. Emily will ask if there is someone there that used to be a teacher that used to dance.

Newton, MA: **Emily**

No news.

Bedford, MA: **Emily**

Meets weekly, attendance low. Hopefully things will pick up. Time has changed to 12:30. Still requiring masks.

Salem, MA: **Alena**

Purple Door Yoga studio has agreed to rent their space for Thursday night classes. They will try starting on Nov. 3rd. Messages announcing dancing in Salem and the Pinewoods Ball are planned to go out this week.

Stow, MA: **Alena**

Dancing now in person, 2nd and 4th

Chelmsford, MA: **Alena**

Nothing new. Two 4-couple sets in October. Plan to meet again on 11/4 at 7pm.