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# ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Atlanta Branch, Inc.

*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting*

*June 20, 2020*

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There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Wilson at 5:03 p.m. Chris welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting, explained the meeting format, and announced the agenda for the meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 22, 2019 meeting were displayed in the Zoom meeting. Sylvia moved that we accept the minutes, Sarah Craighead seconded, and the motion passed.

## ***Statement on COVID-19***

Chris announced that due to an abundance of caution for the health and safety of our dancers, and due to the class site closures from COVID-19, all dance classes are cancelled for the Atlanta Branch until further notice. He noted that we are not seeing much class activity anywhere. The Board will review the situation again in July.

***Election of Branch Officers:*** The three board positions up for election this year ran uncontested, and incumbents agreed to serve for another 2-year period. Branch Chairman Chris Wilson confirmed the following positions:

- Branch Vice Chairman – Yoshi Yukishige
- Branch Secretary – Sylvia Priest
- Member-at-Large – Joseph Bell

Chris encouraged branch members to learn more about the board, roles, future positions, and volunteer opportunities by reaching out to Chris Wilson or Sylvia Priest for more information.

## ***Reports***

Chris displayed reports in the Zoom meeting and provided highlights. All reports are available by request. Email Chris or Sylvia to obtain copies of the reports.

## **Socials and Class Report**

- April and May classes and socials were cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Before classes were cancelled, social participants averaged 26.3 people which had increased from the previous period.
- The concept of core dances has been working very well. The Core Dance list is kept current on our Atlanta Branch website.
- Yoshi thanked teachers and all attendees and encouraged members to keep the classes going.

## **Membership Report**

- The Branch has 46 members to date (44 annual members, 1 life member, 1 associate member)
- 8 members did not renew for various reasons, e.g. some stopped coming to class, some physical/aging.
- The Branch has sent sympathy and get-well cards to members who have been ill or who have had family members that have fallen ill or died.
- Members were reminded that membership renewals are due. Go to the Atlanta Branch website. Select the About link, and scroll down the page to find the link to the membership application. To renew, print the application, complete it, and mail it to Sylvia Priest. The Atlanta Branch website cannot yet take renewal payments, but Chris is working on adding that ability.

- Chris noted that there has been a change in membership fees provided to the RSCDS Society for each member. The Society decided in the last AGM to modestly reduce fees that branches pay for each member (from \$30 to \$28) in order to pass the difference to the Branch to support Branch costs such as Meetup, etc.

#### Branch Secretary's Report

- Weekly emails from Headquarters are a great way to stay engaged. They highlight what members can do from home and explain how to attend weekly online Zoom classes.
- Sylvia added that the Society is doing a wonderful job keeping in touch with everyone. The content that they put together is a big job. She encouraged us to enjoy the emails/content/podcasts/online classes that they are providing.

#### Treasurer's Reports:

- Chris highlighted that our Financials are very healthy despite not having regular income from our branch events during COVID-19 and that we had a good year with subscriptions.
- Total Income ~ \$10,000 with Total Expenses ~ \$12,500, leaving a balance ~ \$7600.
- Memorial Fund balance ~ \$4700.
- SCD at SMHG balance ~ \$1110.
- Spring Workshop was left with positive balance of ~ \$1800.
- Overall balance in accounts of ~\$15,500.

#### 2020 UNICOI Spring Workshop

- Given that COVID-19 was picking up steam, we had a lot more participation than we expected.
- The Board gave full refunds for those unable to or uncomfortable with attending UNICOI.
- 2 of the 4 members from the Highland Square sheltered in place, and the other 2 came to UNICOI.
- At UNICOI, Sylvia Priest was awarded the Branch Award for her many years of service.
- A committee provided instructions/demonstrations for hand-washing and organized hand-washing breaks every few dances. This practice may continue for future classes and workshops.

#### Social Media/Website Report

- Since being published in November 2019, the Branch Website has had 955 site visitors viewing the site 5167 times.
- Most popular month was December 2019.
- UNICOI was most popular post.
- Website is continuing to evolve. People were able to pay for UNICOI using the site. The Atlanta Branch website cannot yet take renewal payments, but Chris is working on adding that ability
- Nancy Kidd thanked Chris for all of the work that he has done on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

*Karen*

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