
ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
Atlanta Branch, Inc.
Minutes of the Committee of Management Meeting
July 31, 2022

Members Present:

	Jessica Behmke		Walter Ligon	✓	Sylvia Priest
	Joe Bell	✓	Karen Ludwick		Susan Tumlin
✓	Sarah Craighead		Deborah Millier		Chris Wilson
✓	Nancy Kidd	✓	Bob Messner	✓	Yoshi Yukishige
		✓	Kate Mathews	✓	Cynthia West

Call to Order: Interim Chairman Sarah Craighead called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 1, 2022 Board meeting were sent via email prior to this meeting for Board members to review. Sylvia made the motion to approve the minutes, Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Nancy reviewed the June, July, and August reports which include the following:

- 1 subscription via PayPal with \$10 donation
- Rebecca Fant's Scholarship
- Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School donation
- SMHG 2021 donation has cleared (check was lost)
- Payment to Yoshi for social expenses.
- Payment to sponsor Moss trophy for SMHG.
- Payment to Shallowford Presbyterian – will mail closer to event.

Total monetary assets for the branch are just over \$14k.

Nancy reported that she had filed Form 990n to IRS.

Sylvia moved that we accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented, the motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Blue Ridge Scottish Dance School

The Atlanta Branch is a sponsor/founding member of the school which gives us the right to have a seat on the Board. Sylvia made the motion to appoint the Chairman of the Atlanta branch to represent our branch on the Blue Ridge Scottish Dance Board, motion was seconded, and the motion passed.

Stone Mountain Highland Games (SMHG)

Bob Messner gave an update on SMHG. The 2 dances planned for Friday night demonstration and the Saturday field demonstration are:

- 1) The Stone Mountain Golden Gala Reel, and
- 2) The Stone Mountain Strathspey.

Bob has sent an email with the dance details for the cover page and asked that recipients review the dance details and let him know if any corrections are needed. Bob will check to see if we can do demonstration dances at the SMHG Sponsor reception on Friday night.

Yoshi recommended that we delay the decision on audience participation at the platform until early October so that we can take into consideration the COVID situation closer to the SMHG.

A proposal was made to have a moment of silence during the SMHG Friday night dance and to dance one dance in memory of Marilyn Blaschke on Saturday night. Bob and Kate will work together to identify the dance.

RSCDS Dues

In the November 2021 AGM, delegates approved an increase in RSCDS dues. Given the current exchange rate between the UK and the US, the increase amounts to a \$2.00 increase in the RSCDS Atlanta branch dues. The RSCDS Atlanta AGM mailing will be sent this week and we need to state the dues as members typically pay dues after receiving this mailing.

Sylvia made the motion to increase the RSCDS Atlanta branch dues by \$2.00. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

ATL Branch Shirts

Bob Messner has proposed doing polo shirts with the branch logo on the left pocket. Bob will get details for pricing, etc. A proposal was made to send out an email and put a form on the website to take orders.

2023 Spring Workshop

The teacher will be Kate Neely. The workshop will be March 17-18 at Stiles Auditorium with the same musicians as the 2022 Spring Workshop – Julie Gorka, Mara Shea, Tom Pixton. Hotels expected to be \$10 more than last year.

2024 Spring Workshop

We plan to continue with the same venue if we do not identify a different one by the 2023 Spring Workshop.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Board discussed a proposal for two amendments:

Rule Amendment No. 1: Board must ensure SWS and SMHG balls and dances are fairly distributed their preparations and executions to capable and willing-to-do teachers and dancers.

Rule Amendment No. 2: In order to do Amendment No. 1 action, Vice Chair is in charge to coordinate them.

The proposal was withdrawn.

Socials

Social in Cartersville on September 10th at 2pm. We will plan to hold the next board meeting before this social at 12:30 pm.

Class Updates

Marietta is slowly increasing its numbers – the class usually has 6-8 couples. A few dancers from other classes are coming to Marietta.

Norcross 4-6 people, with 2-3 new dancers.

Sarah proposed that Yoshi sends the Board a financial plan for the Norcross class.

Core Dances

Yoshi wants teachers to work in pairs to replace 1/3 of the core dances. Sarah asked Yoshi to email that proposal to the teachers so that they can comment on the proposal.

Website

We need to coordinate putting AGM meeting and dues on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Karen

Karen Ludwick, Scribe

ADDENDUM:

On 8/23/2022, the Board agreed via emails to have the branch sell the Atlanta Branch polo shirts. Our website will be used to sell the shirts. Deborah will post it on social media.