



*RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch
Annual General Meeting
Minutes
April 27, 2019
To be adopted 2020*

Called by: Ron McLean, President

Location: Holy Trinity Anglican Church
165 2 Ave. N.
Yorkton, SK S3N 1G5

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019 2 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Establish a quorum. Confirm that those present represent a quorum, with the quorum of the Executive. 2:06 pm.

1.2. Accept the agenda.

Set time of adjournment. 3:30 pm. Adjusted to 3:45 pm
moved by Bill Poillock second Bev Craib carried

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1. Accept the Minutes of the Saturday, May 13, 2018 Annual General Meeting.
Moved by Ferne Katzberg second Tara Zrymiak

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1. Send out AGM agenda and AGM from previous year a month in advance.

3.2. List of current Branch members. (send to members)

3.3. Signatures at bank done.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. New RSCDS Website: individual log in (send website to members)

5. REPORTS

5.1. Treasurer

Motion to accept the Financial Statement as presented.

moved by Eva Gillard second by Bill Pollock Carried

Motion to continue having a "Notice to Reader" yearend statement prepared for the branch by approved individual. moved by Eva Gillard second by Robert Clark Carried

Motion: to transfer \$1000 from "Membership Fund" surplus balance to "General Fund" to cover present and future operating costs

Moved by Eva Gillard second by Gail Jacobs Carried

5.2. President report given orally

5.3. Vice President (no Vice President)

5.4. Secretary attached

5.5. Membership Director attached

5.6. Teacher Representative via Ferne Katzberg attached

5.7. Fall Workshop 2018 given by Gail Jacobs attached

5.8. Group Reports

5.8.1 Moose Jaw attached

5.8.2 Saskatoon attached

5.8.3 Yorkton attached

Motion to accept the reports as presented.

Moved by Bob McNaughton second by Dianne Norman Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Branch Membership Fee

Each member pay the equivalent in Canadian dollars of what is actually requested from RSCDS Scotland for each category of membership – adult single, adult joint, youth (12-17), or young adult (18-24) (Including the Member Liability Insurance). At present, these membership fees are adult L20; Adult Joint L32; Youth (12-17) L10; Young Adult (18-24) L16 respectively. (prices subject to change at any time).

Actual Cost to members with insurance added:

Single adult: \$40. Joint: \$33. each Age 18-24 \$26.

Age 12-17 \$22. Half year for late new members \$26.

Moved by Tara Zrymiak second by Diane CrossCarried

6.2. The current procedure of Saskatchewan Branch Workshop every 2nd year is still in effect.

Possibility of hosting Ceilidh during the non workshop year to be discussed amount each group.

6.2.1 Via Gail Jacobs

Membership Information: membership information that includes member's most recent address list ages 12-17; 18-24; 25 & Up Birth dates for the under 25 – required as Scotland requests them how each want to receive the magazine this year in case - preference has changed Providing the membership information by end of September or ASAP.

6.2.3. Discussion of Proxy (review Proxy forms of the RSCDS; provides) Proxy forms that may be used by Saskatchewan Branch to be considered for access vis branch website)

7. Election of Executive Officers by Bob McNaughton.

7.1 President Ron McLean

7.2 Vice President. position open

7.3 Secretary Mike Blanchard

7.4 Treasurer Eva Gillard

7.5 Membership Director Gail Jacobs

Moved by Diane Cross second by Bill Pollock Carrie

Teacher Representative: Saskatchewan teachers will alternate

This year representative is Mike Blanchard. Next year via Saskatoon.

8. GOOD AND WELFARE

8.1 Acknowledge the Yorkton Scottish Country Dancers for hosting the AGM.

9. NEXT MEETING

8.1. Date: To be determined.

8.2. Location: Moose Jaw

10. ADJOURNMENT at 3:36 pm.

Moved by Ferne Katzberg

second Bev Craib

RSCDS SASKATCHEWAN SECRETARY REPORT 2019

The year 2018 has been a delightful issue free year. With the workshop being held in Moose Jaw it made me very busy for most of the year. After the workshop I took a bit of a breather before looking at the AGM for this year. There were a few things associated with putting the workshop together and being secretary that I have learned. At times by making a few unintentional mistakes. But hopefully it is a learning experience that can be improved in the future. I have enjoyed seeing the 3 dance classes continue to work at keeping our love of SCD alive and active. May your hard work continue to be felt within our branch.

RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch Secretary

Mike Blanchard

RSCDS – SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2019

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen

This past year has been a learning curve for me as I discovered the RSCDS website and how to enter information directly onto the website which is actually quite simple once one knows what they are doing. Thank you to Mike Greenwood for his tutelage and to Eva for her patience.

This past year we had a total of 45 members which increased by 2 from the previous year. Broken down by group, these members comprise:

- 25 from Saskatoon
- 7 from Yorkton
- 13 from Moose Jaw
- Saskatoon was down 3 members while Moose Jaw was up 5 members.

This past year I attempted to bring all membership information up to date on the website. Thank you to the group members who gathered this information and passed it onto me.

This year my goal is to have the memberships entered earlier so that Eva can get the fees sent to Scotland within their time frame.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Jacobs
Membership Secretary

2018-2019 Teachers' Rep Report

At the last AGM it was decided that the teachers' rep would be the teacher from the group that would be hosting the AGM, previously it was a teacher from the group that hosted the workshop. That makes me, Ferne, it!!

As they say time flies when you're having fun. Well, that's exacting what has happened. It doesn't seem a year has passed by.

The teachers have not really had a formal meeting of sorts; however, we have discussed the idea of reviewing the "branch core dances" and making some changes to the list. We make possibly start that this weekend.

As far as the Yorkton group goes our numbers are such that I have been mainly teaching dances that require only 3 couples to dance them. I have taken the time to go thru the Scottish Country Dance Dictionary online and find all the dances that are for 3 couples. We have done a few, but there are many more to work on.

Submitted by,

Ferne Katzberg

2018-19 Teacher Rep for RSCDS Sask Branch

RSCDS – SASK. BRANCH 2018 WORKSHOP REPORT

The Moose Jaw Scottish Country Dancers hosted the 36th Saskatchewan Branch Workshop at the Heritage Inn in Moose Jaw, SK on September 28th, 29th and 30th. Our theme this year, "Harvest Moon Spectacular", was evident in the Fall decorations that accented the main ballroom.

It was a successful weekend with a total of 82 participants coming from White Rock, BC; Edmonton, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, AB; Winnipeg, MB; Toronto, ON; and Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon and Yorkton, SK.

Broken down this number included:

- 3 enthusiastic teachers - Fiona Miller from Lethbridge, AB; Bev Will from Saskatoon, SK; and Mike Blanchard from Moose Jaw, SK
- 3 fantastic musicians – Dennis Orr and Doug Major from Medicine Hat, AB; and Ron Krug from Winnipeg, MB
- 13 Beginner dancers
- 48 All Level Dancers
- 4 Dancers for Banquet & Ball only
- 11 Non-Dancers for Banquet & Ball only

Friday night got the weekend started with a rousing Ceilidh that provided great entertainment for everyone. Saturday our minds were saturated with new dances and techniques taught by Fiona, Bev and Mike in the classes. Then, Saturday evening after a delicious banquet served by the Heritage Inn we danced the night away to the fabulous music provided by Dennis, Doug and Ron. During our break several door prizes were handed and the winners of the Silent Auction were announced. Sunday morning we enjoyed a couple more dance classes before having lunch and saying goodbye. It was a very full weekend for everyone. It was a time of meeting new people and getting re-acquainted with those we hadn't seen in awhile.

To supplement the fees we received a \$1,000.00 grant from Sask. Culture and \$1,650.00 from local Sponsors. Plus we held two fundraisers:

- the \$10.00 entrance fee at the door on Friday evening for family, friends and locals to attend the Ceilidh brought in \$120.00
- the Silent Auction supported by local sponsors who donated items for the auction tables brought in another \$841.35

On Friday evening we also held a 50/50 with the proceeds going to TAC.

Thank You to our Saskatchewan Branch for giving us an advance loan of \$1,000.00 to pay initial start-up expenses. It was appreciated.

After the loan was repaid to Saskatchewan Branch and all expenses were paid the workshop made a profit of \$1,613.32.

Respectfully Submitted by
Gail Jacobs

INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENT

Moose Jaw Scottish Country Dance Workshop
September 28, 29, 30, 2018

INCOME:

Registration Fees		\$ 8,370.00
Grants		1,000.00
Donations		1,650.00
Fundraisers: Ceilidh Open Door	\$ 120.00	
Silent Auction	<u>841.35</u>	<u>961.35</u>
 TOTAL INCOME		 \$ 11,981.35

EXPENSES:

Teachers/Musicians – Travel	\$ 800.00	
Teachers/Musicians – Lodging	1,070.20	
Teachers/Musicians – Meals	555.72	
Teachers/Musicians – Gifts	106.07	
Teachers' Honorariums	350.00	
Musicians' Honorariums	1,250.00	
Piper's Honorarium	50.00	
Registration Supplies	27.70	
Postage	17.85	
Photocopies & Printing	6.65	
Decorations & Signage	61.07	
Fundraising Supplies	12.16	
Equipment Rental	100.00	
Hospitality	104.44	
Meals for Registered Participants	4,690.13	
Coffee Supplies & Water	105.34	
Facility Rental	<u>787.50</u>	
 TOTAL EXPENSES		 <u>\$ 10,094.83</u>

NET INCOME

\$ 1,886.52

**MOOSE JAW SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS
BRANCH REPORT
for
September 2018 to May 2019**

Our dance season runs from September thru May with classes each Thursday evening held on the second floor of the Moose Jaw Public Library.

We started our season off with a bang by hosting RSCDS – SK Branch bi-annual Scottish Country Dance Workshop in Moose Jaw on the weekend of September 28th. It was a busy time for our group but it was very satisfying when we saw the end results.

We took a few weeks off during December. In January we were back dancing and in full swing preparing to celebrate Robbie Burns Night on January 26th. That evening eight of our dancers performed three routines to an appreciative audience. After we finished our dances, Mike, with help from our group, got the audience involved in a few of the beginner dances. It was an evening enjoyed by all.

New dancers are always welcome to join our group. This season we have had the pleasure of introducing two groups to Scottish Country Dancing. Throughout January and February various students from Briercrest College and Seminary attended classes. They were a delight to dance with. Then one week in March we had a surprise group of children and their group leaders arrive from the YMCA. It was an interesting evening working with about twelve 6 to 10 year olds. Everyone had fun and the children left with smiles on their faces.

The remainder of our season will see us performing at a few retirement homes and Motif which is Moose Jaw`s outdoor multi cultural festival.

Our group consists of 9 regular dancers who come from Moose Jaw, Assiniboia and Regina. There are a few other dancers who drop in on occasion.

Thank You to our wonderful teacher, Mike for being so patient.

Respectfully Submitted by
Marlene Jerred & Gail Jacobs

RSCDS Saskatoon Club Report for Branch AGM 2019

Greetings from the Saskatoon Scottish Country Dancers. We have had an interesting and exciting year, as pending roof repairs at St. Mark's forced us to find a new venue for our dancing on fairly short notice. Since the beginning of 2019, our regular Wednesday evening dancing has been held at the Saskatoon Unitarian Centre while our demo team has practised twice per month at the All Saints Church Hall. Both venues are working out well, and it appears that we will need to continue with this or a similar arrangement through next season as well. We are actually getting a lot of dancing done, since logistical differences at our new venue have caused us to discontinue our weekly tea and cookies. Unfortunately, we have also discontinued our biweekly Friday basic class, hopefully only temporarily.

Following are some other highlights of the past year for the Saskatoon Scottish Country Dancers:

- In addition to our annual demo team performances at Canada Day (a little soggy), Folkfest, and Remembrance Day, and St. Andrew's Day, we were also excited to dance at a wedding (with the bride and groom), at the opening of the new traffic bridge in October (a little chilly, but a lot of fun), and at a Chinese New Year celebration (shortened by music trouble, but still successful and may become annual). We are well-prepared for the coming season, with our new program set earlier than in previous years.
- We joined with the University of Saskatchewan Ecumenical Chaplaincy to present Bok Haggis – a combined celebration of Burns Night and the Lunar New Year. It was a tremendous sharing of culture and fellowship – well-attended and enjoyed by all. We are considering the possibility of holding a similar event again in the future, dependant on the volunteer capacity of our membership to undertake this substantial effort along with other activities in the club.
- We have gained a few new members this year - our current membership includes 25 branch members, comprised of 23 paying members and 8 life members, some of whom still dance regularly. We normally have 2-3 sets each Wednesday evening.

We have started planning for the 2020 Fall Workshop to be held in Saskatoon. We hope to see you all there!

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Zrymiak

President Saskatoon Scottish Country Dancers, 2018-2019

2018-2019 Yorkton Scottish Country Dance Report

We are continuing to dance on Saturday evenings. Our dance season started the weekend after Thanksgiving and we gathered as many evenings as our numbers would allow.

Jennifer Gillard and Ferne Katzberg travelled to Moose Jaw in October to attend the branch workshop. Ferne felt honored to be asked to pipe in the head table and grand march. What a wonderful weekend it was, except Jennifer got a cold. Moose Jaw went all out in the work they did to host the workshop.

At the beginning of December, we held our Christmas Potluck supper with the Pipe Band members and the Scottish Society members joining us.

In January, we danced at our annual Robbie Burns Night.

In February, we danced at the seniors' residences – The Bentley and Yorkton Crossing – putting on a mini-Burns program. We danced 4 or 5 Scottish Country Dances. Wendy Stricker (a former Scottish Country Dancer) addressed the haggis, and spoke on Robbie Burns' life. Wendy and Ferne played a few tunes on the flute and Scottish small pipes. The seniors were thrilled that we took the time to come out and entertained them.

The last event for 2018-19 will be the long weekend of August. The Yorkton & District Pipe Band, Scottish Country Dancers and our Highland Dancer will perform at the annual Threshermen's Show and Seniors Festival. Afterwards we will gather at Ferne's home for the annual BBQ. There is always lots to eat, drink and lots of visiting as well.

Submitted by,

Ferne Katzberg

Teacher of the Yorkton Scottish Country Dancers