

Branch Secretary's Report  
for the AGM 2024  
Saskatoon – May 4, 2024

A sincere thank you to the Moose Jaw club for hosting our AGM 2023, the first gathering since the hiatus due to Covid – May 27, 2023, at the Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Hall. After the meeting the executive reviewed a draft of the minutes of that meeting, which I then circulated to the attendees June 10, 2023. At Gail J's suggestion I also sent the minutes on to all our branch members in August. That e-mailing caught a couple of errors, and Gail prepared an up-date of our membership list in September.

Following the May meeting Eva G arranged for the change of signing officers on our account with BMO. I was not able to sign those documents myself before I left for China at the end of August, but I did finally finish that process after my return, in February.

In advance of the RSCDS's 94<sup>th</sup> AGM, in early October 2023 Ron M & I, as branch reps, received its notices of motion and board nominations. Voting was open-electronically until the end of the month. Ron & I both submitted our votes by October 20th; the results were reported on November 27, 2023: "Heather Cowan, Evelyn Redmond, Eileen Yates join the Management Board for a term of three years. Clare Grycuk join the Management Board for a two-year term ... Lucy Phillips and Beth Fairbairn join Youth Services Committee for a term of three years." (Check the bios at: <https://rscds.org/about/people>.)

Our Saskatchewan Branch representative on the RSCDS Management Board is Stephen Hartley. He e-mailed me December 21, 2023, in advance of their February 2024 meeting, asking if there were any issues we wanted raised. (Stephen lives in the UK, but represents a number of branches in North America and elsewhere.) I circulated my reply to our own executive, saying we would be in touch, if there were concerns.

Our various Canadian branches of the RSCDS share "combined insurance coverage" through Markel Canada Limited. On December 30, 2023, Eva G shared a copy of the policy she had just received with me. Please be in touch, if your club is interested in knowing the terms of coverage.

The RSCDS web-manager passed on a contact request they had received January 29, 2024 in Edinburgh – a dancer moving to Saskatchewan interested in finding a club here. I was able to respond that same day, welcoming her interest and giving information on our clubs and our SK branch's own web-site.

In early February 2024, a researcher at Wilfrid Laurier University, Liliana Scatozza e-mailed about her master's thesis project: "Dance is for Everyone: A Comprehensive Study of Community-Based Dance Participation for Older Adults". After confirming the project with her WLU supervisor, I circulated her invitation to participate to our SK clubs.

By February the Saskatoon club had begun working on local arrangements for our SK Branch 2024 AGM; on February 12, 2024, I sent out notice of the date & location established for the meeting. On April 15, 2024, I sent out a reminder with the previous minutes and a draft agenda.

Let me close with thanks to the other members of the executive, Ron, Eva, Gail & Bob, and to our previous secretary, Mike Blanchard, for all the helpful advice they have offered me in carrying out the interesting variety of work that this position offers.

Sincerely,  
Bill Richards,  
Branch Secretary