



RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch  
Annual General Meeting  
Agenda  
May 27, 2023

Called by:	Ron McLean, President
Location:	Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Hall 1396 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE Moose Jaw, Sk.
Date & Time:	Saturday May 27, 2023 2pm.
In attendance:	Ferne K. (Yorkton), Liela F. (Yorkton), Helene N. (Saskatoon), Betty-Lou M (Moose Jaw), Gail J (Assiniboia), Ron M. (Saskatoon), Mike B. (Moose Jaw), Val A. (Moose Jaw), Eva G. (Yorkton), Fiona K. (Assiniboia), Bob M. (Saskatoon), Bev W. (Saskatoon), Bill R (Saskatoon)

1. CALL TO ORDER - Ron called the meeting to order @ 2.15pm, Bill R taking minutes
  - 1.1. Declared a quorum to be present
  - 1.2. Requested approval of draft agenda
    - moved as amended: Bob McN, sec: Helene. Carried.
  - 1.3. Proposed 3.15 pm as time of adjournment. Agreed.
  
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
  - 2.1. Reviewed the second draft of the Minutes of the last AGM (13 June 2020)  
corrections:
    - item 5.1 – (a) motion to accept financial – moved: Eva G.; sec: Bob M
    - (b) motion to appoint reader – moved: Eva G; sec: Diane D.
    - item 5.9 – correct cost figures \$ 53.26 every 2 years
    - item 6.2 - strike out line “May 8, 2020 ...”
    - item 6.5 - strike out line “Affairs of ...”
    - two places - correct spelling of name to “Bill Pollock”Motion to accept Minutes with amendments – Gail J; sec: Bev W.
  
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - Ron raised issue of core dance list – no action so far
  - Bev agreed to have Saskatoon teachers prepare a draft for circulation to all SK teachers (revision of 2012 list)
  - Mike raised issue of new member kits from RSCDS
  - discussion on typical contents
  
4. CORRESPONDENCE
  - workshop invitation from Calgary

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 Treasurer (Eva's submitted report attached)

(a) Dec. 31, 2021 Financial Statement – as there was no AGM in 2022 the President & treasurer did review it

(b) Dec. 31, 2022 Financial Statement presented by Eva G.

Motion to accept 2021 statement – Eva G.; sec: Mike B. Carried.

Motion to accept 2022 statement – Eva G.; sec: Gail J. Carried.

Motion to have G Stewart prepare “Notice to Reader” year end statement, for Dec. 31, 2023 – Eva G.; sec: Gail J. Carried.

### 5.2 President (Ron's submitted report attached)

### 5.3 Secretary (thank you from Mike B for support through these past years)

### 5.4 Membership Director (Gail's submitted report attached)

### 5.5 Teacher Representative (no report available, as teachers did not meet during Covid)

### 5.6 Fall Workshop 2023 planning (no report as Sask Exec has not discussed the possibility – there does not seem much energy at present time for planning such an event – discussion about offering a more modest event, like this evening's supper & dancing?)

### 5.7 Group Reports

5.7.1 Moose Jaw (Gail: 1/3 of the group come in from Assiniboia – weather, holiday, job-sched, Covid interruptions – Mike & Heather have shared leadership)

5.7.2 Saskatoon (Bev: weekly meetings, Wed eve @ All Saints Anglican Hall since Sept 2022; but demo invitations began again from April 2022 – Bev teaches Wed group; Jean coaches demo group; Bob M manages music; Sandra B convenes demo group)

5.7.3 Yorkton (Ferne: weekly meetings, Sat eve @ Anglican Church Hall Sept-Nov 2022, Jan-April 2023; 5 new members – focus on basic dances; attended Lethbridge workshop in April)

At this point, the Chair proposed extending adjournment time to 3.45 pm. Agreed.

### 5.8 Librarian & Website (Bob's submitted report attached)

– receives & collects dance books & music; has also been digitizing LPs & cassettes  
– all indexed; up-dates group info on web-site – Robert C now in BC has continued managing the branch Facebook page – discussion of someone who might take on this task)

Motion to accept the reports as presented – Val; sec: Helene. Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Membership fees (see attached report from Eva G.)

Outlined Scotland's revised membership fee structure as of 1 July 2023

Motion to adopt Table of Membership Fees (Canadian dollars) as proposed in Eva's report – Eva G; sec: Bob M. Carried.

6.2. Election of Executive Officers (2023-2024), Bob M. in the Chair

- Bob outlined the following slate of officers as proposed by the nominations committee:

6.2.1 President - Ron McLean, Saskatoon

6.2.2 Vice President - vacant

(power-to-appoint assigned to the Executive, By-law II.3(j))

6.2.3 Secretary - Bill Richards, Saskatoon

(available for on-line meetings only, Sept-Jan)

6.2.4 Treasurer - Eva Gillard, Yorkton

6.2.5 Membership Director - Gail Jacobs, Assiniboia

6.2.6 Teacher Representative (to be named by the branch teachers.)

Motion to accept this slate of officers – Mike B.; sec: Gail. Carried.

Clarification on signing officers as per By-laws:

*“II.3 (h) SIGNING AUTHORITY*

*The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall have signing authorization on bank account(s). Two of the three signatures shall be required on all cheques.”*

Clarification on Branch rep-proxy for RSCDS meetings

- President, Secretary

7. NEXT Annual General Meeting

Date: 2024 May

Location: Saskatoon

8. ADJOURNMENT moved – Ferne; sec: Bill R. Carried.

(3.40 pm)

# Sign Up Sheet

Ferne Katzberg - Yorkton  
Lida Salkowski Yorkton  
Helene Nelson - Saskatoon  
Betty-Lou Marini - Moose Jaw  
Anja Jacobs - Assiniboia

Panel M of

Mike Blanchard

Val Armstrong, Moose Jaw  
Lena Gillard, Yorkton

Frona Ketterer

Bob McNaughton

Ben Will

Bill Richards

## Appendix – Submitted Reports

### President

It's been too long since we have been able to get together as a group. Just so you know, the Executive committee have been still working in the background to make sure all the I's have been dotted, and the T's were crossed to ensure that we stayed in contact with Scotland during this period were COVID ruled the rust. Now that COVID no longer has a death grip on our lives, and don't get me wrong, we still need to be careful, we can get back to what we like doing best, dancing.

Ron McLean  
27 May 2023

### Membership Director

### Librarian

### Treasurer

- (1) Membership Fee Structure for 2023-2024
- (2) Financial Report for year end 2022

## RSCDS – SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**MAY 27, 2023**

Hello Everyone,

This past season has been interesting as well as exciting as we returned to dance. For some of us, our classes have been sporadic for various reasons. However, the classes we had were always gentle reminders of how much we needed a good review as well as how much we had missed the comradery of our dance companions.

This past year has been a very quiet year as far as dealing with membership activity. If you do require any help with your membership, such as correcting an error or a change of address, or needing your membership number, please feel free to contact me by email at [vandgjacobs@shaw.ca](mailto:vandgjacobs@shaw.ca). “Thank You” to everyone who paid their RSCDS Membership Fees for this past year.

Despite a few losses this past year, we also had a few new paid members which kept our branch at a total of 32 paid members which is the same as the previous year. My understanding is that Saskatoon and Yorkton also have non-member dancers who regularly attend classes. This is welcome news. However, these dancers are not included in the following numbers.

Broken down by group, these paid memberships comprise:

- 16 from Saskatoon
- 8 from Yorkton
- 8 from Moose Jaw

Saskatoon lost 1 member and added 1 new member. Yorkton lost 1 paid member and added 2 new members. Moose Jaw added 2 new members.

Thank you to Tara Zrymiak and Eva Gillard, who gathered the information and fees for their groups and passed it onto me.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Jacobs  
Membership Secretary



# RSCDS

## Saskatchewan Branch

### Librarian's Report

### to the Annual General Meeting

**Submitted by:** Bob McNaughton, Branch Librarian

**To:** Annual General Meeting

**Date:** May 27, 2023

1. Just a reminder that the position of Branch Librarian is not an elected office. It is a self-appointed job and, as such, has no authority to represent the Branch in any capacity. The Librarian has set his own responsibilities and acts in, what he believes to be, the best interests of the Branch. In that capacity, and with that understanding, here is a summary of what has been done this past year.
2. **BOOKS:** There have been no requests to purchase publications in the past year. Book 53 is scheduled to be published this year. Some might wish to order this and other new releases. Please, check [TACBooks](#).
3. **RECORDINGS:** There have been no requests to purchase recordings in the past year.
  - 3.1. The Librarian has obtained some software – and gained some skill – for editing digital recordings, for example, to reduce an eight-times-through recording to four-times-through for a shorter demonstration dance.  
With Book 53 scheduled for release, the CD of music will also be available this year. Please, check [TACSound](#).
4. **LIBRARY:**
  - 4.1. Approximately 40 of the LPs donated to the Saskatoon Group, by Hugh Goldie and Jean Gibson, plus a few in its own collection have been digitised and added to the Club's collection.  
(As of April 2023, we have received an addition number of LPs from a new Saskatoon dancer, Helene Nelson. These are being digitised and will be added to the collection over the summer.)  
The Saskatoon Group now has 202 albums of digital dance music. As these are digital recordings, any track can be sent, as an MP3 file by email, to any of our teachers.
  - 4.2. In exchange for a similar number of its surplus books, Saskatoon received four books from the surplus of the Winnipeg Branch.  
So, now, it has 199 books of dance instructions. 165 of these have been identified on the [Scottish Country Dance Database](#) (SCCDB) website and can be available to any Saskatchewan Branch member, on request. The Librarian will happily add the Moose Jaw and Yorkton collections to the SCDDDB list.  
It is hoped that SCDDDB will soon allow for the collection of Recordings to be similarly identified.
5. **WEBSITE:** Since March 2020, there had been very little activity on the [website](#), as there had been very little activity for the Branch.  
As of September 2022, we seem to be venturing back to more of our usual classes and meetings. So, the Group pages and new Events calendar have been updated accordingly.  
To the best of the Librarian's knowledge, all the information is up to date and accurate and all the hyperlinks have been confirmed.  
A reminder to the Branch that the cost of the site is:

Hosting service (website and email)	\$99.99 plus tax per year
Renewing the domain registration	\$21.99 plus tax annually beginning in 2023 for
<u>each of the two domains</u> owned by the Branch ( <a href="#">rscdssask.org</a> and <a href="#">rscdssaskatchewan.org</a> ).	

  - 5.1. **GROUP PAGES:** These have been updated with the fall 2022 plans provided by each Group.  
If there are revisions required, or additions requested, to any of the Group pages, please let the Librarian know.
  - 5.2. **EVENTS:** Please, tell the Librarian of upcoming events that you wish to have publicised.
  - 5.3. **DOCUMENTS:** The documents are up to date. If there are other documents, which should be available to members, forward them to the Librarian.
  - 5.4. **LEARN MORE & LINKS:** Encourage the dancers to find additional information on the web sites listed on these pages. Links to a number of North-western US SCD clubs has been added.  
The Librarian is always looking for suggestions for additional links.
  - 5.5. **WORKSHOP:** Reluctantly, after several attempts, the Branch workshop was cancelled. Therefore, much of its information on the website needed to be deleted with the posting of the notice. The page will be rebuilt when the Branch has decided how to proceed.
  - 5.6. **GALLERY:** Photos of the new season's dances, classes and socials will be greatly appreciated for the photo Gallery. Email your contributions to [info@rscdssask.org](mailto:info@rscdssask.org).
6. **FACEBOOK:** We owe our thanks to Robert Clark, formerly of Saskatoon, for continuing to manage our Facebook account, now that he lives in British Columbia. We must find a Saskatchewan volunteer to take this responsibility.

**Membership Fees -**

- Motion by Eva Gillard, seconded by Bob that the following fee structure be implemented for the 2023-2024 membership year, subject to annual review.

Revised HQ Fee (GBP) £	Category	Estimate Equivalent CDN @ 1.70 to HQ	Rounded	Estimate to cover Branch Operations	Total Amount
26.00	Single Adult	44.20	45.00	30.00	<b>75.00</b>
42.00	Joint Adult (80% of 2 Adult)	71.40	72.00	58.00	<b>130.00</b>
21.00	Young Adult (80% of Adult)	35.70	36.00	29.00	<b>65.00</b>
13.00	Youth (50% of Adult)	22.10	23.00	27.00	<b>50.00</b>

The "Basic full annual fee" (Single Adult) was increased by HQ AGM in November 2022 to £26.00 with other rates pro-rated on this amount.

Based on the past year's information, branch operations cost approximately \$1,000. This includes Member Liability Insurance, website maintenance and general operating expenses.

Supposing that membership numbers remain at least at the existing level and that the international exchange rate remain somewhat stable, these calculations should cover the overseas funds transfer and provide the branch with sufficient residue to cover on-going operations.