THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

17 JANUARY 1981 - 20 OCTOBER 1990

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY,
17TH JANUARY, 1981, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Taylor (in the Chair), Mrs. M.G. Parker, Mr. G. Bell, Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. J.C. Douglas, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mrs. L. Gaul, Mr. J. Laurie

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP81/1 APOLOGIES

Mr.W.A.Gray, Mrs.A.Murphy, Miss I. Redford, Mrs.J.O.Thomson, Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

GP81/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 25th October were approved.

GP81/3 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP80/26: Elgin Branch. The Chairman said that there was nothing further to report and the Branch was still in a state of suspense. It was agreed that an attempt should be made to hold a Day School in Elgin in early October (organised from HQ) and that the opportunity should be taken to have a chat with ex-Elgin Branch members to suggest re-opening the Branch.

(b) GP80/27 - AGM 1982: It was noted that Dundee Branch had confirmed that they would host the A.G.M. in 1982 and that the dates would be the 29th/30th October, 1982.

(c) GP80/30: The Committee noted that the Executive Council had accepted the recommendations for economies and had given powers to the Committee to approve Branch Constitutions and Formations and to approve Affiliations, with certain provisos, as set out in Executive Council Minutes.

GP81/4 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Instructions to be issued to hosting Branches were approved covering guide programme and timetable - special application forms for delegates with priority in allocation of tickets for functions up to a certain date - distribution date for tickets - limit of two per application form - advice regarding functions, autumn school, AGM, etc.

GP81/5 AFFILIATIONS

Approval was given to the affiliations of the following groups:-
(a) Bergen Scottish Dancing Club, Norway.
(b) Scotscraig, Scottish Country Dance Group, Melbourne, Australia
(c) Paisley Monday Class, Renfrewshire.

GP81/6 BRANCH FORMATION

Approval was given to Halifax/Dartmouth Scottish Country Dance Group, Nova Scotia (60 RSCDS members and 3 qualified teachers) to endeavour to form a Branch.

GP81/7 BRANCH CONSTITUTION

The Committee approved the Detroit Branch Constitution subject to Branch acceptance of amendments to their Article IV and By Law III (1)(f). /Acceptance has since been notified by the Branch and the Constitution is therefore now in order and approved/

GP81/8 SCHOLARSHIP

The Committee agreed to make £154 available from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund Interest this year for one scholarship to Summer School should the Summer School Committee wished to availthemselves of it.

GP81/9 THE SCOTTISH SPORTS COUNCIL

The Committee noted the correspondence from the Scottish Sports Council regarding the non-recognition of the Association of Governing Bodies of Sport in Scotland. A copy of a S.S.C. publicity leaflet in respect of the RSCDS would be forwarded to Branches when available.

GP81/10 NEXT MEETING

25th April, 1981.

The meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.

James Taylor
25/4/81 Chairman

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1981, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. J. Taylor (in the Chair), Mrs. M.G. Parker, Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. J.C. Douglas, Mrs. L. Gall, Mr. W.... Gray, Mr. J. Laurie, Miss I. Redford, Mrs. J.O. Thomson

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP81/11 APOLOGIES

Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Murphy

GP81/12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 17th January, 1981, were approved.

GP81/13 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP81/3(a) Elgin Branch: In view of further information it was decided not to hold a Day School at Elgin this October but that Mrs. Parker and Miss Gibson should go to Elgin for informal talks with members of the Branch.

(b) GP81/9 Scholarship: The Secretary reported that the scholarship made available from the Memorial Fund had been awarded to a member in Anglesey at present with an affiliated group. (Mrs. E. MacLeod).

GP81/14 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

The following applications for affiliation, supported where appropriate by the nearest Branch, were approved:-

(a) Glasgow University Scottish Country Dance Club
(b) Chicago Country Dancers
(c) Grimsby and District Caledonian Dance Class
(d) Swindon Scottish Country Dance Class (Wilts)
(e) Oslo Scottish Country Dance Group
(f) Godmersham Reel Club
(g) Basingstoke S.C.D. Club

GP81/15 APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATIONS

Approval was given for the following groups to endeavour to form a Branch:

(a) Medicine Hat S.C.D. Group (Alberta)
(b) Central Kentucky S.C.D. Society
(c) Peterborough & District

GP81/16 CONSTITUTIONS

Approval was given for the following Constitutions:

(a) Halifax/Dartmouth Branch

(b) London (Ontario))
(c) Dundee) Minor amendments to existing constitutions
(d) Ottawa)

GP81/17 INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 1981

The Scottish International Gathering Trust had requested the Society to supply 8 demonstration teams for the welcome ceremony on 23rd May. The Secretary reported that to date she had guarantees of 4 sets plus 2 couples (having been asked to restrict requests to nearby Branches) but she was awaiting further information from Branches.

GP81/18 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) A letter of thanks for the Anniversary card had been received from Norwich Branch.

(b) Mr. H. Smith of Guilford, Surrey, a member of London Branch, had written complaining of the increased fees now payable for London Branch classes by those who resided outwith the Inner London Education Authority area. He asked that the General Purposes Committee should consider this matter (£15 for Inner London residents, £69 for Outer London residents) and to answer certain other queries. Mr. Laurie explained that London Branch classes were held under the auspices of the ILEA which had proved the most economic way of providing instruction in the Branch area; he also said that most members seemed to prefer that classes and social functions be held in the centre of London.

The Committee understood the difficulties of the Branch and the hardship to members outwith the ILEA area. They decided to ask the Branch to look at the situation generally to see if there were in the Outer London areas any with a sufficient number of members to form a Branch or Affiliated Group - and with viability.

In replying to Mr. Smith the Secretary was asked to suggest that his own particular problem might be solved by the transfer of his membership to the Berks, Hants, Surrey Border Group.

(c) TACTALK : The Committee were dismayed at the contents of the Editorial in the March issue of "TACTALK" and in view of the, in their opinion, erroneous impression which would be left with its readers, it was decided that a reply should be sent to the Editor in the hope that it might be included in the next issue.

(d) A letter from Mr. Brown of the York and North Humberside Branch covering many aspects of the Society's administration and organisation was carefully considered and in the light of the discussion the Secretary was asked to reply to Mr. Brown.

GP81/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Branch Twinning: The Chairman raised the question of the twinning of Overseas and UK Branches; the general opinion of the Committee was that this could be left to individual Branches to take the necessary action and make contact should they wish to do so.

(b) The Chairman informed members of the lunch arranged for members of the Executive Council on 30th May so that members should become more acquainted with each other.

GP81/20 NEXT MEETING

24th October, 1981

The meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.

James Tacellor
Chairman.
24/10/81.

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ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP81/21 APOLOGIES

Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. J. Laurie

GP81/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 25th April were approved.

GP81/23 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP81/13(a) Elgin Branch: The Secretary reported that the visit of Mrs. Parker and herself to Elgin which had augured so well at first had proved abortive in the end. The Committee decided to continue to retain the Branch in suspension in the meantime and to contact the two recognisable groups in Elgin with a view to asking them to affiliate to the Society.

(b) GP81/15 - Branch Formations. The Secretary reported that the formations authorised in the case of Medicine Hat, Central Kentucky and Peterborough had been effected.

(c) GP81/18 - TACTALK. Professor McBryde had been unable to include the Society(s reply to the article in the March issue of TACTALK in the September issue but it would appear in December.

(d) GP81/17. International Clan Gathering. Letters of appreciation had been received regarding the RSCDS teams who had performed at the Welcome Ceremony and a donation of £30 had been received from the I.C.G. Trust.

GP81/24 CONSTITUTIONS

Amendments to the following Constitutions were approved:
Melbourne Branch - Bedfordshire Branch - T.A.C.

GP81/25 AFFILIATIONS

(a) The following applications for affiliation, supported where appropriate by the nearest Branch, were approved:-

(i) St. Mary's (Thursday) S.C.D. Group - Salisbury, Zimbabwe
(ii) Townsville S.C. Dancers - Townsville, Queensland, Australia
(iii) Cleveland Heights S.C. Dance Group - Cleveland Heights, Ohio
(iv) Highgate S.C. Dance Club - Kendal, Cumbria
(v) Athabasca S.C.D. Club - Athabasca, Alberta, Canada
(vi) Ramsey S.C. Dancing Group - Ramsey, Isle of Man
(vii) Pershore Caledonian Society - Pershore, Worcs.
(viii) White Heather Country Dancers - Oklahoma City, USA
(ix) The Loch Michigan S.C.D. Society - Chicago
(x) Droitwich & District Scottish Society - Droitwich, Worcs.
(xi) Irene S.C. Dancing Club - Irene, South Africa
(xii) St. Columba's Presbyterian Church C.D. Club, Umtali, Zimbabwe
(xiii) Aberdeen University S.C.D. Society - Aberdeen
(xiv) Derby Scottish Association & Burns Club - Derby

(b) The application from Easton S.C. Dancers, Maryland, was approved conditional on a supporting letter being received from Washington D.C. Branch.

(c) The application from the Scottish Country Dance Society of Philadelphia was held over pending a reply from the applicant to a letter requesting further information.

GP81/26 BRANCH FORMATIONS

Approval was given for the following Groups to endeavour to form a Branch -

(a) White Cockade S.C. Dancers - Windsor (Ontario) Branch
(b) Castle Hill S.C.D. Group - Cambridgeshire Branch

GP81/27 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND

The Secretary reported that the capital sum was now £16,323 and the interest for the year ending 31 January, 1982, would probably amount to some £1500.

The Committee decided that the interest in 1982 should be used as follows:

(a) £600 for 4 copies of the new film for use in Africa, Australasia, Europe and North America.

(b) £400 for a teaching tour in Ireland to include Branches in the North and Groups in the North and in Eire. (Remitted to Examinations Committee to select a teacher with a strong recommendation that a comparatively young teacher be sent).

(c) £510 for three scholarships covering Summer School fees, these to be allotted to examination candidates from affiliated groups which could thus be assisted to achieve Branch formation. The selection of groups was remitted to the Chairman and Secretary with powers.

It was suggested that the project for 1983 might be a teaching tour of the Far East and it was decided to carry forward this suggestion to the next meeting.

GP81/28 PIANISTS

Mr. W. A. Gray suggested that it would be useful to have a pianist's course available as part of the Summer School Curriculum. The Chairman said that this was a matter for the Summer School Committee and the suggestion would be remitted.

GP81/29 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

The Committee recommended that exceptional service to the Society should be recognised in some way. Mr. Taylor suggested that a special parcel might be appropriate. The Committee agreed and it was decided to ask Mr. Iain Robertson to produce designs for the Committee's consideration. At the same time it was suggested that Branches might themselves wish to purchase appropriate presentation gifts and that the Society should produce suitable articles, these to be made available only in cases where a scroll was considered appropriate. It was envisaged that Branches would put forward nominations for the Committee's approval.
(NOTE: This scheme is only in the early planning stages and no nominations should be forwarded to Headquarters until such time as Branches are notified that they may do so).

GP81/30 CHILDREN IN THE SOCIETY

Mr. Zobel's paper on Children's Place in the Society had not been received and it was decided to carry forward discussion on this item to the next meeting.

GP81/31 NEXT MEETING

Date would be fixed by the Executive Council in November.

The Chairman thanked members for the work they had done during the year on behalf of the Society and the meeting closed at 12.55 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

James Jacmot,
16/1/82.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH ON SATURDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1982 AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr J Taylor (in the Chair); Mrs M G Parker, Miss I Bennett, Miss M Brown, Mrs M Corson, Miss A M Duffield, Mr W A Gray, Mrs A Murphy, Mr T Steele, Mr I G R Zobel.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

GP/82/1 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman wished members a good New Year and welcomed the new members on the Committee. He intimated that a message had been received from Buckingham Palace on behalf of the Prince and Princess of Wales, thanking us for our congratulatory telegram on the announcement of the forthcoming happy event.

GP82/2 APOLOGIES

Mr J Laurie, Mrs J O Thomson

GP82/3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 24th October were approved.

GP82/4 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP81/26(b) - The Committee noted that Cambridgeshire Branch and Windsor (Ontario) Branch had been formed.

(b) GP81/27(c) The three scholarships provided from the Memorial Fund for Affiliated Groups had been allotted to groups in Arizona, Jersey and Ipswich.

(c) GP81/27(a) - Correspondence from the TAC was noted in regard to the film. It was decided to ask New Zealand Branch to take custody for the film for use in Australasia as it was the largest Branch in the area and they already had a custodian of films, slides etc. The TAC would be asked to take charge of the film on behalf of North America.

GP82/5 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND - PROJECT FOR 1983

It was decided that a teaching tour of the Far East and Australasia should be undertaken in 1983 and the Committee remitted to the Examinations Committee their recommendations regarding the qualifications necessary and possible nominee (Details in paper apart).

Miss Brown felt that a future project should include Scotland where there were many groups outwith the Society who might be encouraged to unite with it. The Chairman agreed that consideration would be given to this. (Preliminary action has now been initiated in this respect.)

GP82/6 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

The draft design for a scroll, submitted by Mr Iain S Robertson was approved. Mr Robertson would now prepare a final draft and had offered to ascertain the best means of reproduction.

GP82/7 APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

(a) S.C.D. of Philadelphia had withdrawn their application (GP81/25(C))
(b) The Secretary reported that Easton S.C. Dancers had received support from Washington Branch and had been given affiliation approval.
(c) The following applications were approved:
  (i) Flookburgh & District S.C. Dance Club, Cumbria
  (ii) Rowan S.C. Dancers, Eastleigh, Hampshire
  (iii) Somerset West Presbyterian Church S.C.D. Club, South Africa

GP82/8 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) The proposed Constitution for Twin Cities Branch was approved.
(b) The proposed Constitution for Winnipeg Branch was not approved and the reasons intimated to the Branch, (in the main misunderstanding regarding membership).

GP82/9 MEMBERSHIP REPORTING

The Secretary intimated her concern regarding Life and Long Term 'lost' members. These numbers were included in our membership. While the Long Term members if not recovered would be out of membership after 15 years from date of joining as such, Life members would be held indefinitely and some might no longer be alive without our being appraised of the fact. We would then be showing very inaccurate figures. The Committee decided that lost Life Members might be omitted from our totals after 15 years from joining if no contact had been made in that time. Lists of 'lost' members would continue to be published in the Bulletin and those with whom contact was renewed would of course be able to take up membership again.

GP82/10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) 1983: Some discussion took place as regards the functions and special events for the Ayr 50th and the Society 60th Jubilees. The Committee suggested that there might be a reception before the Ball for all attending. A further suggestion was to have the Ball on Saturday and the informal dance on the Friday. Mrs Parker undertook to discuss these suggestions with Ayr Branch who were the hosts in 1983.

(b) 1982: The Committee approved the teacher and pianist for the 1982 A.G.M.

(c) General: Correspondence from Mr Harrison (Leeds) and Mr Pine (Harrogate) regarding A.G.M. arrangements was noted.

GP82/11 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) A request from "Help the Aged" to include their appeal brochure as an insert to the Bulletin was not considered feasible.

(b) The Committee noted that the Society's reply to the article in the March edition of TACTALK had been included in the December issue (GP81/23(c)).

(c) Mrs Corson said she had found information about the Hon. Miss Nicky Murray who was a sister of an earlier Earl of Mansfield and who had been a Directress of the Assemblies in her time. She suggested it might be of interest for the Bulletin; she undertook to give further details to Miss Gibson.

(d) Mr Zobel asked if Branches could run charity dances. It was explained that while Branch funds could not be used for donations to charity, dances could be organised and the proceeds given to charity as long as the advertisements and tickets made it quite clear what the proceeds would be used for.

GP82/12 NEXT MEETING

24th April, 1982

James Jackson
Chairman
24/4/82.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

16TH JANUARY, 1982

PAPER APART

Minute GP82/5

The Committee decided that a teaching tour of the Far East and Australasia should be arranged in 1983 as the project for that year funded from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund.

The Committee recommended very strongly that a "youngish" teacher should undertake the tour and felt that a man should be selected on this occasion as a matter of equity.

To meet these requirements the Committee were unanimous in their recommendation that the teacher selected should be Dr. Alastair MacFadyen if he were willing to undertake the tour on behalf of the Society.

20th January, 1982.

James Taylor, Chairman.

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ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

GP82/13 APOLOGIES

Mrs M G Parker

GP82/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 16th January were approved.

GP82/15 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP82/5 Teaching Tour Far East & Australasia. The Secretary reported that Dr MacFadyen had accepted the invitation to undertake the tour and that preliminary action regarding co-ordinators in each location had been taken.

(b) GP82/6(b) Scroll: The draft scroll for recognition of service to the Society was noted by the Committee who recorded their admiration for the design and their appreciation of the work by Mr Iain S Robertson in producing it.

(c) GP82/9: 'Lost' Members. The Committee agreed that around 100 'lost' Life Members should be transferred to the 'resigned' list since contact had been lost with them for many years. The list would be published in the Bulletin with an explanation of the procedure and the reasons for it.

(d) GP82/10(a): AGM 1983: As Mrs Parker was not present this item was carried forward to the next meeting.

A letter from Ayr Branch suggesting that classes be held in the morning and in the afternoon of the AGM was considered but the Committee recommended that no class be held in the interval after tea and before the Dance. The nominations of teachers and pianists put forward by the Branch were approved.

(e) Publicity: The Committee decided to invite Miss Margaret Anderson to undertake a publicity tour of non-affiliated groups in the Dunoon area of Argyll.

GP82/16 BRANCH FORMATION

(a) The following applications for permission to endeavour to form a Branch were approved:

(i) Japan and East Tokyo
(ii) Sutton Coldfield
(iii) Islay (with certain provisos regarding inclusion of the affiliated group on the island and arrangements for the inaugural meeting).
(iv) Pretoria, So. Africa.

GP82/17 DISBANDMENT

The Committee declared Elgin Branch to be officially disbanded.

GP82/18 AFFILIATIONS

It was decided to approve affiliations for the following groups:

(a) South Shore S.C.D. Group (Nova Scotia)
(b) Manila Reel Club (Philippines)
(c) Conejo Valley S.C.D. Society (California)
(d) Lakeside S.C.D. Club (N.S.W. Australia)
(e) St Andrew Society, St Louis, Missouri
(f) Hong Kong S.C.D. Club

(6)

GP82/19 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Approval was given to amendments to Constitutions in the case of the following Branches:

Halifax-Dartmouth Branch
Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch

(b) Windsor (Ontario) and Winnipeg Branches had submitted Constitutions which could be approved if the Committee's recommendations were to be accepted and these would be brought forward again when replies were received.

(c) In considering a tentative constitution from Peterborough and District Branch the Committee decided that no Branch geographical boundaries should be included.

(d) The Committee agreed that there was no objection to Adelaide Branch adopting 'incorporated' status which would meet their requirements for insurance purposes.

GP82/20 RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

A sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Miss Brown, Mr Gray and Mr Laurie was formed to consider qualifications acceptable for the award of a Scroll and to draw up guide lines for the award.

GP82/21 MEMBERSHIP

The Committee approved a draft of an article for the Bulletin which it was hoped would clarify what constituted membership in a Branch and in the Society.

GP82/22 CHILDREN IN THE SOCIETY

The Committee briefly discussed Mr Zobel's paper on this subject but it was obvious that more time was required to consider all the implications. It was decided to include the subject in the agenda for the next meeting with points to be discussed including -

notification of Education authorities in UK regions outwith Scotland
offer of assistance to schools
classes for school teachers
possibility of children's classes at Summer School

GP82/23 SUBSCRIPTION COPIES

A letter from Toronto Branch proposed discontinuing the issue of subscription copies to members and to make a charge for the dance publications under this category. At present the membership subscription includes the provision of a dance publication and a Bulletin and the Committee considered that this system should be continued.

GP82/24 JUBILEE

Mr Laurie asked if the Society intended to hold any special event for its Diamond Jubilee. The Chairman said that nothing had been planned but Branches were arranging local celebrations. It was suggested that the Publications Committee should give thought to a special leaflet as had been produced for the Golden Jubilee. It was agreed to remit this suggestion to the Publications Committee.

GP82/25 NEXT MEETING

23rd October, 1982

The meeting closed at 1.24 p.m.

Chairman: James Yacklon.
Date: 23/10/82.

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ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP82/26 APOLOGIES

Mrs. M. Corson

GP82/27 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 24th April were approved with the following amendment to GP82/16: Delete '(a)' Add '(iv) Pretoria'

GP82/28 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP82/10(a) A.G.M. 1983: Mrs. Parker reported on the arrangements made for the A.G.M. in 1983. For both the Ball and the Dance dinner would be served at the start of the evening. Arrangements had been made to cater for latecomers on the evening of the Ball. Coffee would be provided free on Saturday morning when there would be a class (60p per member) and the alternative of a tour to Alloway. During both Friday Saturday evenings there would be a break for a cup of tea.

(b) GP82/15: Publicity. The Committee minuted its appreciation of the tour undertaken by Miss Anderson and Miss Inglis in the Dunoon area of Argyll, which had produced excellent results. It was decided in consequence that further such tours should be undertaken and that Miss Anderson should be asked to cover North Argyll and Mrs. Corson the area north of Inverness. An appropriate time for the visits would be arranged by the Secretary with the groups and teachers concerned.

(c) GP82/16 The Secretary reported that Sutton Coldfield, Isle of Islay and Pretoria Branches had been successfully formed.

(d) GP82/24 - Jubilee publication: The Secretary reported that the Publications Committee had decided against publishing a special leaflet for the Diamond Jubilee but a special cover would be designed for Book 31.

(e) GP82/27: Tour in Ireland. The Committee noted the report from Miss Miller on the teaching tour of Branches and Groups in Ireland and also received letters of thanks from Branches and Groups. The Committee recorded their thanks to Miss Miller and to Mr. Mackay who had accompanied her as pianist.

(f) GP82/9 'Lost' Members: Miss Brown asked that before a list of members whose whereabouts were unknown were published in the Bulletin, Branches concerned should be asked if they could supply any information. Miss Gibson agreed to contact Branches before publication of lists but said that an annual check on Branch Long Term and Life Members had already been established in an effort to maintain accurate membership records.

GP82/29 INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN THE SOCIETY

Mr. Zobel presented a paper in respect of children in the Society and the need to encourage their interest in Scottish Country Dancing. He advocated tests and awards for children - but did not intend these to be competitive - to increase their desire to learn, to be a means of assessment and raising of standards and so enable them to join in the dancing with adults on family occasions.

He also suggested that a class should be held at St. Andrews for children. The Committee considered that this suggestion should be passed to the Summer School Committee for consideration.

Miss Brown suggested that an article might be included in the Bulletin and to this end Branches would be asked to send in to the Secretary, before 31st March, 1983, any useful suggestions regarding the involvement of children in the Society.

GP82/30 Service to the Society

(a) It had already been decided that outstanding service to the Society should be marked by the award of a special scroll. The Committee now decided that recommendations must be made from a Branch or from the General Purposes Committee of the Society and a detailed case made out to cover:

Outstanding service and loyalty to the Society;

Maintenance of the aims of preserving the standards and traditions of Scottish Country Dancing;

Encouragement in others of the knowledge and enjoyment of Scotland's heritage of dance and music.

Long Service in the Society, while being taken into consideration might not in itself merit the award.

The General Purposes Committee would set up a Sub-Committee to consider in the first instance, and in confidence, all recommendations. The Sub-Committee's recommendations would then go before the General Purposes Committee before awards were ratified by the Executive Council.

Names of recipients would be announced at the Annual General Meeting of the Society at which, whenever possible, the Scroll would be presented. Recommendations for awards should therefore reach the Secretary by the 31st December of the preceding year.

As the Scroll would be seen as a prestigious award, recommendations would receive stringent consideration and the number of Scrolls to be presented would be limited.

(b) It was decided that a special presentation should be made to Miss D.M. Vaughan, the retiring Treasurer of the Society.

GP82/31 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Amendments to the following Branch Constitutions were approved:

Newcastle upon Tyne and District, Northern Virginia, New York, and Vancouver.

(b) The amendment proposed to Kitchener-Waterloo Constitution would be approved only if the wording of Article 10 was revised as suggested.

(c) New Constitutions -

(i) Cambridge and District approved subject to the rewording of Clause 11 as suggested.

(ii) Sutton Coldfield - approved with deletion of Clause 12(b) which and a few very minor amendments.

GP82/32 BRANCH MINUTE BOOKS

The Honorary Archivist had asked the Committee to consider the safety of Branch Minutes and to consider whether or not they should be sent to HQ for safe keeping. The Committee decided in the first instance to ask Branches to confirm that they held Minutes from the inauguration of the Branch to the present date.

GP82/33 AFFILIATIONS

It was decided to approve affiliation for the following groups:

(a) Giffordtown S.C.D. Group (Fife)
(b) Tighnabruaich S.C.D. Club (Argyll)) Subject to no objection being
(c) Lochgoilhead S.C.D. Club (Argyll)) received from Lorn (Argyll)
(d) Strachur & Dist S.C.D. Club (Argyll)) Branch
(e) Cowal S.C.D.Club Dunoon (Argyll))
(f) Stamford S.C.D. Club (Lincs)
(g) Anglo-German S.C.D. Club (Germany)
(h) Singapore St. Andrew's Society (Singapore)
(i) Club de Danse Ecossaise (France)
(j) The Cherdon du Dauphine (Grenoble, France)
(k) The Brigadoors (California)
(l) Tulsa Ceilidh Dancers & Pipers (Oklahoma)
(m) Saltire S.C. Dancers (Florida)
(n) Lethbridge S.C.D. Club (Alberta) - Subject to no objection being received from Calgary Branch.
(o) The Scottish Society of San Antonio.

GP82/33 AFFILIATIONS (CONTD)

It was decided not to approve the affiliation of the Tartan Dancers of San Antonio meantime but to invite the applicant to re-submit her request when her group was stronger as it numbered only six at present.

GP82/34 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) A letter from Mr. Iain S. Robertson was noted and the Committee recorded their appreciation for the maps he had prepared of the locations of Branches and Affiliated Groups world wide. The preparation of the maps had obviously entailed many, many hours of work; the three framed maps were most attractive and had been hung in the vestibule at Headquarters.

(b) A letter from Mr. Kevin Connolly was noted. Mr. Connolly was one of the two examiners who had been appointed for Australia. Among other matters he had raised the question of the examiners having copies of Executive Council Minutes. While this was not thought necessary it was decided to pass his letter to the Examinations Committee for them to consider if/how examiners overseas should be kept better informed.

(c) Mrs. Mendelssohn (Oklahoma) had written advocating a 'fitting perennnial memorial' in honour of C. Stewart Smith who had died in North America last July. The Committee considered that further opinion should be sought - e.g. Houston Branch - Mrs. Mendelssohn's own ideas, etc. before any decision was taken as to whether a memorial was feasible or not.

(d) The T.A.C. who had agreed to look after the film "Take Your Partners" for loan in North America were concerned for the safety of the film and asked permission to produce a video tape of the film for loan. This was agreed.

GP82/35 VOTING AT A.G.M.

The Secretary had had a query regarding voting rights at the A.G.M. The Committee ruled that the status quo was correct and that the Director of Summer School, the Elected Members and Conveners of Committees were not, by virtue of these appointments alone, entitled to vote.

GP82/36 NEXT MEETING

15th January, 1983 (subject to ratification by the Executive Council)

Mr. Taylor, closing the meeting at 1.23 p.m., thanked all members for their contribution to the work of the Society and the Committee during the past year.

Margaret G. Parker.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1983, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mrs. M.G. Parker (in the Chair), Dr. A. MacFadyen, Mr. J. Taylor, Miss I. Bennett, Miss A.M. Duffield, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. B. Frazer, Mr. W.A. Gray, Mr. J. Laurie, Miss D. Leurs, Mrs. A. Murphy, Mr. I.G.R. Zobel

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP83/1 APOLOGIES Mr Zobel & Mr Gray ✓

There were no apologies

GP83/2 MINUTES

The Minutes were approved. ✓

GP83/3 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP82/28(a)- AGM 1983. The Secretary of Ayr Branch had written regarding arrangements for the AGM. She wished to distribute tickets before the recommended date and Miss Gibson said she had advised against this and had pointed out the dangers in this course of action; both Ball and Saturday dance would be Dinner/Dances with the meal being served at the start of the evening. There would be two rooms and on the Friday there should be a proposer of the toast to the RSCDS. It was left to a later meeting to decide who should propose the toasts.

There would be a Saturday morning class with an admission charge of 60p and as an alternative there would be a short 'bus tour to Alloway to see an Audio Visual film of the Burns' Heritage Trail. Prior to these events the Branch would offer morning coffee from 10-11 a.m.

Ayr Branch would provide lunch to Council representatives and afternoon tea to delegates to the AGM. The Branch Committee had it in mind to provide some activity at Branch level to fill the gap between afternoon tea and the next meal at 7.30 p.m.

(b) GP82/28(b) Publicity: The Secretary reported that both Miss Anderson and Mrs. Corson had accepted the invitation to visit non-affiliated and affiliated groups in North Argyll, Inverness and Easter Ross. The visits were being offered in late September and early October.

(c) Service to the Society: The Secretary reported that several nominations for the award had been made from Branches, and a nomination was made from the General Purposes Committee.

A sub-committee was appointed composed of Mrs. Parker, Dr. MacFadyen, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Taylor and Miss Leurs, to meet on Saturday, 5th March at 11 a.m.

(d) GP82/32 Minute Books: Some twelve replies had been received from Branches and it was decided to await further replies before examining the situation.

GP83/4 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Cambridge and District Branch had met the requirements of the Committee and the Constitution was now approved.

(b) South Wales: This constitution was provisionally approved pending the amendments which were scheduled to be made at the next Branch A.G.M.

(c) Winnipeg: The constitution was not approved as there were still one or two adjustments required to keep the Branch constitution in line with the Society's. The Secretary was advised to write in detail to the Branch. If the recommendations of the Committee were accepted the constitution could be approved.

(d) Model Constitution: Tentative suggestions of a model Branch Constitution had now become a matter of necessity so far as UK Branches were concerned because of Inland Revenue Corporation tax regulations. While the sample Branch constitution in the Society's Constitution and Rules could be cited for the time being as the model on which all Branch Constitutions were based, it was decided to ask Mr. Brown (our legal adviser on constitutions) if he would draw up a model Branch Constitution for the Committee's consideration.

GP83/5 AFFILIATIONS

(a) The Thistle Group, Dumfries. Consideration of this application was carried forward to the next meeting; in the meantime the Committee desired that the Chairman and Secretary should visit Dumfries Branch to obtain the further information which the Committee wished to have.

(b) Richmond S.C.D. Society, Virginia, USA - Carried forward to the next meeting pending clarification of membership.

(c) Toorak Uniting S.C.D. Group, Toorak, Victoria Australia. Affiliation approved subject to the Melbourne Branch having no objection.

(d) Affiliation was approved for the following groups:

Bader-Brugg Scottish Country Dancing Club, Switzerland
Riyadh S.C.D. Club, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Harrisburg S.C. Dancers, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, USA
Linlithgow S.C. Dance Club. West Lothian
St. Andrew's Society of Colorado Country Dancers, Denver, USA

GP83/6 BRANCH FORMATION

Approval was given to Mrs. Shipley of Strachur S.C.D. Club to endeavour to form a South Argyll Branch of the Society.

GP83/7 CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from the National Resource Centre for Dance was noted and passed to the Hon. Archivist for his information.

A letter from Mr. R. Beattie, Surrey University was noted.

GP83/8 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Mrs. Dunn proposed, and it was agreed, that an article on affiliation should again be included in the Bulletin.

(b) At Dr. MacFadyen's instigation the Secretary explained that though Mr. T. Steel's name had been announced as included in the General Purposes Committee at the Executive Council in November, it had later been ascertained that he had been included in error. The matter had been explained to Mr. Steel.

(c) Mrs. Parker suggested that the Society should provide some tangible recognition for past chairmen - i.e. a badge that they might wear after they had demitted office. The Committee unanimously approved of the suggestion and it was decided to remit the matter to the Finance Committee for provision of finance for the number of badges required.

(d) Dr. MacFadyen raised the question of Branch badges and Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Dunn, proposed that the Society's motif should be the sole motif used by Branches, the only addition being the name of the Branch. This was unanimously agreed but without retrospective effect, (i.e. only Branches adopting Branch badges from now on would be affected if the recommendation was approved by the Executive Council).

GP83/9 NEXT MEETING

16th April, 1983

Margaret G. Parker.

The meeting closed at 1 p.m.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1983, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mrs. M.G. Parker (in the Chair), Dr. A. MacFadyen, Mr. J. Taylor, Miss I. Bennett, Miss A.M. Duffield, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. B. Frazer, Mr. J. Laurie, Miss D. Leurs, Mrs. A. Murphy.

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP83/10 APOLOGIES

Mr. W. A. Gray, Mr. I.G.R. Zobel

GP83/11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 15th January, 1983, were approved.

GP83/12 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP83/3(b) The Secretary reported that arrangements for the visits in the Autumn of Miss Anderson and Mrs. Corson to North Argyll and Easter Ross respectively were now complete.

(b) GP83/3(d) Replies from Branches regarding Minute Books continued to come in but not all had been received by any means.

(c) GP83/4(c) The Secretary reported that Winnipeg Branch Constitution was now in order.

(d) GP83/4(d) The design for a 'Past-Chairman' badge was approved; the Committee stressed that the blue in the design must be azure.

GP83/13 SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

(a) The Sub-Committee appointed under Minute GP83/3(c) reported on their consideration of those nominated to receive a Scroll this year. Nominations received after the date of the sub-committee meeting were carried over to be considered for next year's awards. The Committee recommended that the undernoted should receive a Scroll in 1983:

Name	Nominated by
Mrs. Florence D. Lesslie	New Zealand Branch
Miss Ina Nairn	Forfar Branch
Mrs. Helen Walker	Castle Douglas Branch
Professor John Wevers	Teachers' Association Canada
Miss Phyllis Wood	Birmingham Branch
Miss D. M. Vaughan	General Purposes Committee

(b) As Mrs. Lesslie and Professor Wevers were unlikely to be able to attend the A.G.M. in Scotland it was agreed that, on behalf of the Society, Dr. MacFadyen should present Mrs. Lesslie with her Scroll during his visit to New Zealand this Summer and that Mrs. Holden should make the presentation to Professor Wevers at the 25th birthday celebrations of the TAC in September at which she would be teaching.

(c) The Committee approved a form to be completed by Branches when making nominations, to simplify selection procedure, and decided that the wording on the Scroll and the Executive's outline of conditions for award should be forwarded with each form for the information of Branches.

GP83/14 AFFILIATIONS

(a) Thistle Group, Dumfries The Chairman and Secretary reported on their visit to Dumfries Branch. After careful consideration the Committee decided that it would not be in the best interests of the Society to grant affiliation to this group. Individual members would be welcomed by Dumfries Branch should they wish to join the Society.

(b) Toorak Uniting S.C.D. Group (GP83/5(c)). Melbourne Branch had not supported the application and in view of the circumstances the Committee decided not to grant affiliation.

GP83/14 AFFILIATIONS (contd)

(c) The following applications were approved:

(i) Richmond S.C.D. Group, Virginia, USA
(ii) Dundee University S.C. Dancing Society, Dundee
(iii) Scottish Country Dancers of Colorado, Denver, USA
(iv) Comber S.C.D. Club, Northern Ireland - subject to support from Belfast Branch.
(v) South Brighton S.C.D. Club, Christchurch, N.Z. - subject to support from N.Z. Branch
(vi) Bromsgrove S.C.D. Group, Worcestershire
(vii) Grand Prairie S.C. Dance, Alberta, Canada

GP83/15 APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION

(a) The Secretary reported that both South and Mid Argyll Branches had been successfully formed.

(b) Cincinnati - This application was carried over pending further information regarding a second teacher.

(c) Approval was given to form the Orange County Branch, California

(d) An application to form a Branch in the Wirral was not approved but the Committee were prepared to consider an application to form an Affiliated Group.

GP83/16 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Belfast Branch - Amendments approved
(b) Leicester Branch - Amendments approved
(c) San Diego Branch - Amendments not approved in the form presented - carried over.
(d) Los Angeles Branch do.
(e) New York Branch do.
(f) The Secretary reported that Kitchener-Waterloo Constitution was now in order.
(g) RSCDS Association of Branches in Northern Ireland - carried forward for further consideration.

GP83/17 DIRECTOR OF SUMMER SCHOOL

The Committee had given approval to approaching Branches for nominations for Director of Summer School, voting to take place at the Executive Council in May.

However, the Committee decided that at the next meeting in October the conditions of appointment and tenure of the Director of Summer School should be reviewed and that the Summer School Committee should be asked for their views. A letter from South Wales Branch on the subject was noted and would be borne in mind.

GP83/18 CHILDREN IN THE SOCIETY

A paper prepared by the Secretary from Branch submissions was approved for publication in the Bulletin.

GP83/19 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letters of acknowledgement of Silver Jubilee greetings were received from Cheltenham Branch and T.C and Montreal Branch.

(b) The Secretary had written on behalf of the Society to those Branches in Australia who were in the Fire area and our concern for the people there was appreciated.

(c) A letter from the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing asking for advice on the Scottish component of a teacher training scheme in folk dancing was passed to Mr. Laurie for action by London Branch.

(d) The Scottish Sports Council had asked to be informed of our research needs but Dr. MacFadyen (Hon. Archivist), in the light of the information given in the letter, did not consider that the Council could be of assistance to the Society, a view supported by the Committee.

GP83/20 NEXT MEETING

22nd October, 1983

The meeting closed at 1.10 p.m.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 14TH MAY, 1983, AT 1.15 P.M.

PRESENT: Mrs. M. G. Parker (in the Chair), Dr. A. MacFadyen, Mr. J. Taylor, Miss I. Bennett, Miss A. M. Duffield, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. B. Frazer, Mr. J. Laurie, Miss D. Leurs, Mrs. M. Murphy, Mr. I. G. R. Zobel.

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP83/21 APOLOGIES

Mr. W. A. Gray

(This meeting was convened to consider the following two items only)

GP83/22 BRANCH FORMATION

(a) The Scottish Dance Society of Cincinnati: The Secretary confirmed that the group had two members with the Teacher's Certificate and one with a Preliminary Test Pass.
The Committee approved Branch Formation.

(b) The Wirral: In View of the support now given to the formation of the Branch by Liverpool Branch, and additional information from the applicant, the Committee reversed their previous decision (GP83/15(d)) and gave approval for Branch formation.

GP83/23 AFFILIATION

The following applications for affiliation were approved:

(a) Southwick S.C.D. Club, Brighton, West Sussex
(b) Cardiff St. Andrews S.C.D. Group, Cardiff
(c) Gosford S.C.D. Club, Gosford, N.S.W., Australia
(d) College St. S.C. Dance Club, N.Z. - Subject to there being no objection from New Zealand Branch.

GP83/24 NEXT MEETING

22nd October, 1983

The meeting closed at 1.25 p.m.

Margaret G. Parker.

(b) The Committee noted that Dundee Branch had intimated their desire to host the Annual General Meeting at a future date and the offer was appreciated.

(c) The Committee noted that hosts had already been intimated for 1984 and 1985 but no firm offer had been received thereafter.

GP83/29 BRANCH FORMATION

An application by Dr. Jerome A. Reinstein of the Tartan Plaidie Group to form a Paris Branch was approved. The inaugural meeting would be publicised in the normal way and all groups in Paris invited to attend.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY,
22ND OCTOBER, 1983, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mrs. M. G. Parker (in the Chair), Dr. A. MacFadyen, Mr. J. Taylor, Miss I. Bennett, Miss A.M. Duffield, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. B. Frazer, Mr. W.A. Gray, Mr. J. Laurie, Mrs. A. Murphy, Mr. I.G.R. Zobel

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP83/25 APOLOGIES

Miss D. Leurs

GP83/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings on 16th April and 14th May, 1983, were approved.

GP83/27 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP83/12(a) The Secretary reported that Miss Anderson and Mrs. Corson had visited Argyll and Ross-shire/Sutherland respectively with pianists Miss Kinghorn and Miss Mann. The visits had been most successful and were already producing results. The Committee recorded their appreciation of the work undertaken by these ladies.

(b) GP83/12(d): The Secretary reported that the 'Past Chairman' badges had been received and that those to be presented at the A.G.M. had been appropriately inscribed.

(c) GP83/13(a) Scrolls: The Secretary reported that three scrolls had already been presented to recipients unable to attend the A.G.M. The remaining three would be presented on 5th November. Mrs. Lesslie (NZ) had sent a very appreciative letter of thanks for her Scroll.

(d) GP83/14(a): The Committee noted a letter from the Thistle Group.

(e) GP83/14(c)(v) No reply had yet been received from the New Zealand Branch regarding the South Brighton S.C.D. Group who had again written regarding their application for affiliation. The Secretary had now pressed for a reply; should this not be forthcoming by the end of November a deadline would be set for implementation of approval.

(f) GP83/18 Children in the Society: Mr. Zobel expressed the opinion that the article in this year's Bulletin was excellent and hoped that it would encourage Branches to offer facilities for children.

GP83/28 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) Dunbartonshire West Branch had put forward their selection of a teacher for the A.G.M. in 1985 and this was approved.

(b) The Committee noted that Dundee Branch had intimated their desire to host the Annual General Meeting at a future date and the offer was appreciated.

(c) The Committee noted that hosts had already been intimated for 1984 and 1985 but no firm offer had been received thereafter.

GP83/29 BRANCH FORMATION

An application by Dr. Jerome A. Reinstein of the Tartan Plaidie Group to form a Paris Branch was approved. The inaugural meeting would be publicised in the normal way and all groups in Paris invited to attend.

GP83/30 AFFILIATIONS

The following applications for affiliation were approved:-

1. Argentina: The Highland Thistle Pipe Band, Buenos Aires
2. Brunei: The St. Andrew's Society of Bandar Seri Begawan
3. Canada: Sona Scottish Country Dancers, Duncan, B.C.
4. Nanaimo S.C. Dancers, Nanaimo, B.C.
5. Blair S.C. Dancers, Cambridge, Ontario
6. St. John's S.C. Dance Group, Newfoundland
7. Moncton S.C.D. Group, New Brunswick
8. England: Strode Scottish Dancers, Somerset
9. Kenilworth S.C. Dance Club. Warwickshire
10. Nacton S.C.D. Group, Ipswich
11. Ilkley S.C.D. Club, Yorks.
12. Andover Scottish Dancing Club, Hants (subject to there being no objection from Winchester Branch)
13. India: Madras S.C.D. Group
14. Japan: Gifu S.C.Dance Club, Gifu
15. Takiyon Folk Dance Club, Tokyo
16. Tokyo Scottish Blue Bell Club
17. Norfolk Island S.C. Dancers (South Pacific)
18. Scotland: Appin Country Dance Club (Appin)
19. Kilmallie S.C. Dance Club (Fort William)
20. So.Africa: Grahamstown S.C.D. Group
21. U.S.A.: Anderson McIntyre S.C. Danceers, Chattanooga, Tennessee
22. Palmetto S.C. Dance Society, Columbia, So. Carolina
23. Louisville S.C.D. Society, Kentucky
24. The Temple S.C. Dancers, Temple, Texas
25. The Bluebonnet Dancers, San Antonio, Texas
26. Space Coast S.C. Dancers, Titusville, Florida
27. Zimbabwe: Harare Caledonian Society Country Dancing Group

GP83/31 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) The following Constitutions were approved:

(i) Pretoria Branch; (ii) Seattle Branch; (iii) Mid Argyll Branch

(b) Central Kentucky's Constitution was approved subject to the membership age being accepted as 16 to conform with the Society's Constitution.

(c) The following Branches had amendments to their Constitutions approved:

(i) Buffalo Branch
(ii) Oxfordshire Branch
(iii) Mornington Peninsula Branch
(iv) South Wales Branch

(d) Items carried forward to next meeting:

(i) Atlanta Branch (reply awaited)
(ii) Submission from Northern Ireland Branches

(e) A submission from Stockholm Branch was considered. It was thought that the new model Constitution being prepared would cover the requirements of the Branch and that no further action need be taken at the moment.

(f) A model Branch Constitution and Rules was put before the Committee for consideration. It was decided that members should submit their comments on the draft to the Secretary (by the end of November, please). The draft would then go before the General Purposes Committee in January for agreement and it was hoped it could be approved by the Executive Council in May.

The model constitution would have to be adopted by all new Branches or Branches who had not yet submitted a Constitution but Branches who already had an approved Constitution would not be required to change.

Margaret G. Parker

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

NOTES TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
MODEL BRANCH CONSTITUTION

In order to achieve some parity between the Branch Constitutions and the principles laid down for these constitutions in the Society's Constitution and Rules and to ensure that the Society's terminology is used worldwide to avoid misunderstanding, and also to help new Branches, a Model Branch Constitution has been drawn up and is attached.

It is recommended by the General Purposes Committee that the model constitution should be adopted by all new Branches of the Society and all those Branches already in existence who have not had a Branch Constitution approved by the Executive Council/General Purposes Committee.

All Branches of the Society who have already had a Constitution approved will be permitted to retain their Constitution; only in the event of a major re-write of a Constitution would the model constitution have to be accepted.

While we see the necessity for Branches of the Society adhering to similar constitutions, we recognise that in being a worldwide organisation there will be differences in circumstances in the various parts of the world and these must be catered for. It is therefore proposed that where individual Branches have circumstances which require special provisions, these provisions should be contained in "Rules" attached to the Constitution exactly in the same way as the Society has a Constitution and Rules and it should be accepted by new Branches that, in becoming an integral part of this Society , the terminology of "Constitution" and "Rules" be accepted. Both the Constitution and the Rules of a Branch require the approval of Executive Council of the Society.

We envisage the following matters might correctly be included in the Rules: This list is not intended to be comprehensive nor is it mandatory.

Charges additional to Subscription. This has been and is a vexed question with many Branches; it depends on Branch activity, location, etc. as to whether or not the Branch can manage their affairs on half the membership subscription charge. A Branch may legitimately charge for provision of newsletters, postages, classes etc. These charges will be determined by the Branch Committee of Management and may be described in whatever terminology the Branch decides; we have seen these charges described variously as registration fee, levy, dues, charges, etc. However, the term 'subscription' must be used, and retained, for the membership subscription which is decided by the Society in General Meeting. Obviously when a new member joins a Branch he/she will be required to pay a composite amount made up of the Society membership subscription (of which one half remains with the Branch and one half is forwarded to HQ) and the Branch charge. When a person already a member joins a Branch (i.e. transfers) obviously only the Branch charge can be levied during the period of his/her current membership.

Membership shall consist of such of these persons as shall pay or have already paid the current rate of subscription (Annual or Long Term or Life) as laid down by the Society in General Meeting and who, in addition, shall pay the current Branch charges (by whatever designation described) as laid down by the Branch Committee of Management.

Appointment of sub-committees - normally these need not be restricted to the members of the Committee of Management but normally the convener of such a Sub-Committee would be a member of the Committee of Management.

Provisions for co-opting members of sub-committees

Nominating/

First C.Stewart Smith Memorial Week of S.C.Dancing (17-24 July) - a Diamond Jubilee project. The Committee recorded their appreciation.

Nominating Committee (if required)

Dates of the Branch financial year

Regulations regarding demonstration groups, teachers committees etc.

Any other internal matters.

New Branches will be required to adopt the model constitution and to return one copy to Headquarters with the gaps completed together with their draft Rules for approval by the General Purposes Committee/Executive Council. It will also be necessary to approve the Rules to ensure that the spirit of the Society is being correctly interpreted.

M. MURIEL GIBSON
Secretary

22nd October, 1983

First C.Stewart Smith Memorial Week of S.C.Dancing (17-24 July) - a Diamond Jubilee project. The Committee recorded their appreciation.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

..... BRANCH

CONSTITUTION

I NAME

The name of the Branch shall be "The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society ..... Branch" (hereinafter called "the Branch") which shall be constituted as a branch of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (hereinafter called "the Society").

II OBJECTS

The objects of the Branch shall be:-

(a) To preserve and further the practice of traditional Scottish Country Dances and modern dances of merit in the traditional style;

(b) To provide or assist in providing instruction in the dancing of Scottish Country Dances;

(c) To promote the enjoyment and appreciation of Scottish Country Dances by any suitable means;

(d) Generally to do such other things as are or may be considered by the Branch to further the aims of the Society.

III MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. Membership of the Branch shall be open to all persons over the age of 16 interested in the objects of the Branch and to such Life and Long Term Members of the Society as shall indicate their wish to be considered Branch Members.

2. Persons under the age of 16 may become Junior Associates of the Branch and the privileges accorded to such Junior Associates shall be regulated from time to time by the Committee of Management of the Branch.

3. The rates of subscription for Annual and Long Term Members shall be such as may be determined from time to time by the Society in General Meeting.

IV OFFICE BEARERS

1. The Office-Bearers of the Branch shall consist of the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer who shall all be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch in the manner hereinafter provided.

2. The Chairman shall hold Office for one year and on completion of his/her year of office shall be eligible for re-election.*

3. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall hold office for one year but shall be eligible for re-election.

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*Should a Branch wish to limit the period of consecutive service as Chairman they may do so by the insertion of an appropriate clause within the rules attached to their Constitution.

First C.Stewart Smith Memorial Week of S.C.Dancing (17-24 July) - a Diamond Jubilee project. The Committee recorded their appreciation.

4. The Committee of Management shall have power to appoint an Interim Chairman, Honorary Secretary and/or Honorary Treasurer to fill vacancies occurring between Annual General Meetings but any office-bearer so appointed shall serve only until the next Annual General Meeting when he/she shall be eligible for election.

5. The Branch may appoint an Honorary President and Honorary Vice-Presidents.

V COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

1. The Branch shall be administered by a Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") composed of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, any other office-bearers appointed and .... ordinary members.*

2. The ordinary members of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch and shall consist entirely of members of the Branch. The Branch may limit the period of consecutive service of an ordinary member of the Committee by the insertion of an appropriate clause within ~~the~~ any Rules attached to their Constitution

3. A Quorum of the Committee shall be five members.

4. The Committee shall have power to constitute Sub-Committees and entrust them with such duties as it considers necessary for the efficient working of Branch affairs.

VI DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS

1. Chairman - The Branch Chairman is the executive officer of the Branch. He/She shall preside at Branch Meetings and at meetings of the Committee. In the absence of the Chairman from a meeting, a Chairman shall be appointed from among those present. The Chairman, whether at a Branch or Committee meeting shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

2. Honorary Secretary - It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary to see that regular meetings are held and to keep proper minutes of such meetings. Additionally the Honorary Secretary shall:-

(a) Submit annually to the Secretary of the Society a report of the activities of the Branch during the preceding year.

(b) Keep a register of Life Members, Long Term Members and of Annual Members of the Branch.

(c) Enrol in the Branch Register any member of the Society who shall transfer his/her membership to the Branch on the production by such member of the receipt for the Society Subscription for the year current. (He/She shall notify the Honorary Secretary of any other Branch involved of the transfer and in the case of Life and Long Term Members the Secretary of the Society shall be informed also.)

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* The Branch may at the A.G.M. elect a Vice-Chairman and any other office-bearers considered necessary.

First C.Stewart Smith Memorial Week of S.C.Dancing (17-24 July) - a Diamond Jubilee project. The Committee recorded their appreciation.

3. Honorary Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to receive, bank and account for all monies collected by whatever agency from members of the Branch or from other sources. Additionally the Honorary Treasurer shall:-

(a) Make available for inspection by the Finance Committee of the Society or its duly accredited representative proper Account-Books.

(b) Ensure that the Branch Accounts are audited at the end of each financial year and a certified copy thereof in the form prescribed by the Finance Committee sent to the Secretary of the Society as soon as possible thereafter but not later than two months after the Branch Annual General Meeting.

VII BRANCH MEETINGS

1. A General Meeting of the members of the Branch shall be held within six months after the end of its financial yaar at such place and at such time as may be determined by the Committee.

2. The order of business at such meeting shall as nearly as may be, be the following:-

(a) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meetings held in the course of the year.

(b) Honorary Secretary's Report on year's working of the Branch.

(c) Honorary Treasurer's Report and Accounts.

(d) Appointment of Office-Bearers and Committee.

(e) Motions.

(f) Any other competent business

3. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Chairman and shall be called on a requisition signed by not less than one-tenth of the membership of the Branch when such membership does not exceed 500 and one-sixteenth of the membership of the Branch when such membership exceeds 500.

4. One quarter of the membership or twenty-five members of the Branch which ever shall be the lesser shall constitute a quorum.

5. The Branch in General Meeting may enact such Rules as it may determine for the proper working of the Branch, provided such Rules are consistent with the Constitution and Rules of the Society.

VIII DISBANDMENT

1. Notice of intention to disband the Branch shall be given to the Secretary of the Society at least two months before the date proposed for such disbandment.

2. The balance of the funds, after all liabilities have been met, and all property belonging to the Branch shall be transferred to the Executive Council of the Society.

3. /

First C.Stewart Smith Memorial Week of S.C.Dancing (17-24 July) - a Diamond Jubilee project. The Committee recorded their appreciation.

3. A copy of the final Accounts of the Branch and inventory of such property, duly certified by the Office-Bearers, shall be lodged with the Executive Council.

IX ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES

The Constitution and Rules shall only be altered by Resolution passed by the Branch in General Meeting and only after receiving the vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote. Any such alteration shall require approval of the Society's Executive Council before it becomes operative.

X GENERAL

The Constitution and Rules of the Society shall be the authority on any matter not provided for in the foregoing Constitution (which shall be construed in conjunction with said Constitution and Rules).

First C.Stewart Smith Memorial Week of S.C.Dancing (17-24 July) - a Diamond Jubilee project. The Committee recorded their appreciation.

GP83/32 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND

(a) Dr. MacFadyen gave a brief report of his teaching tour in the Far East and Australasia. He expressed his gratitude at being given the opportunity to undertake the tour on behalf of the Society; though at times it was exhausting it had been most enjoyable. Japan was very active but they are desperately in need of more certificated teachers and to keep the momentum going we may have to give special consideration to that area; they were doing tremendously well nevertheless. He was most impressed with standards of dancing in New Zealand and Australia and the response was tremendous. He had visited a number of very small clubs who were very appreciative. There were many people working very hard on behalf of the Society and to promote Scottish Country Dancing. He had brought back a message from his visits - a plea for further and regular visits; the Committee agreed that this would receive sympathetic consideration.

We felt that the standards of dancing did reflect the standards maintained by the visiting examiners in NZ + South Africa over the past years

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The Chairman congratulated Dr. MacFadyen on the success of his tour and the Committee recorded their appreciation of the work he had undertaken and of his excellence as an ambassador for the Society.

(b) The Committee considered that the project for 1984 should be visits to Europe by teachers (and pianists if funds permitted) - i.e. to Scandinavia and the Continent. It was remitted to the Examinations Committee to select the teachers for these tours.

GP83/33 DIRECTOR OF SUMMER SCHOOL

The Committee considered the tenure and conditions for the Director of Summer School taking into account the Summer School Committee's recommendations and those of South Wales Branch and Edinburgh Branch who had submitted views.

The Committee rejected the suggestion that there should be a Director for each fortnight.

The Committee recommended that the tour of duty of the Director should be for four years in the first instance with a possible additional consecutive tour of three years; there should be no further consecutive tour of duty. A Director Designate should be selected a year before the Director was due to demit office.

It was further recommended (by a large majority) that the appointment be made at the Annual General Meeting. overturned by EC 83/11(e)

A request was remitted to the Summer School Committee for a job description of the Director and an outline of the aims and objects of the School.

GP83/34 HONORARY ARCHIVIST See EC83/11(e)

The Committee recommended that the same conditions should apply to the Archivist as to the Director of Summer School - i.e. for 4 years in the first instance with a possibility of a further tour of 3 years consecutively, and no more than two consecutive tours.

It was recommended that the Honorary Archivist should be a member of the Executive Council and while he would be available to all Committees, he should be added as an additional full member of the Publications and Research Committee.

Should the Executive Council approve the above two minutes the appropriate amendments to the Constitution and Rules will be prepared by the General Purposes Committee for the Council's approval in May and onward transmission to the A.G.M. 1984.

GP83/35 CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from Farmers Branch Group, Birmingham Branch and Army HQ Scotland were received and noted.
Los Angeles Branch had sent programmes and information regarding the First C.Stewart Smith Memorial Week of S.C.Dancing (17-24 July) - a Diamond Jubilee project. The Committee recorded their appreciation.

GP83/36 OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Murphy raised the subject of marking the centennial of Dr. Milligan's birth in 1986. It was decided to put the subject on the agenda for the January meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

GP83/37 NEXT MEETING

14th January (subject to Executive Council approval)

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and hard work throughout the year and the meeting closed at 1.42 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1984, AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mrs. M. G. Parker (in the Chair), Dr. A. MacFadyen, Mr. J. Taylor, Miss A. M. Duffield, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. B. Frazer, Mr. W. A. Gray, Mr. J. Laurie, Mr. T. Steele, Miss B. A. Nairn, Miss D. Leurs.

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP84/1 APOLOGIES

Mrs. A. Murphy

GP84/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 22nd October, 1983, were approved.

GP84/3 BUSINESS ARISING

GP83/29: The Secretary reported that the formation of a branch in Paris had not yet taken place.

GP84/4 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Confirmation was still awaited from Central Kentucky Branch that they had altered the age limit for membership to meet the Society's Constitution. (Secretary's Note: Confirmation of alteration was received just after the meeting - Constitution therefore in order)

(b) Atlanta Branch - had agreed to the necessary changes and the Constitution was now approved.

(c) New York - approved as submitted on 30th November, 1983

(d) Los Angeles - not approved as submitted. Returned to Branch for necessary amendments.

(e) The Co-ordinating Committee for Northern Ireland - approved.

(f) Model Constitution - The Draft of the Model Constitution was reviewed and necessary amendments made; the Committee considered that it could now go to the Executive Council for approval. (Copy attached to Minutes)

GP84/5 DIRECTOR OF SUMMER SCHOOL

(a) The Committee noted that the Director would be appointed by the Executive Council.

(b) In reply to the Committee's request for a job description Mr. Macleod, Director, had directed their attention to the job description laid down by the Executive Council in 1978. The Secretary was asked to revise this remit in the light of decisions made since that date and to provide members of the General Purposes Committee with a copy.

The Committee had also asked what the aims and objects of the School were and had been informed that the aims to date had been:

- to improve the standard of Scottish Country Dancing worldwide by providing classes at all levels from beginners to teachers
- to encourage enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing
- to cement a spirit of friendliness throughout the Society.

The Committee had no further additions to make to these aims.

GP84/6 HONORARY ARCHIVIST

(a) The Committee noted that Executive Council had decided that the Archivist would be appointed by Council.

(b) It was agreed to put forward the following motion for the Annual General Meeting 1984

"Amendment to the Constitution and Rules, 1980

(i) VI Executive Council (1) Membership, page 5, line 3

After 'School' insert 'and the Honorary Archivist'

Line 4 at end delete 'a'

Line 5 delete 'member' insert 'members'

(ii) VI(4)(d) Publications and Research Committee

Delete first paragraph
Substitute "This Committee shall consist of eight members including the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Honorary Archivist."

GP84/7 AFFILIATIONS

(a) The Secretary reported that New Zealand Branch had no objection to the affiliation of South Brighton Group and this had now been granted (see GP83/27).

(b) The following affiliations were approved:

(a) North Connel S.C.D. Club, Argyll
(b) Witham & District Caledonian Society, Essex
(c) Callander Country Dance Club (Perthshire)
(d) San Juan Island S.C. Dancers, Washington,USA
(e) Jeddah S.C.D. Society, Saudi Arabia
(f) Brookdale Social Club, Cheshire
(g) Prince Edward Island S.C. Dancers, Canada

GP84/8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) 1984: Suggestions by Glasgow Branch for teachers and pianists were approved.

By 8 votes to 1 the Committee decided against the Branch suggestion of some form of "Any Questions" after the A.G.M.

Dr. MacFadyen and Mr. Steele intimated that Glasgow Branch were arranging 'package deals' for travel by rail and accommodation and transport from hotels to Jordanhill and return.

(b) 1985 : The nomination of the pianist by Dunbartonshire West Branch was approved.

(c) 1986 : The offer from Edinburgh Branch to host the A.G.M. in 1986 was received with appreciation and acceptance recommended.

(d) 1987 : The offer from Dundee Branch to host the A.G.M. in 1987 was received with appreciation and acceptance recommended.

(e) :... Aberdeen Branch had intimated willingness to host an A.G.M. but were faced with either a severe reduction in numbers or of having two venues for the Ball. The Committee did not want to see numbers restricted nor to split the Ball between two venues. Their views would be transmitted to the Branch.

(f) The suggestions put forward at the last Executive Meeting regarding recipients of Scrolls and their seating arrangements and seating arrangements for all nominated for elected members would be noted and effected.

After discussing the suggestion that a buffet should replace a set meal the Committee decided that this should be left to the host Branch.

GP84/9 AWARD OF SCROLLS 1984

Fifteen applications had been received.

The Committee appointed five members as a selection sub-committee to report to the next meeting:

Mrs. Parker, Dr. MacFadyen, Mrs. Dunn, Miss Lours, Mr. Steele

It was arranged that the Committee should meet on 3rd March at 11.00 a.m.

GP84/10 BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD

The system of electing members to Standing Committees of the Executive Council and consideration of ways of marking the centenary of Dr. Jean Milligan's birth were carried forward to the next meeting.

GP84/11 CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from Miss Vaughan and the Advisory Council for the Arts were noted.

GP84/12 NEXT MEETING

14th April, 1984

Margaret G. Parker.

The meeting closed at 12.55 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED UNDER MINUTE GP84/9 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE SCROLL FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY.

The Sub-Committee consisting of Mrs. Parker, Dr. MacFadyen, Mrs. Dunn, Miss Leurs, Mr. Steele, met on 3rd March, 1984 at 11.00 a.m. with Miss Gibson (Secretary) in attendance.

Although the Sub-Committee bore in mind that the aim would be to have only a very few awards annually they considered that at this early stage in the Awards there must be a certain flexibility in regard to numbers.

They considered 16 nominations from which they recommended that awards be made to the following: -

Name	Nominated by
Miss Florence Adams	Glasgow Branch
Miss Nancy Arnott	Kirkcaldy Branch
Mr. Robert Campbell	Toronto Branch & TAC
Mrs. Ivy Finn	Manchester Branch
Miss Lottie Kane	Belfast & Portrush Branches
Miss Helen Gardiner-Jones	Wolverhampton Branch
Mrs. Win Nock	North West Craven Branch
Mrs. Agnes McN. Smith	Capetown Branch

In addition the Sub-Committee suggest that the General Purposes Committee recommend Mrs. Mary C. Gudger for the award of the scroll - now in her 80s she has been a teacher, examiner, adjudicator with a record of great success as a teacher at Summer School.

The 8 nominations not accepted were: -

Mrs. Yarker	Worthing	Branch
Mr. Robert Hunn	Delaware Valley	"
Miss Marjorie Hoyes	Southport	"
Mr. Tod. Blaschke	Atlanta	"
Mrs. Marilyn Blaschke	Atlanta	"
Mr. Hans van Zon	The Hague & District	"
Mrs. Margaret M. Waters	Ottawa	"
Mrs. Brenda J Burnell	Leeds	"

The meeting closed at 11.50

Secretary's Suggestions: -

(a) That in the minutes of the General Purposes Committee we put the numbers of awards and not names so that there is nothing publicised until the Executive Committee has ratified the recommendations and that notification be sent to nominators and nominees simultaneously.

(b) That Dr. MacFadyen make the presentation to Robert Campbell in Canada in August if Mr. Campbell cannot come to the AGM.

M. MURIEL GIBSON
SECRETARY

23rd March, 1984

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON
SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1984, AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENR: Mrs. M.G. Parker (in the Chair), Dr. A. MacFadyen, Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. N. Dunn, Miss M. Duffield, Mr. B. Frazer, Mr. W.A. Gray, Mr. J. Laurie, Mrs. A. Murphy, Miss B.A. Nairn, Mr. T. Steele

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP84/13 APOLOGIES

Miss D. Leurs

GP84/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 14th January, were approved.

GP84/15 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP84/8(c)/(d) AGMs: Owing to doubt regarding the availability of the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh in 1986, it was decided to accept Dundee's offer to host the AGM in 1986 and Edinburgh's offer to host the 1987 AGM.

(b) GP84/9 Scroll awards: The Sub-Committee had considered all nominations and had selected nine recipients, now approved by the General Purposes Committee. These would be reported to the Executive Council on 12th May for ratification. It was agreed that the Secretary immediately thereafter should communicate the decisions simultaneously both to recipients and Branches. (as it subtle report).

GP84/16 CONSTITUTIONS.

(a) Los Angeles Branch constitution was still not finalised.

(b) Paris Branch constitution and San Diego Branch Constitution were approved with very minor amendment.

(c) An amendment to the York Branch Constitution was approved.

(d) A letter from Mr. Cavin of Seattle was received in which he queried the rights of membership. The Committee considered that the payment of a membership subscription gave the member the right to attend meetings of the Branch of which he was a member, the right to receive notification of Branch meetings and the right to vote at meetings, hold office, etc. Additional Branch charges for specific purposes should not affect membership rights.

GP84/17 MEMORIAL FUND PROJECT 1984

The Secretary reported that under the project selected by the Committee for 1984 - teaching tours in Europe - the Examinations Committee had nominated the following teachers:

Mrs. Johan MacLean	-	Norway, Sweden and Denmark
Miss Lesley Martin	-	Switzerland, Spain and Portugal
Mrs. Holden	-	Germany
Mrs. Corson	-	Netherlands, Belgium and France.

The Examinations Committee had attempted to achieve a balance of male and female teachers but the male teachers who had been invited to undertake this work had been unable to do so.

GP84/18 BRANCH FORMATIONS

(a) The Secretary reported that the Paris Branch had been formed on 3rd March, 1984.

(b) Approval was given to the Scotia Dancers of Fort Lauderdale to endeavour to form a Branch in Florida.

GP84/19 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:

(a) Planalto Scottish Country Dance Society, Brasilia, Brazil.
(b) Nowra Scottish Country Dance Group, Nowra, New South Wales
(c) St. Michael's Scottish Country Dancing Club, Yeovil, England
(d) Ross on Wye Reel Club, Hereford, Worcester
(e) The Purple Heather Dancers, Warren, Michigan, USA
(f) Vancouver USA Scottish Country Dancers, Vancouver, Washington, USA
(g) Harrogate St. Andrew's Society, Harrogate, Yorkshire
(h) Stow-on-the-Wold Country Dancing Group, Gloucestershire
(i) Cardiff-Radyr Scottish Country Dancers, Cardiff, Wales - subject to their being no objection from South Wales Branch.

GP84/20 STANDING COMMITTEES

After discussing methods of election for some time it was decided, on a motion by Mr. Gray, seconded by Mr. Laurie, that the elections in November 1984 should take place under the status quo and that further consideration be given to producing an acceptable system which could be put into operation in 1985. The matter would be included in the Agenda for the next meeting.

GP84/21 CENTENARY OF DR. MILLIGAN'S BIRTH

Various suggestions were put forward for inclusion in the centenary celebrations -

(a) A book of dances reflecting the various interests of Dr. Milligan, viz. dances for adults, children, teachers, demonstrations etc.
(b) A Day of Dance involving both children and adults.
(c) All Branches having a Day of Dance on the same day.
(d) A special commemorative item among our 'accessories'.
(e) A hosting of a Scottish International Festival.
(f) A gathering in Scotland of representatives from all our branches world-wide.

The Committee were open to receive suggestions from anyone or any Branch. It was also anticipated that whatever was done centrally each Branch would have some special celebration of the anniversary of Dr. Milligan's birth.

GP84/22 FOLKLORE SOCIETY

A letter inviting our co-operation in the Folklore Society was passed to Dr. MacFadyen to study and to advise the Secretary on the reply to be sent.

GP84/23 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) It was agreed that, subject to the family's permission, and if it had not already been done, the Society should undertake to add the names of Dr. Milligan and her sisters to the family tombstone in Denny, Stirlingshire. The Secretary was asked to write to Mrs. Stopher (Dr. Milligan's niece) accordingly.

(b) Society Tartan: Mr. Taylor said that members who had no clan affiliation might be happy to wear a "Society" tartan and proposed that the possibility of acquiring a Society Tartan should be investigated. The Committee agreed and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Peter MacDonald of the Tartan Museum, Drummond House, Comrie, for information as regards procedure, etc.

GP84/24 NEXT MEETING

13th October, 1984

Chairman .....

Date: 13th Oct '84

The meeting closed at 4.08 p.m.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1984 AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT: Dr A MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mr J Taylor, Mrs N Dunn, Miss M Duffield, Mr B Frazer, Mr W A Gray, Mr J Laurie, Mrs A Murphy, Miss B A Nairn, Mr T W Steele.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

GP84/25 APOLOGIES

Mrs M G Parker, Miss D Leurs

GP84/26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 14th April, 1984, were approved.

GP84/27 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP84/15 Scroll Awards: The Committee noted that Mrs Gudger had not wished to accept the award of a Scroll and that Dr MacFadyen had, on behalf of the Society, presented ~~the~~ a Scroll to Mr Robert Campbell in Canada.

It now appeared that Mrs Agnes McNair Smith (Cape Town) would be unable to attend the Society's Annual General Meeting and it was decided that the Scroll should be sent to the Branch Chairman with the suggestion that arrangements should be made to present it at an appropriate occasion - perhaps by a local civic dignitary.

(b) GP84/17 Memorial Fund Projects: The secretary reported the outstanding success of the project for 1984 - visits to Branches and Groups in Europe, which had benefited both the Society and the Branches/Groups visited.

(c) GP84/18 Branch Formation: The Secretary reported the formation of Florida Branch.

(d) GP84/23b Society Tartan: The Committee decided that the Strathspey Tartan should be adopted by the Society for the benefit of those members who had no clan tartan of their own and who wished to wear an appropriate tartan. There would be no difficulty in obtaining gentlemen's kilts but at present fine Saxony material for ladies skirts would only be available if six skirts were ordered. In this respect it was suggested that the Finance Committee might consider ordering a length of the fine material in order to have it available for any lady who wished to have a skirt made without waiting for another five orders to be received.

GP84/28 CONSTITUTIONS

The following Branch Constitutions were approved:

(a) Belfast Branch (amendment to existing Constitution).
(b) TAC (amendment to existing Constitution and with the addition of a small amendment inserted by the Committee).
(c) Los Angeles (amended Constitution).
(d) Houston Branch - Model Constitution adopted - number of ordinary members on Management Committee to be notified by the Branch.
(e) Tokyo Branch - Model Constitution adopted - Rules approved.
(f) Medicine Hat - Model Constitution adopted - Rules approved.
(g) Orange County - Model Constitution adopted - number of ordinary members on Management Committee to be notified by the Branch. Rule approved.

(h) Cincinnati Branch - Constitution approved with additional request that, in event of disbandment, Minute Books and any material relating to the history of the Branch be returned to the Society.

GP84/29 BRANCH FORMATION

Approval was given to the Wyche Dancers in Cheshire to endeavour to form the South Cheshire Branch. The Secretary was asked to inform the Wirral Branch who had been reported as supporting the formation.

Approval was given to Mr H Steele to endeavour to form a Branch in Sutherland. In view of the number of Groups involved, and their location, it was suggested that the "Dornoch Firth Branch" would be a suitable title. It was noted that although Inverness Branch had not been approached for support this was an area in which the Society had actively encouraged the formation of a Branch. Inverness Branch would be kept informed.

GP84/30 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:

(a) The Scottish Country Dance Group of Portugal nice in last years!
(b) The Miyashiro S.C.D. Group (Japan)
(c) Bognor Regis S.C.D. Club (England)
(d) The S.C.D. Group, Basle (Switzerland)
(e) The Milngavie S.C.D. Club (Scotland)
(f) Lexington S.C.D. Society (USA)
(g) Orangeville S.C.D. Group (Canada)
(h) Billings S.C. Dancers (USA)
(i) Selangor St Andrew's Society (Malaysia)
(j) Cwmbran S.C.D. Club (Wales)

GP84/31 MEMORIAL FUND PROJECT, 1985

In the discussion of possible projects to be undertaken under the aegis of the Memorial Fund the Committee recognised that a vital factor in the extension of the Society both at home and overseas was the maintenance of contact between the Society in Scotland and the Branches and Groups throughout the world and that this had to be considered in a wider context than Memorial Fund Projects alone.

It was recommended that an examiner should visit Australia every third year to carry out examinations alongside one of the Australian examiners and to undertake teaching visits.

The same policy was recommended for New Zealand but the visits would not take place in the same year as that to Australia.

Examiners should visit Africa every fourth year to teach and examine.

These recommendations would bring the countries concerned more into line with the policy for North America where examiners were sent every two years. The Committee recommended that these visits should be financed as far as possible from the Extension Fund with the Memorial fund being available for assistance if necessary.

Special visits (e.g. Europe, the Far East, etc. promotion of the Society in Ireland and the UK, and any other special projects could be funded from the Memorial Fund interest as decided by the Committee yearly as at present.

These recommendations would be put to the Finance and Examinations Committees for their consideration.

In the meantime the Committee decided that the Memorial Project for 1985 would be further visits to those Branches/Groups in Europe who had not been visited in 1984 and that two Scholarships to Summer School would be provided for examination candidates over 25 years of age.

In 1986 the project would be an examination/teaching tour in South Africa and Kenya (funding being influenced by any decisions taken in the light of the above recommendations). It was noted that it had not been possible for teachers to visit The Gambia on a previous visit to Africa because of the difficulties still prevailed and if so, to investigate the possibility of British Caledonian Airways sponsoring a teacher's flight there as they had done in the case of pipe bands.

GP84/32 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

1984: It was noted that Mrs J Young (pianist) would replace Mrs E Murray who had been taken to hospital.

1985: Dunbartonshire West Branch had made arrangements for an overflow class for the Autumn School and approval was given for the selection of Mr Aitkenhead (teacher) and Miss Sim (pianist) should the additional class be necessary.

GP84/33 STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee gave careful consideration to various submissions on this subject and recorded their thanks to all those who had put forward suggestions. The following decisions were made:

- For the first year, at least, the system should be as simple as possible.
- The names of those standing for election would be required before the Executive Council Meeting.
- Those standing for election should be aware of the functions of the various committees, the frequency of the meetings and their time and place.
- The forms at present used to nominate Branch representatives should be adapted to indicate whether or not the representative wished to stand for election to a committee and if so, for what committee; the information detailed in the previous paragraph would also be included with this form which is sent out annually to Branches at the end of July or beginning of August.
- The names and Branches of those wishing to stand for membership of a committee would be sent out on a ballot paper to all representatives with the Council papers for the November meeting; ballot papers should be completed as far as possible beforehand; under the first item on the agenda would be the collection of the ballot papers, votes would be counted during the meeting and the results announced at an appropriate point in the meeting or as the last item of the agenda.
- As the Elected Members will not be known until after papers have gone out those standing for election in this respect would be sent forms to indicate whether or not they wished to stand for election to a committee and their names would be included among other candidates. Before representatives handed in the voting slips at the meeting the Chairman would intimate the names of those members who had been unsuccessful in the election for Elected Members so that representatives might delete those names and substitute others if necessary.
- Only should there be a shortfall in the number of candidates for any committee would additional names be requested from the floor.
- After the compositions of the committees were known, Conveners would be elected (where appropriate) as at present.

The Committee recommended that this system be adopted in 1985 and, reviewed, in the light of experience, by the Committee at their January meeting in 1986.

OP84/34 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF DR MILLIGAN'S BIRTH

The committee decided that a special weekend should mark the centenary.

Dr MacFadyen proposed that the weekend should be held on 11, 12, 13th July at Jordanhill College - both because these dates were close to Dr Milligan's birthday (10th July) and because so much of her life had been spent at Jordanhill College, situated in Glasgow where she had been born and brought up. The College had ample accommodation for classes indoors and outdoors. Only 170 residential places would be available but there was ample hotel accommodation nearby. He hoped that a Civic Reception could be arranged; he had ascertained the availability of Jordanhill for that weekend.

Mr Taylor proposed that the weekend be held at Stirling University where again facilities were ample. Stirling had the added advantage that residential accommodation would be available for 500-2000. Bookings could be made directly with the University but the Society would require to give a guarantee regarding numbers.

Voting on the location of the weekend was equally divided with five votes for Jordanhill and five for Stirling. The Chairman did not use his casting vote.

The Committee decided that the weekend 11-13th was preferable.

Mr Taylor was asked to ascertain if this weekend was available at Stirling University (It was known to be available at Jordanhill).

Dr MacFadyen was asked to ascertain what additional hostel accommodation might be available (and the rates) from Glasgow University.

Because of the tied vote, the decision regarding location was left to the Executive Council and it was hoped that Mr Taylor and Dr MacFadyen would have the additional information to put before the Council in Novemeber since it would be necessary to reserve the facilities as soon as possible.

OP84/35 NEXT MEETING

To be decided at the Executive Council on 17th November, 1984

The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

A MacFadyen
17.1.85.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY, 1985, AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT: Dr A MacFadyen (in the Chair), Miss A M Duffield, Mr B Frazer, Mr W A Gray, Dr I M Hall, Mr J Laurie, Miss B A Nairn, Mr T W Steele, Mr J Taylor.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

GP85/1 APOLOGIES

Mrs M G Parker, Mrs A Murphy

GP85/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 13th October, 1984, were approved.

35/3 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP84/31 Projects suggested by the General Purposes Committee had not yet been considered by the Finance Committee and Examination Committee. This item would therefore be carried forward to the next meeting.

(b) GP84/33 Standing Committees: The draft nomination form for the nomination of members for the Standing Committees was approved with necessary amendments. This form would now be adopted for nominations for the 1985-86 Committees.

GP85/4 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Executive Council at their meeting on 17th November, 1984, had decided that the Centenary Weekend should be held at Jordanhill College, Glasgow.

It was agreed that the Weekend should be designated "Jean Milligan Centenary Weekend" and that a sub-committee should be set up comprising Dr MacFadyen, Mrs Parker, Mrs Murphy, Mr Steele and Mr Taylor. The sub-committee would, from their number, appoint a convener and were given powers to co-opt additional members as they thought necessary; they would report progress to the General Purposes Committee.

It was decided that the Secretary should send off the form to Jordanhill College requesting the reservation of 170 single rooms from 11th July pm to 13th July am in 1986, and that she should also make a provisional booking for accommodation (probably bed and breakfast) for 200 with Miss Fiona Roe, Queen Margaret Hall, Glasgow.

The Committee agreed that application should now be made to the Town Clerk, City Chambers, Glasgow, asking if the District Council would afford a Civic Reception to some 500-600 of our members on Friday, 11th July, 1986.

The sub-committee would handle publicity and were asked to draft a "flier" to be sent out as preliminary notice with the normal Branch output in April, 1985.

Other items suggested for the Weekend were a Garden Party on Saturday afternoon, a tour of Glasgow for those visiting the city for the first time, a visit to the Burrell Collection; these items would afford an alternative for non-dancing members.

GP85/5 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) A letter from Dr Garvie regarding the last Annual General Meeting was noted.

(b) A letter from South Wales Branch regarding Agenda was noted. With regard to the Agenda for Annual General Meetings the General Purposes Committee unanimously recommended that the practice followed in previous years be continued, i.e. the Chairman, assisted by the Vice Chairman and Secretary, should review items submitted and draw up the Agenda.

GP85/6 AFFILIATION

The following affiliations were approved:

(a) Bishop's Stortford Caledonian Society, Herts.
(b) Kilbirnie Scottish Country Dance Group, Ayrshire
(c) The YMCA Scottish Dance Club, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
(d) Mansfield District Caledonian Society Reel Club (subject to there being no objection from Nottingham Branch).

The application from La Jolla Scottish Country Dance Club was held pending a reply from San Diego Branch.

GP85/7 BRANCH FORMATION

Approval was given for the following groups to endeavour to form Branches:

(a) Los Alamos, New Mexico) USA
(b) Phoenix, Arizona)

GP85/8 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) An amendment to the Liverpool Branch Constitution was approved.
(b) The Doncaster Branch Constitution was approved with the addition of the two clauses notified to the Branch.

85/9 AWARD OF SCROLLS 1985

Twelve applications had been received.

The Committee appointed five members as a selection sub-committee to report to the next meeting:

Mrs Parker, Dr MacFadyen, Miss Duffield, Miss Nairn, Mr Taylor.

It was arranged that the sub-committee would meet on Saturday, 2nd February, at 10.30 am.

GP85/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) In response to Mr Laurie 's raising the subject the Committee discussed the functions of Honorary Vice Presidents of the Society.

(b) The Secretary reported to the Committee that Hamilton and Clydesdale Branch and Manchester Branch celebrate their Golden Jubilee this year and greeting cards were being sent.

GP85/11 NEXT MEETING

20th April, 1985

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

Margaret G. Parker.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

REPORT OF THE SUB?COMMITTEE APPOINTED
UNDER MINUTE GP85/4 TO ORGANISE THE
JEAN MILLIGAN CENTENARY WEEKEND
11-13 JULY, 1986 on 2 Feb 1985

PRESENT: Mrs. M.G. Parker, Dr. A. MacFadyen, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Steele and Mr. Taylor and co-opted members Miss D.A. Paterson and Miss A.M. Duffield.

Attending: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

1. Dr. Alastair MacFadyen was unanimously appointed Convener of the Committee.

2. It was agreed that Miss Paterson and Miss Duffield should be co-opted to the Sub-Committee.

3. It was decided that there should be reimbursement apportioned from the weekend to defray extra staffing required to cope with the extra work.

4. The College authorities, given a list of those requiring accommodation, would allocate rooms and book members in.

5. It was decided that a 'flier' should be available to go out to Branches and Groups in April/May this year. This would have the title of the Society along the top and the motif and the address in small letters at the bottom. Immediately below the Society's title there would be an oval picture of Miss Milligan with around the outside "The Jean Milligan Centenary Week-end and below it 11th-13th July, 1986, and below that 'Jordanhill College of Education, Glasgow.

   Text: To commemorate the birth of its co-founder, Jean C. Milligan (9th July, 1886 to 28th July, 1978) the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is planning a weekend of celebration in Glasgow. This will be an important event in the history of the Society and one NOT TO BE MISSED!

   Further details will be circulated in due course.

   It was decided that 5,000 of these fliers be obtained to be sent to Branches(10) Affiliated Groups (1) and to HQ members. Hon. Office Bearers should also be sent a flier. The Queen, as our Patron, would receive notification when details were available.

6. It was agreed that we must make every effort to ensure that maximum publicity be given to the event by the Press and the Media.

7. A skeleton programme was drawn up:

Friday p.m.	Civic Reception (reply from Glasgow Town Clerk still awaited)
Saturday a.m.	Tour of West End of City or Visit to Burrell Collection.
Saturday p.m.	Afternoon Garden Party (Tea) Mass dancing and Demonstrations of PT, National Dancing, Keep Fit. Various stalls and band for dancing and for background music.
Saturday evening	Informal dance - 2-course meal
Sunday a.m.	Opportunity to go to Wellington Church, University Avenue Dispersal.

The sub-committee suggested that a presentation be made to Jordanhill College to commemorate Dr Milligan's work there.

8. The Options to be offered to those wishing to attend would be:

B/B Friday
B/B Saturday
Tour of West End of Glasgow (Saturday morning)
Visit to Burrell Collection "
Lunch on Saturday
Afternoon Tea, Saturday
Dinner/Dance Saturday
Service in Wellington Church
10 a.m. Sunday.

Prices could not be confirmed as yet.

9. It was considered that it would not be useful to meet again until the reply from Glasgow's Town Clerk was received when the programme for Friday could be firmed up.

In the meantime the Convener was empowered to approve the Flier when proofs were received.

10. Items for the next Agenda would be : Confirmation or otherwise of Civic Reception - Friday activities - pricing - application form and allocation of responsibilities.

A Mac Fadyen
23.3.85

The sub-committee suggested that a presentation be made to Jordanhill College to commemorate Dr Milligan's work there.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE
FOR THE JEAN MILLIGAN CENTENARY WEEKEND AT
12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON 23RD MARCH, 1985

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. A. Murphy, Miss D.A. Paterson, Mr. T. Steele

Attending; Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

CW85/10 APOLOGIES

Mrs. Parker, Miss M. Duffield

CW85/11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 2nd February, 1985, were approved.

CW85/12 BUSINESS ARISING

CW85/5 Flier: The proof was accepted and the cost noted - £129.80

CW85/13 PROGRAMME

Friday: Reception - The Town Clerk's Office in the City of Glasgow had confirmed they would offer a reception. If the number were around 400 there would be no problem in offering a buffet dance. If the number turned out to be greater then the nature of the reception would require further discussion. The Lord Provost's Secretary, Mr. Eric Hamilton, would see representatives at the beginning of 1986 to finalise details, invitations, etc. It was decided that Dr. MacFadyen and Miss Paterson would undertake this task.

It was also decided that Colin Finlayson's band would be recommended for the Friday evening, after Miss Paterson had ascertained that he would be available.

Saturday: Morning: A bus tour around the West End of Glasgow would be arranged by Dr. MacFadyen who would ascertain the cost of a coach or coaches for this purpose.

Afternoon: Garden Party The Garden Party would be from 2.30 - 5 p.m. There would be -
Afternoon tea in the Refectory.
Stalls - Society Books, Records, Accessories; Tombola; Soft Drinks/Crisps.
Country Dancing)At this point these are
Possibly National Dancing) suggestions
Gymnastic Display)

It was decided that recorded music could be used as background music and for specific items.

Evening: Buffet dances.
The Secretary was asked to write to the following bands to ascertain their availability and fees:
Bobby Crowe - George Stirrat - Kenny Thompson - David Ross - Jim Dawson.

Sunday: Church Service: It was suggested that members might like to attend the Wellington Church with which the Milligan family had close connections and Mr. Steele was asked to ascertain if the Minister would be agreeable to having visitors to his congregation on Sunday, 13th July, 1986.

The sub-committee suggested that a presentation be made to Jordanhill College to commemorate Dr Milligan's work there.

CW85/14 GUEST LISTS

It was decided that the Palace should be notified of the occasion and be asked if the Queen would be interested in attending any of the events.

It was suggested that the following be invited:

Earl & Countess of Mansfield -	Reception and Garden Party
Vice Presidents	do.
Countess of Elgin	Garden Party
Miss Hadden	"
Miss Milligan's Nieces	"
Sir Henry & Lady Wood	"
Dr. & Mrs. Bone	"
Miss Joyce Moffett	"
Miss K.G. Smith	"

Invitations would be issued in the autumn.

CW85/15 FINANCING

The following decisions were made:

(a) Any loss would be guaranteed by the Society
(b) Any profit would go to the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund.
(c) A separate bank account would be opened for the Weekend and a separate Balance Sheet would be provided.
(d) Costing: Jordanhill College had provided some prices. Queen Margaret Hall had indicated prices but were not definite. The College had not detailed several items which would be required and the Secretary was asked when writing to Mr. Wilkie of the College that we should require - Assembly Hall in the event of inclement weather at the Garden Party
Toilet facilities throughout the afternoon.
Space for possible exhibition in Entrance Hall - probably 2 x 6 foot displays.
Car parks
PA equipment.

CW85/16 APPLICATION FORM

The Convener, Mr. Taylor and the Secretary were empowered to carry out the pricing of tickets for the various items and to draw up the application form, have it printed and issued.

The form would stipulate that tickets would not be distributed until after 12th April and that balloting might be necessary for some events.

Members of the Sub-Committee were asked to keep free the 12/13th April 1986 in order to deal with applications.

If necessary overflow events would be arranged.

The closing date for applications would be 15th March, 1986 to permit timeous notice for accommodation and catering.

It was also decided that a commemorative brochure should be produced and issued with the tickets. The brochure would contain the programme of events any necessary maps, any other information of interest and possibly a message from the Queen if permission to reproduce it were given.

CW85/17 PUBLICITY

The brochure would be sent to the Press - the Flier would be reproduced in the Bulletin - local radio stations informed.
It was decided to print 'stickies' to be applied to all mail inscribed "The Jean milligan Centenary Weekend, 11-13th July, 1985 and the Society motif".

The sub-committee suggested that a presentation be made to Jordanhill College to commemorate Dr Milligan's work there.

CW85/18 ALLOCATION OF DUTIES

Processing of Applications - Miss Duffield

Distribution of Tickets - Miss Duffield and all Committee

Social Events: Coach Tour (Sat a.m.) - Dr. MacFadyen - Miss Paterson
Garden Party (Sat p.m.) - Dr. MacFadyen and Miss Paterson
Dances Fri/Sat) - Mrs. A. Murphy and Mr. T. Steele

Brochure: Dr. MacFadyen

Application Forms : Dr. MacFadyen, Mr. Taylor, Miss Gibson

Finance/Treasurer - Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Jeffcoat

Church Service - Mr. Steele

CW85/19 OTHER BUSINESS

On Mr. Taylor's suggestion the Committee considered it would be appropriate to make some presentation to Jordanhill College to commemorate Dr. Milligan's work there.

Dr. MacFadyen considered it would be of general interest to reproduce the Festival Booklet written by Dr. Milligan. The Secretary was asked to contact Paterson's Publications to see if we might do so.

CW85/20 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was left to the Convener to fix as necessary.

The meeting closed at 1.25 p.m.

A MacFadyen
14th September '85.

The sub-committee suggested that a presentation be made to Jordanhill College to commemorate Dr Milligan's work there.

CONFIDENTIAL.

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED UNDER MINUTE GP85/9 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE SCROLL FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY.

The Sub-Committee consisting of Mrs. Parker, Dr. MacFadyen, Miss Duffield, Miss Nairn and Mr. Taylor met on 2nd February, 1985 at 10.30 a.m. with Miss Gibson (Secretary) in attendance.

They considered 11 candidates from which they recommended that awards be made to the following:

Name	Nominated by
Miss Molly Clavering	Moffat Branch
Miss Mary Collie	Peterhead Branch
Mrs. Elizabeth D. Gilroy	East Lothian Branch
Miss Susan Inglis	Edinburgh Branch
Mrs. M. McAuley	Newcastle & District Branch
Mrs. Olga Meyer	New York Branch
Miss Margaret Prentice	Glasgow Branch

Nominations not accepted were:

Mrs. Sverdlove	New York
Miss Galloway	Ayr
Mrs. Gaw	Castle Douglas
Mrs. D. Butchart	Bedfordshire

It was agreed that in the minutes of the General Purposes Committee the number of awards but not the names should be included so that there is nothing publicised until the Executive Committee has ratified the recommendations and so that notification be sent to nominators and nominees simultaneously.

It was also recommended that a suitable book be purchased in which to maintain the lists of those who had been awarded the Society's Scroll.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

MMG
2nd Feb 1985

The sub-committee suggested that a presentation be made to Jordanhill College to commemorate Dr Milligan's work there.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH ON SATURDAY, 20TH ~~JANUARY~~ APRIL, 1985, AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT: Mrs M G Parker (in the Chair), Dr A MacFadyen, Mr J Taylor, Miss A M Duffield, Mr B Frazer, Mr W A Gray, Dr I M Hall, Mr J Laurie, Mrs A Murphy, Miss B A Nairn, Mr A Smart, Mr T W Steele.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

GP85/12 APOLOGIES

None

GP85/13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 19th January, 1985, were approved.

GP85/14 BUSINESS ARISING

None

GP85/15 CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Dr MacFadyen reported that the sub-committee had met on 2nd February and 23rd March. It had been decided to enlarge the committee by the co-option of Miss Paterson and Mr Steele. The framework of the programme had been worked out -

Friday evening: The City of Glasgow, recognising the importance of the occasion would give a Civic Reception; this would be the start of the celebration. The reception would be in the City Chambers and the sub-committee hoped that the evening would provide members with an opportunity of socialising as much as of dancing.

Saturday morning: Dr MacFadyen considered it would be appropriate to provide a visit to the West End of Glasgow where the Milligan family had their residence and where there were many architectural gems.

Saturday afternoon: Garden Party in Jordanhill - afternoon tea in the refectory - the assembly hall would be available in the event of inclement weather. The programme for the afternoon had not been finalised but it had been proposed to have stalls for Society items, etc, and to have demonstrations of Country Dancing, National Dancing and gymnastic displays.

Saturday evening: A dance in Jordanhill College with buffet supper.

Sunday morning: For those who might be interested, a visit to Wellington Church with which the Milligan family had a long association.

It was proposed to produce a brochure for the weekend detailing the various items on the programme.

It was also proposed to produce a facsimile of Dr Milligan's first publication - the Festival Booklet on Scottish Country Dance.

The sub-committee suggested that a presentation be made to Jordanhill College to commemorate Dr Milligan's work there.

Accommodation would be in Jordanhill and Queen Margaret Hall. All events, including accommodation, would be priced separately.

A list of guests to be invited to the Garden Party had been drawn up by the Sub-Committee.

The above arrangements were approved by the General Purposes Committee with the recommendation that included in the guest list should be a representative of the Civic Authority and the Rev and Mrs Craig of Wellington Church.

Mr Frazer asked if the event would be recorded in video. It was decided to make enquiries regarding the cost of making a video of the whole weekend by the Independent Video Productions Ltd (the firm who made the film of Book 32 last year). The sub-committee would then consider the feasibility of having a video recording.

A statuette had been offered to the Society some time ago but the cost of casting had held up the project. Mr Taylor offered to write to the lady concerned as he thought a solution might be found.

GP85/16 SCROLL AWARDS

The Sub-Committee (appointed under Minute GP85/9) had considered all the nominations and had selected seven recipients, now approved by the General Purposes Committee. These would be reported to the Executive Council on 11th May for ratification. Thereafter the Secretary would communicate the decisions simultaneously both to recipients and Branches.

GP85/17 CONSTITUTIONS

Branch

Amendments to the New Zealand/Constitution were approved.

Proposed amendments to the San Francisco Constitution were considered and though acceptable for the most part certain observations were made; subject to a satisfactory response from the Branch, the amended Constitution could be approved.

Forres Branch had now adopted the model constitution and their Rules were approved.

Hamilton and Clydesdale Branch had now adopted the model constitution and their Rules were approved.

Sydney Branch had now adopted the model constitution.

Phoenix Branch had adopted the model constitution and, with minor amendments their Rules were approved.

Belfast Branch had now adopted the model constitution; the Rules submitted were approved with the exception of 5(b) and (c) and the Branch would be asked to delete these two sections.

GP85/18 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:

(a)	Arkansas S.C.D. Society	USA
(b)	Crosshill and Maybole S.C.D. Group	Ayrshire
(c)	The Ceilidh Dancers, S.C.D. Club	Germany (Gifhorn)
(d)	Sandon S.C.D. Club	Chelmsford
(e)	Caringbah S.C.D. Club, Illawong	Australia
(f)	Charlotte S.C.Dancers,	North Carolina
(g)	Oxton S.C. Dancers, Lauderdale	Scotland
(h)	West Cornwall S.C. Dancers	Cornwall
(i)	La Jolla S.C.D. Club	California

GP85/19 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) A letter had been received from Mrs Evelyn MacLeod regarding a request that representatives of the IDTA should have a meeting with RSCDS officials to discuss the IDTA's desire to form a Scottish Country Dance section and the feasibility of medal tests.

It was agreed that a meeting could be arranged on a date mutually suitable, the meeting to be at Society Headquarters. It was decided that the Examinations Committee should appoint the Society representatives at such a meeting (not necessarily from the Examinations Committee only).

(b) A letter from Kirkcudbright Branch suggested that Branches proposing motions for the AGM should state the reasons/arguments in its favour in writing for distribution to delegates before the AGM.

The Committee considered that this was not a feasible proposition and that arguments for and against motions were best made orally at the AGM.

(c) A letter of thanks was received from Peterhead Branch in respect of the scholarship awarded to one of their members for Summer School.

GP85/20 ESSAY COMPETITION

Mr Taylor suggested that an Essay Competition be held on some theme connected with Miss Milligan for young people of 16-20 years old on an annual basis.

Mr Smart suggested that the age be open but by a large majority it was decided to keep the 16-20 limits.

The Committee decided that an Essay Competition should be held in 1986 and depending on the interest and success of the project it could become an annual event with a different theme each year.

The title would be "The Jean Milligan Memorial Essay".

For 1986 the theme would be "Jean C Milligan, LL.D." and should consist of about 1,000 words.

Entries should reach Headquarters by 31st March, 1986

The winner would be presented with a medal and the essay might be included in the Bulletin.

A panel of judges would be formed from members of the General Purposes Committee.

GP85/21 NEXT MEETING

19th October, 1985

Margaret G. Parker

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE JEAN MILLIGAN CENTENARY WEEKEND AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1985, AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mrs. M.G. Parker, Miss A.M. Duffield, Mrs. A. Murphy, Miss D.A. Paterson, Mr. T. Steele.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M.A. Jeffcoat (Treasurer)

CW85/21 APOLOGIES

Mr. J. Taylor

CW85/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 23rd March were approved.

CW85/23 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) CW85/13(Friday): It was noted that Colin Finlayson's Band would not be available for the Civic Reception but that Kenny Thomson was holding the date for us pending the official invitation from the City of Glasgow.

(b) CW85/13 (Saturday): The bands who had accepted the engagement for the Saturday dance were Bobby Crowe, Jim Dawson, David Ross.

(c) CW85/13 (Sunday): Mr. Steele reported that the minister of Wellington Church, Mr. Craig, was happy to welcome members to the Church Service on Sunday 13th July and had suggested that one of our members might read the lesson.

(d) CW85/14: Her Majesty the Queen was unable to attend during the Weekend but would be happy to reply to the loyal greetings we would send and the message could be included in the brochure.

(e) CW85/15: It was agreed that a separate bank account should now be opened with the Bank of Scotland, Shandwick Place, and that signatories would be Miss Gibson, Mrs. Jeffcoat, and Miss Duffield. The Secretary was asked to obtain a Giro Credit Book.

(f) CW85/16 The Committee noted the pricing of tickets as displayed on the application form the draft of which all members had received.

(g) CW85/19: The Principal of Jordanhill College of Education had confirmed that a picture would be acceptable as the presentation to the College. It was decided that the Convener and two members of the Committee would be empowered to select an appropriate picture and to co-opt to their deliberations an art adviser if considered necessary.

While it was hoped to acquire a picture by a current Scottish artist it was decided not to commission a picture for the occasion on account both of cost and of the difficulty of envisaging the end product. It was agreed that members should try to visit current art exhibitions if possible; in this respect Mrs. Jeffcoat volunteered to send invitations to an art exhibition in Edinburgh on 11th October to the Convener and Secretary and anyone else interested.

CW85/24 TICKETS

(a) No tickets would be required to be printed for the Friday evening Reception as these would be provided by the City of Glasgow.

(b) For meals and accommodation, the Bus Tour, and the Garden Party & Tea, vouchers would be printed and stapled together.

(c) Separate tickets would be provided for the dance on Saturday and would include the dance programme and a tear off strip for supper.

(d) Tea tickets for children would be stamped 'CHILD'

CW85/25 DANCE PROGRAMME

The programme was approved for the dance on Saturday evening.

CW85/26 PROGRAMME

(a) Dr. MacFadyen outlined his ideas for the brochure and it was decided that the following items should be included:

(i) The Queen's message
(ii) The Chairman's Welcome (including brief details of Dr. Milligan)
(iii) Programme for the Weekend
(iv) Relevant maps to include Jordanhill College, Queen Margaret Hall, City Chambers, Wellington Church, etc. Miss Paterson undertook to investigate the possibility of obtaining maps from the City.

(b) With regard to (iii) above details of the Garden Party afternoon would be included and Dr. MacFadyen considered we should have children dancing on the Saturday afternoon. After discussion the following programme was approved by the committee:

(i) Two sessions of mass dancing by groups of children - one 13 years and below and the other 14 years of age and over. It was decided to ask Branches and other Groups within reasonable reach if they could send teams.
(ii) Piping Display
(iii) Folk Dancing (e.g. Polish)
(iv) The opening ceremony - The President of the Society would be invited to open the Garden Party, whom failing one of our Vice Presidents, the Countess of Elgin, or Mrs. M.G. Parker.
(v) The name of the person opening the Garden Party, the times of events and the time of tea would also be included in the programme details for the Saturday afternoon.
(vi) Music would be broadcast over the public address system throughout the afternoon.
(vii) Details of the various stalls would also be contained in this section (e.g. Tombola (Branches would be asked to contribute), soft drinks/ice cream/crisps for the children (confirmation would be sought from the College that it was in order to sell these items). Consideration would be given to appointing specific members to take responsibility for each stall. There would also be stalls for the sale of books, records and accessories manned by Headquarter Staff or under HQ management. Permission would be sought from the Publications Committee to sell Book 34 at the Weekend.

CW85/27 CONTRACT WITH COLLEGE

A letter from the Domestic Administrator, Mr. Wilkie, had asked if we would be prepared to sign a contract now. The Committee had been under the impression that a contract had been entered into. However, the Secretary was instructed to tell Mr. Wilkie that we would sign a contract providing the terms were as outlined on the form we had already submitted when we applied for the College facilities for the Weekend. We would be prepared to confirm the booking of 170 places in the College.

CW85/28 PUBLICITY

Dr. MacFadyen said that Ken Mutch, producer of "Take the Floor" had evinced interest and he would keep in touch with him.

CW85/29 COMMEMORATIVE PLATES

The Committee noted that commemorative plates had been ordered from St. Andrews Pottery and the Secretary undertook to keep in touch with the Pottery.

CW85/30 NEXT MEETING

7th December, 1985, at 10.30 a.m.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH ON SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 1985, AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Mrs M G Parker (in the Chair), Dr A MacFadyen, Mr J Taylor, Miss A M Duffield, Mr W A Gray, Dr I M Hall, Mr J Laurie, Miss B A Nairn, Mr A Smart.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)
Mr J B C Brown (For item GP85/29)

GP85/22 APOLOGIES

Mr B Frazer, Mrs A Murphy, Mr T W Steele.

GP85/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 20th April, 1985 were approved.

GP85/24 BUSINESS ARISING

GP85/19(a) The Secretary reported that the Examinations Committee had arranged for a meeting with the International Dance Teachers Association representatives at which Dr Hall from the General Purposes Committee was present. The Examinations Committee had recommended co-operation with the IDTA in the production of syllabuses etc (See Examinations Committee Minute EX85/24).

GP85/25 CENTENARY WEEKEND

Dr MacFadyen reported that arrangements were progressing for the celebration of the birth of Dr Milligan. The application forms were now available and going out. He outlined the programme for the Garden Party and said it was hoped to have mass dancing by young people with teams 13 years and under and 14 years and over. There would also be piping and it was hoped to have folk dancing. There would be a Tombola Stall to which Branches would be asked to contribute.

Dr MacFadyen reported that he had met Ken Mutch of "Take the Floor" who was interested and might arrange a programme on 16th April or 1st May in Jordanhill College devoted to Jean Milligan. Branches will be notified regarding this in due course.

He told the Committee that the facsimile of Miss Milligan's "Festival Booklet" was presently being printed.

GP85/26 CONSTITUTIONS

The following Branch Constitutions were approved:-

Bath, Dunbartonshire West, Doncaster, Dunfermline, Duns and District, East Lothian, Isle of Islay, Kirkcudbright, Milton Keynes, North West Craven, Stirlingshire, Stonehaven, West Lothian, Whitehead, Winchester, Wolverhampton, Worthing.

Amendments to the following Branch Constitutions were considered:-

San Diego Branch - approved (with advice on procedure to be given to Branch).

Stockholm Branch - Generally approved with proviso that an amendment from the General Purposes Committee be accepted to bring the Constitution in line with Society practice.

GP85/27 AFFILIATIONS/

GP85/27 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:-

(a) Strathleven Scottish Dancers	California
(b) Clan MacLeod Dancers	California
(c) Greensboro Scottish Country Dance Society	North Carolina
(d) Charleston Scottish Country Dancers	South Carolina
(e) Arwon Scottish Country Dance Group	New South Wales
(f) Gordon Group	Lorient, France
(g) North East Wilts Scottish Country Dancers	Marlborough, Wilts
(h) South Skye Scottish Country Dance Society	Broadford, Isle of Skye
(i) Stirling Castle Country Dance Group	Stirling

GP85/28 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND

(a) It was decided that the course for pianists which the Examinations Committee wished to hold in 1986 would be funded from the Memorial Fund cost (around £600) for hire of piano and residence for students in Edinburgh.

(b) A request for financial assistance regarding a Workshop held in Tasmania had been received. The Committee were prepared to view this sympathetically but requested a balance sheet before coming to a decision.

GP85/29 EXPULSION OF LIFE MEMBER

Los Angeles Branch had notified Headquarters in June that they had expelled a Life Member from the Branch.

The Committee was disturbed at the number of representations from Branch members complaining of the action taken and, having considered the matter at length, instructed the Secretary to request details from the Branch regarding the procedure taken and specifically to be given the reason for the expulsion and documents appertaining to it, e.g. Notice of the Agenda calling meeting at which decision was made, Minutes of that Committee meeting, and Minutes of the last AGM, etc.

GP85/30 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) British Caledonian Airways Ltd had intimated with regret that they were unable to help with a seat to the Gambia (query made by Committee when discussing visits of teachers to Africa).

(b) Dundee Branch had enquired if there was objection to their seeking a sponsor to help with hosting the AGM in 1986. By a 5:3 majority the Committee decided that there would be no objection provided that the sponsorship was absolutely free of any conditions.

(c) A letter from Manchester Branch regarding an Open Forum Discussion after an AGM was remitted to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

(d) A Branch badge was received from Sutton Coldfield Branch.

Mrs Parker thanked Committee members for their support during her Chairmanship and for their work and service to the Society. In their turn members thanked Mrs Parker for her Convenership of the General Purposes Committee.

The meeting closed at 1.20 p.m.

A T MacFadyen
18.1.86

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH ON SATURDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1986, AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mrs. M.G. Parker, Mr. J. Taylor, Miss A.M. Duffield, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. J. Laurie, Mrs. A. Murphy, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss I. Paton, Mr. T.W. Steele, Mr. I.G.R. Zobel.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary) Mr. J.B.C. Brown (for items 4 and 5)

GP86/1 APOLOGIES

Mr. A. Smart

GP86/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 26th October, 1985, had already been approved at the Executive Council Meeting in November, 1985.

GP86/3 BUSINESS ARISING

GP85/28(b) Tasmania Workshop: As the Tascal S.C.D. Group had reported that further contributions received had now cleared the deficit on the workshop it was deemed unnecessary to consider their application for assistance.

GP86/4 EXPULSION OF LIFE MEMBER

The Committee had before them further correspondence received since the last meeting including a letter from Los Angeles Branch answering the points raised by the Committee at the last meeting. The Committee deliberated at length and decided to write a further letter to the Branch suggesting a possible solution to the matter.

GP86/5 CONSTITUTIONS

San Francisco Branch: Approved with the observation that it was hoped that in Article VI-4 the Branch might move more towards the model constitution in the future.

Phoenix Branch: The proposed amendment to the Rules was not approved as it had been raised irregularly.

Western Australia Branch: The revised Constitution was before the Committee who required amendments to be made. The matter was carried forward pending receipt of a revised draft.

Co-ordinating Committee for Northern Ireland: It had been noted in the Minutes of this Committee that the Sports Council had recognised it as 'the governing body of Scottish Country Dancing in Northern Ireland'. The Committee asked the Secretary to draw the Co-ordinating Committee's attention to correspondence which clearly set down that the Co-ordinating Committee could not be so described.

New Zealand Branch: The revised Constitution was before the Committee who noted that the constitution was now much closer to the Model Constitution. Certain very minor amendments were considered necessary and would be notified to the Branch. Two methods of voting at a General Meeting had been suggested and the Committee would indicate which, from the Society's point of view, was preferred. A further draft of the Constitution would be requested and the matter was carried forward to a future meeting.

GP86/6 CENTENARY WEEKEND

The minutes of the last sub-committee meeting were before the Committee. A meeting with the College Domestic Administrator had taken place and arrangements made for the weekend and, specifically for the Garden Party afternoon. On 29th January the Chairman, Secretary and Miss Paterson would visit the City Chambers, Glasgow, to tie up arrangements for the Civic Reception.

No painting had as yet been selected for presentation to the College and members were asked to let the Chairman know if they saw anything suitable. In this connection the Secretary was asked to contact Mr. Jim Nicholson who had held exhititions of his work and who might have a suitable painting.

Mr. Laurie asked about balloting if there was an over demand for places at the Weekend and it was agreed that a fair representation from every Branch should be the aim.

GP86/7 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

The Committee reviewed the procedure for election which had been put into effect for the first time at the November 1985 meeting of the Executive Council. They considered that it had worked well and recommended continuation of the procedure with one addition. It was recommended that where there were insufficient names for a committee, nominations from the floor be made at the start of the meeting and added to the ballot forms. This would ensure that all voting would be carried out under similar circumstances.

GP86/8 SCROLLS

The Secretary reported that 15 nominations had been made timeously this year. The following sub-committee was appointed to consider the nominations and to make recommendations to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee:-
Dr. MacFadyen, Mr.Aitkenhead, Mr.Taylor, Mrs.Dunn and Mr. Laurie
The sub-committee would meet on 1st February, 1986.

GP86/9 BRANCH FORMATION

An application to endeavour to form a Branch of the Society in mid Somerset was approved.

GP86/10 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:-

(a) Princeton S.C. Dancers	New Jersey, USA
(b) VZW Vlaams Caledonische Society Country Dancers	Gent, Belgium
(c) Savannah S.C.D. Group	Georgia, USA
(d) The St. Andrew Society of Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
(e) Fareham S.C. Dancers	Hampshire, England
(f) The Hamilton S.C. Dancers	Tennessee, USA
(g) Bellingham S.C. Dancers	Washington State, USA
(h) Wroxham S.C. Dancers	Norfolk, England
(i) Raleigh S.C. Dance Group	No.Carolina, USA

The application from the Illawarra S.C.D. Group in Melbourne was approved subject to there being no objection from the Branch. Should there be objection the application would be reconsidered at the next General Purposes Committee meeting.

GP86/11 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) After consideration of representations made by Portrush Branch the Committee agreed that at the next Executive Council meeting the format of the AGM Weekend be considered and it was suggested that host Branches be advised that a formal meal was not necessary either on the Friday or the Saturday evening though light refreshments would be acceptable.

(b)/

GP86/11 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (contd)

(b) The Committee were in agreement that the principle of an Open Forum be established during the A.G.M. Weekend and recommended -

The Forum could not be held at the close of the A.G.M.
It was recommended that the Forum be held on Saturday morning.
Items on the A.G.M. Agenda would not be discussed
The composition of the Forum would be the Office Bearers, all Conveners of Standing Committees, with the Vice-Chairman of the Society taking the Chair.
The Open Forum session would be open to all members to attend.
Topics for discussion or questions should be submitted in writing no later than two weeks prior to the A.G.M.
The Vice Chairman would have the final decision regarding selection of topics for discussion.
No decisions could be taken from the Open Forum discussions and proceedings would not be minuted but the Forum would be regarded as an opportunity to take note of views aired.

GP86/12 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) A letter of acknowledgment and thanks was received from Miss Collie for her Scroll (She had been unable to attend the A.G.M.)

(b) The Teachers' Association (Canada) had, in memory of Miss Margaret Anderson made a contribution of $500 to their Silver Anniversary Fund. The Committee recorded their appreciation of the TAC's decision.

GP86/13 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND.

In response to a submission by the Summer School Committee it was decided to award one Scholarship from the Fund this year to a young candidate from Australia.

GP86/14 SCOTTISH NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR DANCE

The Committee recommended that the Society should become a member of the Council for Dance.

GP86/15 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) The Saltire Society had enquired if we had considered a prize for children. The Committee considered that the Society was playing its part in stimulating interest in Scottish Country Dancing by the festivals organised by various Branches. They saw great difficulty in organising a national competition but if the Saltire Society were prepared to organise such a scheme further consideration would be given to the matter.

(b) Recent correspondence with Mrs. Clampitt generated further discussion regarding the statue she had intended to give to the Society until difficulties arose regarding casting. It was decided to invite her to visit a Scottish Foundry to examine the methods used for casting such items as her statue. It was understood that the cost would be a great deal less than she had anticipated.

(c) Arising from a suggestion at the last Executive Council that we should again display items for sale at Headquarters, the Chairman suggested that we should set up a shop at Headquarters. After discussion this was found not to be feasible but it was decided that arrangements should be made to keep the front door open so as to give a more welcoming appearance to Headquarters. The inner door should then be made lockfast and draught exclusion arranged. If the display of goods for sale could be visible from the doorway so much the better. It was also hoped that members visiting Edinburgh would make use of the Members' Room and avail themselves of an opportunity to have a look round the Headquarters.

GP86/16 NEXT MEETING

12th April, 1986

The meeting closed at 1.35 p.m.

Alan Foley
12th April '86

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED UNDER MINUTE GP86/8
TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE SCROLL FOR
SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Dr. MacFadyen, Mr. Aitkenhead, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Dunn and Mr. Laurie met on 1st February, 1986, at 11.00 a.m. with Miss Gibson (Secretary) in attendance.

They considered 15 candidates from whom they recommended awards to be made to the following:-

Name.	Branch	Recommended by
1. Mrs. J. Bain	Banffshire	Branch
2. Miss W. M. Carnie	Glasgow	Branch
3. Mrs. I. Cramb	Headquarters	General Purposes Committee (Nominated by Publications Committee)
4. Miss A.O. Cumming	Aberdeen	Branch
5. Miss P.M. Gale	New Zealand	Branch
6. Miss B.K. Lawlor	Belfast	Branch
7. Mr. G. Mechan	Dundee	Branch
8. Dr. R. Smith	Hamilton (Ont)	Branch
9. Mr. and Mrs. M. Thomson	Mornington Peninsula	Branch (to be joint Scroll)
10. Mrs. E.M. West	Headquarters	General Purposes Committee (Nominated by Summer School Committee) Refused
11. Mr. R. Watson	Aberdeen	General Purposes Committee (Nominated by Summer School Committee)
12. Mrs. K. Willberg	Headquarters	General Purposes Committee

Nominations not accepted were:

Mr. J. Rennie	Los Angeles	Branch
Mrs. J. Shore	Hamilton (Ont)	Branch

It was recommended that,as formerly, the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee should indicate the number of awards but not the names which would be reported at the Executive Council so that there would be nothing published until the Council had ratified the recommendations and so that notification could be sent to nominators and nominees simultaneously.

The meeting closed at 12 noon.

MMG
1 Feb 86

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1986 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mrs M.G. Parker, Mr J. Taylor, Miss A.M. Duffield, Mrs N. Dunn, Mr J. Laurie, Mrs A. Murphy, Miss I. Paton, Mr A. Smart, Mr T.W. Steele, Mr I.G.R. Zobel

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP86/17 APOLOGIES

Mr Aitkenhead, Miss Nairn

GP86/18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 18th January, 1986, were approved unanimously.

GP86/19 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP86/4 : Expulsion of Life Member. It was hoped that Los Angeles Branch would confirm that the member's appeal would be heard at a General Meeting. Should this confirmation not be received before 10th May the matter would be raised at the Executive Council in May.

(b) GP86/7 : Election of Members to Standing Committees. The Committee wished to make it clear that the Minute in GP86/7 in no way affected the ruling given in EC84/14 that those nominated timeously would, in the event of a shortfall for a committee, be elected prior to taking nominations from the floor, i.e. where there was a shortfall the ballot would be for those names added to the list from the floor of the hall while those nominated timeously would be automatically elected.

(c) GP86/14 The Committee noted that the Society was now a member of the Council for Dance.

(d) GP86/15(b) Mr Taylor reported that Mrs Clampitt, under his arrangements, had visited a foundry near Stirling a week or two ago and that on 23rd April he was meeting her and her husband to take the statuette to the foundry for casting.

GP86/20 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Western Australia Branch had accepted the recommended amendments and the Constitution was now approved.

(b) Portrush Branch had adopted the model constitution and the Rules were approved.

(c) Forfar Branch had adopted the model constitution and the Rules were approved.

(d) Mid Somerset Branch had adopted the model constitution and the Rules were approved.

(e) Stirlingshire - Rules approved.

GP86/21 FLORIDA BRANCH

The Committee agreed to the request by Florida Branch to be permitted to divide into two Branches - Central Florida and South Florida.

GP86/22 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved

(a) Peterborough S.C. Dancing Society - Ontario, Canada
(b) Bozeman S.C. Dancers - Montana, USA
(c) S.C. Dancers of Tidewater, Virginia, USA
(d) Penwortham Scottish Dance Class, Preston, England
(e) Memphis S.C. Dancers, Tennessee, USA
(f) Greater Hartford S.C.D. Group, Connecticut, USA

Subject to their being no objection from the nearest Branch the following affiliation was approved:

(g) Clitheroe & District Caledonian Society
(h) Considered at the last meeting the Illawarra Group's application was reconsidered in the light of correspondence from the Branch and the Group and it was decided to grant affiliation and to urge the RSCDS members in the group to put their membership through the Branch.

The undernoted application for affiliation was not approved.

Clutha S.C. Dancers

GP86/23 CENTENARY WEEKEND

Miss Duffield reported the numbers applying to date for the various events throughout the Weekend. The Chairman said there had been a good response from our invited guests including Lord and Lady Mansfield and the Milligan family. Mr Aitkenhead had the afternoon events in hand.

In regard to the picture to be presented to Jordanhill College it had been decided to commission Lesley Main, a Glasgow artist of some repute, to paint a Glasgow scene for this purpose. She had agreed to paint two or three pictures, from which the Society would select the one they wished.

Dr. MacFadyen said that "Take the Floor" would be recorded at Jordanhill on 16th April and that he himself was to be interviewed by Robbie Shepherd - this programme to mark the centenary of Dr. Milligan's birth.

GP86/24 SCROLLS

The Committee recommended that from the nominations received twelve Scrolls would be issued (one being given jointly to a husband and wife). The names of those recommended would be before the Executive Council in May for ratification.

GP86/25 ESSAY COMPETITION

It was decided that Dr. MacFadyen, Mr Taylor and Mrs Murphy would form the panel to judge essay entries.

GP86/26 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Mrs Dunn, recently having visited Northern Ireland, drew the Committee's attention to the benefits accruing to Branches in Northern Ireland from their membership of the Northern Ireland Sports Council - help with courses, facilities for typing, photocopying, mailing, etc., grants for teachers to attend Summer School

(b) It was decided to send a message of good wishes from the Society to our Patron, H.M. the Queen, on her 60th birthday on 21st April.

GP86/27 NEXT MEETING

18th October, 1986.

The meeting closed at 12.10 p.m.

A MacFadyen
18th October 1986

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 18TH, OCTOBER, 1986, AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mrs. M.C. Parker, Miss A.M. Duffield, Mrs N. Dunn, Mr. J. Laurie, Mrs. A. Murphy, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss I. Paton, Mr. A. Smart, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. I.G.R. Zobel

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP86/28 APOLOGIES

Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr. T.W. Steele

GP86/29 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 12th April 1986 had already been approved at the Executive Council meeting in May.

GP86/30 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP86/19 (a) Expulsion of Life Member: The Chairman gave a resumé of the situation and the Executive Council resolution passed at the Emergency Meeting in August, and reported that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Los Angeles Branch had just been received.

A letter received from Mr. Goss was discussed. It was decided to send him a copy of the Los Angeles Branch constitution and to inform him that the justification for the Executive Council's decision in August was as set out in the Minute which was forwarded to him at that time.

(b) GP86/21 The Secretary reported that the split of Florida Branch into two - Florida North and Florida South had been effected on 20th September.

(c) GP86/22 The Secretary reported that Clitheroe & District Caledonian Society had been affiliated, there being no objection and that the Ilawarra Group in Australia had confirmed that memberships within the Group were being channelled through Melbourne & District Branch.

(d) GP86/23 A letter had been received from Glasgow Branch congratulating the Committee on the success of the Jean Milligan Centenary Weekend. Dr. MacFadyen said he was very pleased with the way things had worked out and to have fine weather on the day. He was much indebted to everyone who contributed in any way at all to make the event the success it was and expressed his own deep felt gratitude to all concerned. Members congratulated the Chairman whose idea it had been and Mr. Taylor confirmed that so far as finance was concerned the accounts had balanced out in the end.

(e) GP86/25 Essay Competition. Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Miss Paton, moved that we do not continue the competition. The proposal was carried by 9 votes to 1 against. (But see GP86/34(e).

(f) GP86/26 (b) The Committee received the reply from H.M. the Queen in response to the birthday greetings which had been sent to her.

GP86/31 AFFILIATIONS

(a) The Committee decided to continue the affiliation of the Clan MacLeod Dancers.

(b) The following affiliations were approved:

(i)	The Waverley Dancers	California
(ii)	Retford & Dist SCD Society	Nottinghamshire
(iii)	Teddington & Dist Cal. Socy	Middlesex
(iv)	Port Alberni S.C. Dancers	British Columbia
(v)	Belleville S.C.D. Society	Ontario
(vi)	Broward S.C. Dancers	Florida
(vii)	Sun Country S.C. Dancers	Florida
(viii)	Kaduna S.C.D. Group	Nigeria
(ix)	Golden Valley S.C. Dancers	California
(x)	S.C.D. Society of Barbados	Barbados
(xi)	Kuching S.C.D. Group	Sarawak
(xii)	Caledonian Socy. of Grenada	Grenada, W.I.

(c) Provisional approval was given (subject to correspondence presently awaited from Branches concerned) for affiliation of

St. Andrews, Jacksonville Group
Prince of Wales Hospital SCD Group

(d) A letter of thanks had been received from Mr. J. Rennie regarding the affiliation of the Rio de Janeiro Group in Brazil and was noted.

GP86/32 BRANCH FORMATION

An application for approval to endeavour to form a Branch in the area of Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley was considered.

Mr. Taylor proposed that applicants be advised to apply for affiliated status for an interim period. He was seconded by Mrs. Parker. The motion was defeated by 6 votes to 5.

Mr. Smart proposed that permission to endeavour to form a Branch be given with the proviso that should the applicants succeed the name of the Branch must be 'The San Gabriel Valley Branch'.

This motion was carried by 7 votes to 4.

GP86/33 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) The following amendments to Constitutions were approved.
Amendments to the Constitutions of the following Branches were approved:

(i) Doncaster & District
(ii) Winnipeg Branch
(iii) Teachers' Association (Canada)

(b) A revised constitution from Mornington Peninsula was considered. With minor amendments the constitution was approved in principle but it was suggested that Mornington Peninsula Branch might adopt the Model Constitution for Branches with

matters particular to the area and the Branch being included under 'Rules'. The Committee also asked for assurance before final approval was given, that incorporation would not prevent the Branch observing the Constitution and Rules of the R.S.C.D.S.

(c) It was noted that no copy of the Los Angeles Branch Incorporation document was held at Headquarters and the Secretary was instructed to request a copy from the Branch.

GP86/34 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND PROJECTS

(a) Remuneration for the instructors on the Pianists' Course this year was agreed (Paper Apart).

(b) It was decided that the project for 1987 would be a teaching tour (if feasible with a teacher and a pianist) in Ireland and in Scandinavia.

It was suggested that Mr. Ireland might go to Ireland (though his professional duties might make this impossible) and that Mrs. Murphy might undertake the Scandinavian Tour (again if dates could be arranged suitably). Should these teachers be unable to undertake the tours the Secretary would consult the Examinations Committee/Examinations Committee Convener regarding alternatives.

(c) Having had an essay competition under the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund this year, it was decided unanimously on a motion by Mrs. Murphy seconded by Mr. Taylor that two scholarships for Summer School would be offered in 1987 for young people aged over 16 and under 20 - the Scholarships to consist of fees only (i.e. residence and tuition). A condition of the award would be that the recipients would submit a report at the end of the course. The Summer School Scholarship Sub-Committee would select recipients. Details required of applicants would be age, how long they had been dancing, why they wanted a scholarship, their hobbies and interests, school/work and a recommendation from their Branch.

GP86/35 MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR MRS. STEWART OF FASNACLOICH

The Committee noted the Executive Council's instruction to arrange for a plaque bearing Mrs. Ysabel Stewart's name similar to that commemorating Dr. Milligan, at Headquarters. The Secretary was asked to endeavour to get in touch with the donor of Dr. Milligan's plaque so as to purchase a similar one. It was agreed the same wording would apply. The Chairman undertook to provide the dates of Mrs. Stewart's birth and death.

GP86/36 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Glasgow Branch had kindly offered to host the A.G.M. in 1988 and the Committee accepted this offer with pleasure.

In the course of investigating suitable venues for the A.G.M. it had been ascertained that the Eden Court Theatre in Inverness was not sufficiently large though a new sports centre is currently being built. However, representatives of the Aviemore Centre had suggested that the ice rink, suitably floored over, could possibly take all dancers

attending an A.G.M. if one were to be held there. It was decided it might be useful to know the exact floor space available and the Secretary would ask for this information.

GP86/37 PUBLICITY

(a) Mr. Taylor of Wirral Branch had written emphasising the need for stronger advertising and for attracting young people to the Society, and submitted a poster of the EFDS Society. While the poster submitted was not entirely acceptable, it was conceded that our present posters might not be sufficiently colourful. It was decided to pursue the aim of producing a suitable poster with a design suitable for all Branches but with a blank left for each individual Branch to add their own message. In due course when the posters had been approved and printed one would be sent to each Branch for information and orders invited. Up to 20 would be supplied free with special consideration given to the smaller Branches. After the design had been approved and the posters costed the matter would be passed to Finance Committee for allocation of the necessary funds.

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GP86/38 BRANCH EMBLEMS

(a) The design for a banner submitted by Houston Branch was approved.

(b) Atlanta Branch: The Committee considered that a simpler design would be more appropriate and suggested that they follow the design forwarded to them i.e. the Society logo with Branch title added.

GP86/39 BBC - SPOKESPERSON

The BBC are looking for their Gaelic programmes for a member of this Society who can speak fluently and knowledgeably in Gaelic on the activities of this Society, and had also asked if we would provide names of any Gaelic-speaking members to speak about their particular skills or interests on a personal basis rather than as representatives of the Society. It was hoped that Branches with Gaelic-speaking members would notify the Secretary as soon as possible.

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GP86/41 OTHER BUSINESS (contd)

Aviemore Centre: The Committee noted that the Aviemore Centre proposed to hold a holiday week package of Scottish Country Dancing from 14-21 June 1987. They had approached the Society for advice which has been given and it has been agreed that they may approach us for a list of qualified teachers. It was emphasised that official RSCDS approval was neither sought nor given, and there would be no further cooperation other than that stated above. Mr. Aitkenhead, Vice-Chairman, had spent a day at Aviemore with the organisers and had submitted a report for the Committee's information, for which they recorded their thanks.

Mr. Taylor informed the Committee that the Milligan family headstone in Denny had been suitably cleaned and inscribed with Dr. Milligan's particulars.

GP86/42 NEXT MEETING

To be decided at the Executive Council Meeting on 15th November, 1986.

The Chairman, in closing the meeting, thanked all members for having worked so hard and for their time and patience in dealing with some difficult matters. In particular he mentioned Mrs. Parker to whom members were saying goodbye as she would not be serving on the Committee again. In return, Committee members gave the Chairman a very hearty vote of thanks.

The meeting closed at 1 p.m.

A D MacFadyen

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH ON SATURDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 1987 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mr A.S. Aitkenhead, Miss A.M. Duffield, Mrs N. Dunn, Dr. I. Hall, Mr J. Laurie, Mr A. Mair, Mrs A. Murphy, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss I. Paton, Mr A.M. Smart, Mr J. Taylor.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP87/1 CHAIRMAN'S REMARK

The Chairman welcomed members to the start of the new session and especially Mr Mair, serving on the Committee for the first time, and Dr. Hall who returned to the Committee this year.

GP87/2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

GP87/3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 18th October 1986 had already been approved at the Executive Council on 15th November.

GP87/4 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP86/31(c) Provisional affiliations. The two provisional affiliations were still pending. In the case of the Prince of Wales Hospital S.C.D. Group no reply had yet been received from Sydney Branch to our letter sent in October, though a letter of support was purported to have been sent. It was decided that intimation should be made to Sydney Branch that if no objections to the application were received by 20th February it would be assumed that there were none.

(b) GP86/32 - The Secretary reported that the San Gabriel Valley Branch had been formed on 22nd November 1986.

(c) GP86/33(b) As no reply had been received from Mornington Branch the matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

(d) GP86/33(c) No reply had been received from Los Angeles Branch to our letter of 22nd October. A reminder had been sent on 9th January and the matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

(e) GP86/34(a) Pianists' Course. The course by all accounts had been a success but had yet to be evaluated by the Examinations Committee to which reports would go. Should the Examinations Committee consider further courses should be held, application for the necessary funds should be directed to the Finance Committee in future.

The Committee recommended that the course should be widened to include other musicians (e.g. accordionists, violinists etc.) who might wish to apply. This recommendation would be remitted to the Examinations Committee for their consideration.

(f) GP86/34(b) Teaching Tours (Jean Milligan Memorial Fund). The Secretary reported that Mr Ireland, in present circumstances, was unable to participate. The tours would be undertaken by:

Mr R. Grant / Mrs M. Reekie - Ireland

Mrs A. Murphy / Miss J. Sim - Sweden/Denmark

Miss A.W. Miller / Mr R. Mackay - Norway

Replies were awaited from recipients of the visits to confirm arrangements. All tours would take place in October.

(g) GP86/34(c) Scholarships. The Secretary stated that those who had been selected to received the Memorial Fund Junior Scholarships were:-

Alison Seggie (18) - Renfrewshire West Branch

Judith Rousseau (16) - Paris Branch

(h) GP86/35 The memorial plaque for Mrs Stewart was in hand and expected shortly.

(i) GP86/36 The Secretary reported that the floor in the Aviemore Centre could take around 2,000 dancers.

(j) Posters: Approaches had been made to a member of the Society to submit a draft of a suitable poster calculated to recruit members (especially the younger age group) to the Society. It was suggested that the Secretary should also approach Mr Robert Grant on this matter. Any submissions together with ideas submitted by Branches (e.g. Bath and Stirlingshire) would be carried forward to the next meeting.

GP87/5 CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Peterborough Branch : Amendments approved.

(b) The Co-ordinating Committee for Northern Ireland appeared to be having problems and after discussion the Committee gave the Secretary an indication of the reply which should be sent. It was reiterated that the Committee was not a "governing body" but was for co-ordination only - for the administrative simplicity required by the NISC. The Committee saw no reason to exclude any bona fide Branch or Group from the benefits available for Scottish Country Dancing in the Province.

GP87/6 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:-

(a) Havant Reel Club (~~West Sussex~~ Hants)

(b) Southern Highlands (N.S.W. Australia)

GP87/7 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The Secretary reported several letters of thanks from recipients of Scrolls at the last A.G.M.

(b) A letter from James Carswell to Edinburgh Branch copy to this Committee was noted.

(c) A letter from the Chairman of Los Angeles Branch addressed to the "Chairman of the Executive Council" was before the Committee at Dr. MacFadyen's request. After discussing the points raised (principally on affiliation and Branch formation policy) the Committee directed the Secretary to reply.

(d) A letter from Cloverfield School, Aberdeen, offered to transfer their invitation to send a Children's team to the 23rd April Children's Festival, Turkey to the Society. The Committee very much regretted that they could not take advantage of the offer but did not feel the sum involved could be found and time now was too short in any event.

(e) Miss M. Joni Wilson had appealed for help for Nicaraguan children interested in dance - either financial or in kind (practice shoes, clothes etc). It was decided that a copy of her letter should be sent to all Branches in the U.K. and those who were willing to help should send their donations to Miss Wilson direct.

In the meantime the Committee decided that a Graded Book and tape plus the Music for Teaching tape should be sent to Miss Wilson to help interest the children in Scottish Country Dancing.

GP/87/8 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Anniversary cards had been sent off this year to the following Branches:-

Bristol, Leeds (Silver Jubilee)

Kirkcaldy, St. Andrews (Golden Jubilee)

Mr Taylor drew the Secretary's attention to Stirlingshire Branch who celebrated their Diamond Jubilee this year. They also would receive congratulations (as would Clackmannanshire Branch).

(b) A.G.M. 1989: Perth Branch had offered to host the A.G.M. in 1989 on 3rd and 4th November. The offer was accepted gratefully by the Committee.

(c) BBC 2 Radio: The Secretary informed the Committee that the BBC in Scotland were putting on a programme of music for Scottish Country Dancing around Scotland. Included would be a sound recording of part of a "Highland Ball" for teenagers organised by Mrs Mina Corson in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh. Inclusion in the programme had been by invitation of the BBC to specific individuals. At their request Dr. MacFadyen would be present at the Edinburgh recording and available to answer questions on the Society.

(d) Children's Festivals: Mr Taylor said Central Region were not having their Day of Dance for children this year in which hundreds of children usually participated. His Branch had therefore decided to hold a Day School and Dance for children. The General Purposes Committee were pleased to hear of this and of several other cases where Branches were stepping in to fill gaps and to keep dancing available for children.

(e) Open Forum: Mr Aitkenhead raised fears that the Open Forum could clash with the class held at the A.G.M. to the detriment of both. It was suggested that the time of the class might be advanced to 9.30 with the Open Forum starting around 11.00.

(f) Expulsion of Life Member from L.A. Branch: A letter had been received from Dr. Donald Cameron of the Parliamentary Services, Northbridge, California who had been requested by a member of L.A. Branch (Mr Lubin) to send his professional opinion to the Society regarding the procedure taken (or not taken) in the case of the expulsion of Mr R. Goss from L.A. Branch.

In view of the remarks by Dr. Cameron (an independent opinion) it was considered by the Committee that they had no option but to reopen the matter. In addition, the Minutes of the L.A. A.G.M. received well after the Executive Council on 9th August showed a marked difference between the statement made by Miss Brander (in good faith) and the Branch Minutes. The indications now were that the Branch might well have placed themselves in a position untenable in law.

It was decided to send a copy of the letter to the Branch asking them to let us have immediately if possible and in any event not later than 16th March, their comments and any other evidence which they felt would assist the General Purposes Committee at its meeting in early April when options would have to be considered for presentation to the Executive Council in May.

In the meantime the Secretary would endeavour to obtain legal advice on the Society's position in the matter, would acknowledge Mr Goss's letter of 19th January 1986 (also before the Committee) and would thank Mr Lubin (whose letter of 14th December 1986 was before the Committee) for his efforts to keep the Society informed of the steps he had taken in regard to this matter.

A T McFadyen
11.4.87

GP87/9 NEXT MEETING

11th April 1987

The meeting closed at 1.20 p.m.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE SCROLL FOR SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Dr. MacFadyen, Mr Aitkenhead, Mr Taylor, Mr Mair and Miss Paton met on 7th February, 1987, at 10.30 a.m. with Miss Gibson (Secretary) in attendance.

They considered 10 candidates and recommended that all ten (listed below) should be awarded the Society's Scroll.

	Name	Branch	Voting
1.	Mrs Nan Allan	Aberdeen	Unanimous
2.	Mrs Mary Schoolbraid Brandon	Hawaii	do.
3.	Mr Howard & Mrs Stella Booth	London	4 to 1 majority
4.	Mrs Elizabeth C. Broome	Leamington Spa & Dist.	do.
5.	Mr Douglas J.T. Henderson	Dundee	Unanimous
6.	Mrs May V. Kersley	Belfast	do.
7.	Miss Katherine H. McLauchlan	East Angus	do.
8.	Miss Margaret A. Rae	Duns & District	do.
9.	Miss Jean Stewart	Stirlingshire	do.
10.	Miss Edith Watson	Glasgow	do.

It was recommended that, as in former years, the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee should indicate the number of awards but not the names which would be reported at the Executive Council so that there would be nothing published until the Council had ratified the recommendations and so that notification could be sent to nominators and nominees simultaneously.

Mr Taylor recommended that, as well as getting the Scroll, recipients might also receive one of the Jean Milligan plates. This was seconded by Mr Aitkenhead with the additional suggestion that last year's recipients of Scrolls should also receive a plate which had been produced last year for the celebration of the anniversary of Dr. Milligan's birth. The plate should not be given simultaneously with the Scroll. By a 4 to 1 majority it was agreed that this suggestion should go for discussion to the General Purposes Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

MMG

7 Feb. 87

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1987, AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mr A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr J. Taylor, Dr. I. Hall, Mr J. ~~Leurs~~ Laurie, Mrs A. Murphy, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss I. Paton, Mr A.M. Smart.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP87/10 APOLOGIES

Miss Duffield, Mrs Dunn, Mr Mair

GP87/11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 24th January, 1987 were approved.

GP87/12 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP87/4(a) - The two provisional affiliations were now confirmed.

(b) GP87/4(c) - Mornington Branch had requested longer to consider the the Committee's recommendations regarding their Constitution.

(c) GP87/4(e) - The Secretary reported that the Pianist's Course had been considered a great success and another was now envisaged - subject to funds being allocated by the Finance Committee.

(d) GP87/4(h) - The memorial plaque for Mrs Stewart had had to be returned to the firm supplying it as it was not the correct dimensions.

(e) GP87/4(j) - Posters: Various designs for posters were considered. It was eventually decided that the posters should be A4 size, be printed black on yellow, more or less on the lines of the Bath Branch poster with minor alterations, and with the lower half of the poster available for Branch description and particular Branch information. The Secretary was asked to obtain quotes. Together with Finance Convener she would decide quantity to be ordered depending on price.

(f) GP87/8(e) - Open Forum: It was noted that Edinburgh Branch could not meet the recommendations of the Committee this year and Mr Aitkenhead moved that the Open Forum and the Class be held consecutively and that this instruction be given to the next Branch hosting the A.G.M. (i.e. Glasgow) with the situation being reviewed thereafter. Dr. Hall seconded the motion which was agreed.

GP87/13 SCROLLS

The Committee recommended that all ten nominations (one jointly to husband and wife) should be accepted for the award of a Scroll. The names of those recommended would be before the Executive Council in May for ratification.

GP87/14 CONSTITUTION

The Constitution and Rules of Wirral Branch were approved.

GP87/15 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:

(a) North Wales Scottish Country Dance School	(Gwynedd)
(b) Addlestone & District Scottish Society	(Surrey)
(c) Argyll Scottish Dancing Group	(Berks)
(d) Ayr & Lower Burdekin Caledonian Association	(Queensland)
(e) Elizabeth Scottish Country Dance Group	(S. Australia)
(f) Scots Church Rotterdam S.C.D. Club	(Netherlands)
(g) Swilcan S.C.D. Group	(Utrecht ")
(h) Gouda S.C.D. Society	(Netherlands)
(i) Queensferry S.C. Dancing Club	(West Lothian)

GP87/16 BRANCH FORMATION

Approval was given for the Loch Michigan Scottish Country Dancers to endeavour to form a Branch (Chicago Branch).

GP87/17 A.G.M.

The offer from Ayr Branch to host the 1990 Annual General Meeting was accepted with pleasure.

GP87/18 REMIT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee had passed a request to the General Purposes Committee regarding an application for some financial support by Leeds Branch who in their 25th anniversary celebrations this year felt it incumbent to entertain two overseas groups who had shown Leeds Branch hospitality in the past. It was agreed on this particular occasion to allot £250 from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund interest for this purpose.

GP87/19 EXPULSION OF LIFE MEMBER - LOS ANGELES BRANCH

As stated in GP87/8(f) the case of Mr Goss's expulsion from Los Angeles Branch had been re-opened.

The Secretary reported that:

(a) with reference to GP86/33(c) the Los Angeles Branch Incorporation document had been received. It appeared to contain nothing which would have deterred the Branch from putting Mr Goss's expulsion on the Branch AGM Agenda in 1986. A request to the Branch on 17th February to identify such a section had not yet been met.

(b) the Branch had responded to a request to consider Dr. Cameron's opinion (see Minute GP87/8(f)) and had rejected it.

Having considered the above, and in view of the further information received since the special Executive Council meeting in August, the General Purposes Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that -

(1) an instruction be issued to the Los Angeles Branch that Mr Goss be reinstated forthwith as a member of Los Angeles Branch and that this instruction should be accompanied by a requirement that confirmation of this be received within 14 days after the date of the Branch A.G.M. or by 30th June, 1987 if later.

(2) the Branch be informed that failure to comply with this instruction will be regarded as a breach of the requirement that Branches must comply with instructions issued by the Executive Council and would lead to disbandment of the Branch by the Executive Council in accordance with Rule III, Section 7, para (d) of the Society Constitution and Rules.

GP87/20 OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Smart raised the question of confidentiality and it was agreed that individual comments made in Committee were strictly confidential.

GP87/21 NEXT MEETING

10th October, 1987.

The meeting closed at 12.40 p.m.

10th October, 1987

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Chairman

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1987 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Miss A.M. Duffield, Mrs N. Dunn, Mr J. Laurie, Mr A. Mair, Mrs A. Murphy, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss I. Paton, Mr A.M. Smart, Mr J. Taylor.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP87/22 APOLOGIES

Mr A.S. Aitkenhead, Dr I.M. Hall

GP87/23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 11th April, 1987, had been approved at the Exeuctive Council Meeting on 9th May, 1987.

GP87/24 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP87/12(c) The Committee noted that the Music Course in November was to be funded from the Laurel Gray bequest.

(b) GP87/12(d) The Secretary confirmed that the plaque for Mrs Stewart was now on the wall outside Headquarters.

(c) GP87/12(e) The posters were now available and some Branches had already collected their free issue.

(d) GP87/13 Scrolls: The Secretary reported that Mrs Brandon from Hawaii had received her Scroll at Summer School as she was unable to return to attend the A.G.M. Mrs Kersley who could not attend the A.G.M. would receive her Scroll at a function in Belfast later this year. Mrs Nan Allan could not attend and arrangements for the presentation would be made with her Branch. All other recipients had indicated their intention of being present at the A.G.M.

(e) GP87/19 The Committee noted that Mr Goss had been reinstated as a member by Los Angeles Branch.

GP87/25 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:

(a)	The Corridon S.C.D. Group	Coventry
(b)	Greyfriars S.C.D. Group	Colchester
(c)	Hartlepool S.C.D. Group	Hartlepool
(d)	N.T. Scottish Association Inc.	Australia
(e)	The Panama St. Andrew Society	Panama
(f)	Nanoose S.C. Dancers	Nanoose Bay, Canada
(g)	Club de Danse Ecossaise	Montpellier, France
(h)	Midrand S.C. Dancers	South Africa
(i)	Dayton S.C.D. Society	Dayton ~~Cincinnati~~, Ohio, U.S.A.
(j)	Evanston S.C. Dancers	Illinois, U.S.A.
(k)	S.C. Dancers of Richmond	Richmond, VA, U.S.A.
(l)	Palm Beach S.C. Dancers	Florida, U.S.A.

(m) Cariboo S.C.D. Club was approved provided the letter of support from the Branch (reported to be en route) was received.

The following application for affiliation was not approved:
Scotch Corner Dancers, Phoenix, Arizona.

GP87/26 BRANCH FORMATION

An application for approval to endeavour to form a Branch in Southern Virginia from Mr John Allen was approved, with the Secretary being instructed to give advice where considered necessary.

GP87/27 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Co-Ordinating Committee for Northern Ireland

Under the Constitution Branches nominate members for appointment by the Executive Council. Nominations for the year Nov. 1987 - Nov. 1988 were:-

Mrs Marion Donaldson and Mrs Betty Smith - Belfast Branch
Miss May Rooney and Mr Charlie Shott - Portrush Branch
Mr Norman Brown and Mr John Thompson - Whitehead Branch

The Committee recommend that these members be appointed to the Co-Ordinating Committee.

With appointments commencing from November it was agreed that the Hon. Secretary's appointment would have to be confirmed at the November meeting.

The General Purposes Committee recommends an addition to the Constitution of the Co-Ordinating Committee as follows:

"Members of the Co-Ordinating Committee shall be nominated annually at Branch General Meetings and appointed by the Executive Council of the Society. Service on the Co-Ordinating Committee shall be limited to four consecutive years with one member from each Branch demitting office every two years. Members will be eligible for re-election after an interval of two years."

(b) Portrush Branch

The Committee confirmed the advice given to Portrush Branch in a letter dated 21st February, 1987 regarding the interpretation of their Constitution etc.

(c) The Constitutions (Model) were approved for the following Branches: Banffshire, Berwick upon Tweed, Clackmannanshire, East Angus, Lanark, Lockerbie, Stranraer, Teesside.

(d) The Model Constitution has been adopted by Lochaber and in approving this the Committee agreed that previous Constitutions forwarded by the Branch would be considered now to be superseded.

(e) The following Branches had adopted the Model Constitution with Rules attached.

(i) Norwich Branch Constitution agreed. Rules should be presented as such and not in the form of Minute excerpts. The Secretary was asked to adjust the material into the form of Rules as necessary.

The Committee did not agree that the Chief Instructor should be on the Committee "ex officio" and this Rule was not approved. The Committee of Management should be made up entirely of elected members (which may of course include any teacher).

(ii) South Argyll Some very slight amendment was required to the Rules for clarification and Constitution and Rules were approved. The Committee, however, wished to know how the Branch proposed to retire 2 members each year from a Committee of 7.

(iii) San Gabriel Valley The Constitution based on the Model was approved. Several queries arose with regard to Rules which could not at this stage be approved until amendments were agreed by the Branch.

The General Purposes Committee does not approve of a separate Teachers' Committee. It was considered that the Branch Committee of Management should be responsible for all the activities of the Branch including organising classes and appointing teachers. The Committee did not consider that Rules V and VI dealing with Teachers' Committee and Branch Classes respectively were in the long run in the best interests of the Branch and would ask that they be removed. These two Clauses were not approved.

Other minor amendments considered necessary would be intimated to the Branch.

(f) Carnoustie Branch's existing Constitution was noted.

(g) London Branch Constitution based largely on the Model was approved. The Rules were not fully approved, however, as provision would have to be made for an appeal procedure in the case of termination or suspension of membership.

(h) Cincinnati Branch Constitution, adjusted at the request of the Committee, was now approved.

(i) Doncaster Branch Amendments to the Branch Constitution were submitted. The Committee did not approve of teachers being ex-officio members of the Committee of Management/Executive Committee of a Branch. They must be elected in their own right at the A.G.M. as ordinary members. While 5a deletion was accepted the remainder of the amendments was not approved.

(j) Phoenix Branch The amendment to the Branch Constitution altering the Branch financial year was approved.

(k) Vancouver Branch Amendments to the Constitution in regard to those holding Preliminary Test passes were approved.

(l) Atlanta Branch A temporary Constitution was approved for one year after which the Branch would be expected to adopt the Model Constitution with what Rules they felt were necessary.

(m) South East Queensland Amendments to the Constitution were in the main acceptable and were approved. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the Branch and inter alia ensure that they realised that a member paying the Society subscription or its equivalent is a member with rights of voting, speaking and holding office and to have those Society publications issued as subscription copies.

(n) Halifax-Dartmouth Branch had put forward an amended Constitution. They wished to alter the name of the Branch to 'Ocean Glen." The Committee preferred that Branch names gave an indication of their geographic area and they would have preferred "Maritime Provinces Branch" which gave a very clear indication of the area, rather than the nonspecific one of "Ocean Glen". The Branch would be invited to accept the designation "Maritime Provinces".

Certain minor amendments were suggested acceptance of which would permit approval of the Constitution. Approval was subject, however, to any decision made in future by the Executive Council with regard to powers of Teachers' Committees in Branches.

(o) Mornington Peninsula The Branch had made certain adjustments to their proposed Constitution to meet the Society's requirements but still required some adjustment with regard to the paragraph on the setting of subscriptions and the financial returns to Society Headquarters. Provided the necessary corrections were accepted the Constitution could be approved. The Committee noted with approval the procedure outlined in the disciplinary policy.

(p) Teachers' Committees The General Purposes Committee have some anxiety about the powers of Teachers' Committees in Branches and would ask that the matter be discussed at the next Executive Council Meeting in order to have guidance in dealing with future Constitutions.

GP87/28 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Mr and Mrs Harris in Pietermartizburg had been received regarding the policy of the Caledonian Society there. The Committee agreed that the reply would indicate that affiliated groups were independent organisations with their own Constitutions and were merely affiliated to this Society.

Mr R. Livingston had written regarding the number of Belfast Branch members who were members of affiliated groups and attending classes outwith the Branch, and who could influence the business at A.G.M.s. His letter was noted but as all members who paid their subscription to the Branch were entitled to attend the meetings there was nothing to be done about it.

Owing to pressure of business and lack of time other correspondence, etc. had to be carried forward to the next Meeting.

GP87/29 RECORDING AT SUMMER SCHOOL

Mr Taylor raised the question of video recording and tape recording of music at Summer School and considered there should be some control exercised. Concern was expressed by the Committee at the extent of video filming being done and it was agreed that the matter be remitted for discussion by the Summer School Committee.

GP87/30 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND PROJECTS

1987: A letter of thanks for the Junior Scholarship received this year was received from Miss Judith Rousseau.

1988: Projects for next year were discussed. Tours were due to be undertaken in Europe under the aegis of the Memorial Fund and would be arranged.

It was also agreed that if the Examinations Committee decided to arrange a music course for instrumentalists some support might be given by the Fund.

Depending on interest available the Committee agreed to provide a Scholarship where a Group wished to become a Branch in an area where there was none and where they did not have the necessary second teacher.

Mrs Murphy's suggestion regarding Scholarships for students in training for Physical Education would be borne in mind.

GP87/31 A.G.M. MOTIONS

The Committee expressed opposition to the motion from East Lothian Branch proposing one permanent location for the Annual General Meetings.

GP87/32 SUMMER SCHOOL - DIRECTORS

The Secretary asked the Committee's advice regarding the forthcoming election of a Director Designate as she had received a nomination on behalf of a candidate who was available only for the second course at Summer School. The Committee considered such nominations were unacceptable under current policy.

GP87/33 SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

On a proposal by Mr Taylor it was decided to review the Constitution of the Society and that an opportunity should be afforded to Branches to put forward suggestions.

GP87/34 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Mr Taylor asked that "Publicity" be put on the Agenda of the next meeting.

(b) In reply to Mr Smart the Chairman said that the Society's policy was not to hold examinations nor to issue certificates though we had given advice and assistance to the I.D.T.A. to ensure a good standard of Scottish Country Dancing when that Association added Scottish Country Dancing to their syllabus.

GP87/35 NEXT MEETING

- To be decided by Executive Council

The meeting closed at 1.45 p.m.

23.1.88

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1988, AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mr A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr J. Taylor, Mrs N. Dunn, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson, Mr B.G. Harry, Mr J. Laurie, Mrs J. McKinven, Mr A. Mair, Mrs A. Murphy, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss I. Paton.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP88/1 APOLOGIES

None

GP88/2 MINUTES

The Minutes had been approved at the Executive Council in November, 1987.

GP88/3 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP87/27(p) Teachers' Committees: Executive Council Minute EC87/15(c) was noted. Council had agreed that the Branch Committee as stated in the Constitution was elected at the Annual General Meeting to manage Branch affairs. The matter would be drawn to the attention of the sub-comittee appointed to review the Society Constitution.

(b) GP87/29 Recording at Summer School: The Summer School Committee had considered the matter of individuals making tape and video recordings of Summer School activities. They had decided that no video filming or recording of music should take place without prior consultation with the Director of Summer School so far as classes and social dancing were concerned.

This was noted and the General Purposes Committee further recommended that the teacher of the class/dancing should inform the class when recording was to take place.

(c) GP87/31 A.G.M. Motion: The Committee noted that the motion proposing one permanent location for the A.G.M. had fallen through lack of a seconder.

(d) GP87/27(n) New designation for Halifax-Dartmouth Branch: The Branch had now asked to be known as the Nova Scotia Branch and this the Committee accepted.

(e) GP87/21(i) Doncaster Branch had asked that their application to amend their Branch Constitution (considered in October 1987) be cancelled. Cancellation was accepted.

(f) GP87/27(m) Arising from their reading of this Minute New Zealand Branch had queried the statement made here as it affected the New Zealand Branch. The Committee firmly repeated their ruling that a member who pays the subscription set by the Society in General Meeting has the right to attend all meetings, to speak, to vote and to hold office in the Branch. At the same time the Committee realise that different currencies may give rise to problems and if a Branch should feel it absolutely necessary to levy an additional payment in order to provide particular services the Committee would accept this so long as these were identifiable.

GP88/4 SOCIETY SCROLLS

The Secretary reported that 11 nominations had been received.

A sub-committee to give preliminary consideration to the nominations and to report to the next General Purposes Committee meeting was appointed as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr Mair, Mrs Murphy and Miss Nairn.

GP88/5 SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Branches had been asked to send comments into Headquarters by 31st March, 1988 and the Secretary would report on items received at the next General Purposes Committee meeting. It was decided that an ad hoc Committee would be appointed to start work immediately after the holiday period. The Committee was appointed as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs Murphy, Mr Taylor and two co-opted members with legal qualifications. It was decided to invite Mr J.B.C. Brown and Mr A. Smart to serve on the Committee as the co-opted members.

GP88/6 PUBLICITY

(a) Publicity Leaflets

Mr Taylor intimated that our present leaflet was due to be reprinted. Mr Aitkenhead moved that a change in the present leaflet should be made. After some discussion it was agreed that there should be two leaflets:-

(1) An A5 size flier printed black on pale blue on both sides of a single sheet without photographs.

(2) A "quality" flier as at present with photographs (but not the same photographs as at present). To be A4 in three folds.

Members were asked to send in ideas for the contents of the two leaflets and photographs (formal or informal) by 21st March. These would be photocopied and sent to all members with the Agenda so that they might be studied before the next meeting.

(b) Publicity Material

Mr Taylor complained of the paucity of material to help furnish a publicity stand at any festival or other advertising medium. He felt we made a poor show compared to other organisations.

Mrs Dunn considered that Branches could collect their own publicity material and cited various examples. She was asked, and agreed, to write a small article on the subject which could be published in the Bulletin.

It was also decided to ask "Strawberry Productions" for their ideas regarding publicity material (including large posters) and also to consult Jim Nicholson and Rowena Kelley.

(c) Worldwide Publicity

Mr Taylor said that we must do something really big to attract the world's attention to Scottish Country Dancing and suggested that every Branch should have a dance at the same time throughout the world in, for example, November 1989.

The Committee were sympathetic to the proposal in principle and would consider the matter further in April. London Branch had been considering a 24 hour dance for Charity. It was suggested that if the dancing worldwide was to be undertaken for the Children in Need appeal the BBC might be prepared to be involved and link up the various dances all over the world.

To give time for organisation the event would have to be at the end of 1989.

It was decided to contact Ken Mutch of BBC Aberdeen to tell him what we were proposing and to ask him what his ideas were on the matter and whether or not he thought the BBC would help.

(d) It was agreed to take a half page in Tartans (the journal of the Scottish Tartans Society) to advertise the Society.

GP88/7 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Dunedin Dancers had offered to undertake any invitations to dance overseas which the Society could not accept. It was decided that in the event of the Society not being able to accept an invitation we should go back to the organisers to say so and suggest that the Dunedin Dancers (a separate organisation) might be interested.

(b) Letters of thanks had been received from recipients of Scrolls at the A.G.M. 1987. It was also noted with regret that Mr Douglas Henderson had died. (He had received a Scroll at the last A.G.M.)

(c) A letter had been received from Castle Douglas Branch regarding the refreshments provided at the A.G.M. Ball and Dance last year with the suggestion that the buffet should include savoury as well as sweet items. The Committee agreed to recommend that this policy be adopted and to pass the recommendation to Glasgow Branch.

(d) A letter from Mr Carswell was noted the contents of which had been voiced at the Forum. There had been delay in dealing with it as it had had to be carried forward from the last meeting.

GP88/8 BRANCH ITEMS

(a) The Chicago Branch had produced a logo which they wished to adopt. The Committee gave approval to the logo for use in notepaper heading, posters and other such but asked the Secretary to remind the Branch that in the case of a Branch badge they should follow the ruling of using the Society logo with the name of the Branch below it.

(b) The logo produced by Berks/Hants/Surrey Border Branch for their notepaper was approved.

(c) Leamington Spa Branch asked to change the name of the Branch by the addition of the word "Royal" since it was the 150th Anniversary of the Granting of the Charter of the title of Royal to the town of Leamington. The Committee asked the Secretary to ascertain from the Branch if the town was officially known as Royal Leamington Spa and to this end they asked if they could have sight of Local Authority notepaper or other appropriate confirmation.

GP88/9 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND

The Committee discussed what form the memorial should be to Duncan Macleod. It was decided that there would be a scholarship preference being given to a student in physical education training, whom failing a student in training. The age limits would be 18-22. This particular scholarship would be provided annually from the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund with appropriate Colleges and Training Establishments being made aware of its existence.

In addition to the Duncan Macleod Scholarship the Committee also decided this year to give an additional scholarship to a worthy applicant who was just over the age limit.

GP88/10 AFFILIATIONS

The undernoted affiliations were approved:

Caledonian Society, Tripoli	Libya S.P.L.A.J.
Caledonian Society of Oman	Sultanate of Oman
Yellowknife S.C.D. Club	N.W.T. Canada
Scottish Community, Juala Belait	Brunei

GP88/11 CONSTITUTIONS

Atlanta - approved.

Canberra - approved provisionally subject to suggested amendments being agreed.

San Diego - approved if the minor amendments suggested were accepted by the Branch.

GP88/12 BRANCH FORMATION

Portland S.C.D. Club had applied to Branch formation. This application would meet with approval subject to the acceptance of amendments to their Rules (they had adopted the Model Constitution) and also subject to all the regulations for formation having been met. The Secretary would confirm the situation at the next meeting.

GP88/13 TEACHERS' TOURS

Reports from teachers who had undertaken tours last autumn had to be carried forward to the next meeting owing to lack of time.

GP88/14 NEXT MEETING

14th April, 1988

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The meeting closed at 1.25 p.m.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1988, AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mr A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr J. Taylor, Mrs N. Dunn, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson, Mr B.G. Harry, Mr J. Laurie, Mr A. Mair, Mrs A. Murphy, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss I. Paton.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

GP88/15 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Dr. MacFadyen intimated the very recent death of Mrs Janet McKinven who had been a member of the Committee. The meeting recorded their deep regret and asked that their condolences be sent to Mr Hugh McKinven.

GP88/16 APOLOGIES

None

GP88/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 23rd January, 1988, were approved.

GP88/18 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) GP88/5 Society Constitution.

(i) Three Branches had sent in suggestions for the Sub-Committee to consider.

(ii) Both Mr Brown and Mr Smart had accepted the Committee's invitation to serve on the Sub-Committee for the review of the Constitution.

(iii) A letter from Glasgow Branch challenged the authority of the General Purposes Committee/Executive Council to carry out the proposed review stating -

"... there is no authority in the existing Constitution for the Executive Council to take it upon itself to carry out the review. As it currently stands, alterations to the Constitution may only be made by the Society in General Meeting. The Executive Council must, therefore, ... first put a motion before the Society at the next A.G.M. to obtain the sanction of the Members to have a review carried out."

That the Committee had acted improperly was refuted. Both the Constitution (VI(4)(a) pp 7/8 and many precedents would support the Committee's action. The Committee's recommendations would go to the Executive Council in the first place and then, if approved, would go to the Annual General Meeting for final decision.

Nor did the Committee agree with the Glasgow Branch suggestion that no-one within the Committee could look at the matter objectively and that only those outside the Committee could. In any case it had been recommended that two members, both with legal experience, should be co-opted to serve on the Sub-Committee.

The Committee considered that they had a constitutional right to review the Constitution and to go forward to the Executive Council and Annual General Meeting with any recommendations for change found necessary.

(b) GP88/8(c) Leamington Spa Branch: Leamington Spa & District Branch had produced documentary evidence that the correct name of the town was "Royal Leamington Spa" and the Committee agreed that the Branch designation be altered to "Royal Leamington Spa and District Branch".

(c) Macleod Scholarship: The Committee confirmed their intention that the recipients of the Macleod Scholarship would attend the Preliminary Test class at Summer School. The Secretary had contacted Moray House College of Education whose Director of the Scottish Centre for Physical Education had described the Committee's decision to set up the Macleod Scholarship in this form as both sensitive and imaginative and likely to have long term consequences for Scottish Country Dance.

A letter from Birmingham Branch thanked the Committee for the grant of the first Macleod Scholarship to one of their members.

GP88/19 SCROLLS

The Committee recommended that from the nominations received nine should be accepted for the award of a Scroll, two of these awards being posthumous. The names of those recommended would be before the Executive Council in May for ratification.

GP88/20 PUBLICITY

(a) Drafts of publicity material were before the Committee for consideration.

Posters: Four were considered acceptable -
Keep in Step (with further development)
It's Great Fun (two types) - with a little more emphasis on the kilt.
Round the World.

Handbills: "It's Great Fun" was considered most suitable.

Leaflets: Drafts in this respect were carried forward for further discussion.

A small sub-committee, consisting of the Vice-Chairman with Mr Taylor and Mr Mair, was appointed to proceed in the matter and to report to the next meeting.

Mrs Rowena Kelley and Miss Effie Miller, the members who had submitted drafts, would be thanked for their work and ideas.

It was decided not to accept the quotation from Miss Fenella Duncan for producing handbills, leaflets and posters.

(b) Simultaneous Dance. A favourable response on the project had been received from Mr Mutch of the BBC who had suggested meeting representatives of the Committee to discuss the matter. It was decided that Mr Aitkenhead and Mr Taylor would meet with him and the Secretary would contact Mr Mutch to arrange a suitable date.

The Committee would prefer the event to take place in November, 1989, perhaps on the 30th.

(c) It was decided not to advertise in "Tartans" at present.

GP88/21 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:

Burnside Scottish Country Dancers	- South Australia
S.C. Dancing Association (Darwin) Inc.	- N.T., Australia
Wolverhampton Caledonian Wednesday Club	- Wolverhampton
Inverbervie S.C.D. Society	- Kincardineshire
St. Andrew's Society of Pusan	- South Korea
Petaling Jaya S.C.D. Group	- Selangor, Malaysia

An application from the Danum Dancers, Doncaster, was carried over to the next meeting pending further information from Doncaster Branch.

GP88/22 BRANCH FORMATIONS

(a) An application for approval to endeavour to form the Isle of Skye Branch was approved.

(b) With reference to GP88/12 of 23rd January, 1988, the Secretary reported that the Portland S.C.D. Club had met the requirements of the Society and had re-written the Rules to their Constitution. After consideration of the correspondence from Mrs Van Nus of the Vancouver U.S.A. S.C. Dancers and Miss N. Henderson of Portland S.C.D. Club, the Committee decided to adhere to their decision to approve the Branch formation of Portland (Oregon) Branch.

(c) In Minute GP87/26 of 10th October, 1987, approval had been given to endeavour to form a Branch in Southern Virginia (Northern Virginia Branch having no objection). At the same time, the applicant was advised to distance himself from a group known as the "Clan MacRowdie". In view of further information received the approval given to endeavour to form a Branch was now rescinded.

The Committee also decided, in view of the Group's association with the so-called "Clan MacRowdie", that the affiliation to the Society of the Scottish Country Dancers of Tidewater should not be renewed meantime.

GP88/23 TEACHING TOURS

Reports were received on the teaching tours undertaken this year in Scandinavia, Ireland and Belgium. The Committee recorded their thanks to all the teachers and pianists concerned. The tours had covered in Scandinavia - Gothenburg Branch, Stockholm Branch, Stockholm Caledonian Dance Circle, Bergen Scottish Dancing Club, Borg International Folk Dance Group, Oslo S.C.D. Group, Tananger S.C.D. Group, Copenhagen Polycarp Dancers, St. Andrew Society of Denmark; in Ireland - Belfast, Portrush and Whitehead Branches, Comber S.C.D. Club, Downpatrick S.C.D. Society, Portadown S.C.D. Society, Cork S.C.D. Society, Foxrock S.C.D. Club; in Belgium - St. Andrew's Church S.C.D. Group, Caledonian Society of Brussels and the F.Z.W. Vlaams Caledonische Society Country Dancers.

GP88/24 OPEN FORUM AT A.G.M.

Arising from the experience of the 1987 Open Forum, the Vice-Chairman had prepared a paper for the Committee's consideration. The Committee decided that their original decision to have discussions on selected topics should continue; it was not intended that the Forum should take the form of a question and answer session. It was also considered that both the Forum and the Dance Class should continue to be held on the Saturday morning of the A.G.M. Weekend.

The Committee would wish to emphasise that the Open Forum was open to ALL members and any member might submit topics for discussion.

It was also recommended that, where possible, a roving microphone should be used and that members submitting topics for discussion should be present at the Forum.

GP88/25 CONSTITUTIONS

San Diego - Correspondence was continuing but it appeared that agreement would be reached.

Hamilton (Ontario) - Not approved, pending agreement to suggested amendments.

Peterborough and District - Approved with minor recommendations.

London Branch - Rules now approved.

Isle of Skye - Constitution and Rules approved.

Portland (Oregon) - Constitution and Rules approved (see GP88/22(b).

TAC - Accepted with certain suggested amendments.

GP88/26 NEXT MEETING

15th October, 1988

The meeting closed at 1.10 p.m.

15th October '88

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1988, AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Dr. A. MacFadyen (in the Chair), Mr A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr J. Taylor, Mrs N. Dunn, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson, Mr B.G. Harry, Mr J. Laurie, Mr A. Mair, Mrs A. Murphy, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss I. Paton.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary), Mrs J.A. Moore (Secretary Designate)

GP88/27 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the last meeting of the Committee this year and gave a special welcome to Mrs J.A. Moore who would be taking over as Secretary in November.

GP88/28 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 16th April had been approved at the Executive Council meeting in May.

GP88/29 BUSINESS ARISING (and not included elsewhere in the Agenda)

(a) GP88/18(a)(i) Dr. MacFadyen reported that the Sub-Committee reviewing the Constitution had met on 24th September. Only three submissions had been received from Branches. The Committee noted these and decided on a work plan. It was intented that the Sub-Committee's recommendations should be ready for the May Executive Council and would therefore be ready to go forward to the A.G.M. in 1989.

(b) It was agreed that the Duncan Macleod Scholarship should be offered to Moray House (Cramond Campus) in the first instance this year since it was the link with the Scottish School of Physical Education where Duncan Macleod had trained.

(c) The Secretary reported that five Scrolls would be presented at the A.G.M. other presentations having been made locally to those who could not attend the A.G.M.

GP88/30 PUBLICITY

It was decided

- to have two A5 handbills ("It's Great Fun" and "Dance Round the World") 5,000 of each to be ordered.
- to have two posters (designs to be as for the handbills) 3,000 of each to be ordered.
- to take no action or decisions regarding quantity in respect of the brochure until photographs had been selected and were available.

GP88/31 DANCE ROUND THE WORLD

Although only one third of Branches had replied so far, only a few of these could not participate and there would be a good representation 'round the world'.

Suggestions from London (Ontario) were noted regarding programmes. An endeavour would be made to keep a record of which Branches participated and how many dancers were involved. Mr Aitkenhead, Mr Taylor and Mr Mair (the sub-committee dealing with the project) would now make further plans.

GP88/32 AFFILIATIONS

(a) The Scottish Country Dancers of Tidewater had requested that the decision not to invite them to renew their affiliation be reversed. A letter received from the Chairperson of the Board of Management was given careful attention by the Committee as were all the various factors leading to the Committee's decision. Great sympathy was felt for Mrs Watson faced as she was with a difficult situation and she herself had done her best to follow the Committee's recommendations. However, doubts still existed as to the MacRowdie situation.

Mr Taylor proposed, seconded by Mr Aitkenhead, that reinstatement as an affiliated Group be granted. Mr Harry moved against. On a vote being taken the result was: For granting affiliation 4
Against " " 7

The Committee agreed that there would be a further opportunity to reconsider the matter and it was suggested that the Secretary should ask Mrs Watson to contact us again in May (the date when affiliations were normally renewed).

(b) The following application for affiliation was rejected:
The Danum S.C. Dancers Doncaster

(c) The following affiliations were approved:

(i)	Islamabad Caledonian Society	Pakistan
(ii)	The Carolina S.C.D. Society	Raleigh, N.C., U.S.A.
(iii)	Shelby S.C. Dancers	Shelby, N.C., U.S.A.
(iv)	Gerrard's Cross S.C.D. Club	Bucks, England
(v)	St. John S.C.D. Group	New Brunswick, Canada
(vi)	The Kansai S.D. Thistle Group	Osaka, Japan

GP88/33 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Belfast Branch: The amendments by the Branch were approved but the Committee considered they did not sufficiently cover the situation and asked that their recommendation regarding the appointment of the Branch representative to Council be adopted.

(b) Burlington (Ontario): Constitution approved.

(c) Hamilton (Ontario): The Committee's recommendations sent earlier in the year were still being considered by the Branch. The matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

(d) Melbourne & District: Although correspondence had started in 1986 with regard to the Branch Constitution the matter was still not finalised and a reminder had been sent on 6th September. The matter was carried forward to the next meeting.

(e) Mornington Peninsula: The necessary adjustments having been made by the Branch approval of the Constitution was confirmed.

(f) Northern Virigina: Revision of the Branch Constitution is still being considered but the Committee insisted that the disbandment clause as set out in our Model Constitution for Branches must be adopted.

(g) Orange County: Amendments to the Branch Constitution were not approved meantime pending acceptance of the General Purposes Committee's recomendations.

(h) New Zealand: The draft Constitution to go to the Branch A.G.M. was approved provisionally pending the outcome of the Branch A.G.M.

(i) Richmond (N. Yorks): Constitution approved.

(j) Royal Tunbridge Wells: Amendment to Constitution approved.

(k) San Deigo: Amendments to Constitution approved.

(l) San Francisco: Amendments to Constitution approved.

(m) San Gabriel Valley: Very minor adjustments required and Constitution would be approved if these were accepted by the Branch.

GP88/34 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MOTIONS

The Committee noted the motions on the Agenda of the A.G.M. and it was decided that Dr. MacFadyen, as Convener of the General Purposes Committee, and Chairman of the Executive Council should move the negative to the motion put forward by Glasgow Branch (Item 11(d) on the A.G.M. Agenda).

GP88/35 OPEN FORUM

It was noted that only two items had been submitted by Branches.

GP88/36 VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

The Chairman reported on the tour he had recently carried out in Australia. He had enjoyed visiting Branches and Groups and had returned very impressed by what he saw. He was somewhat concerned to encourage Tasmania towards Branch status. There was only one fully qualified teacher but if she could train someone for an examination it might be possible to find ways and means of arranging for the candidate to be examined. The Secretary was asked to write to the Groups concerned to see if we could assist them towards this aim.

GP88/37 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) A letter of thanks from Miss Joan Collins regarding the scholarship she had received for this year's Summer School was received.

(b) Letters had been received from Mr Eccles, Mrs Alexander and Miss Porter (Chairman) Northern Virginia Branch all on the subject of evaluation of Branch teachers. The General Purposes Committee did not feel it necessary to make any comment on the Branch Committee's action.

GP88/38 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND - PROJECTS FOR 1989

It was decided that teaching visits should be made to Germany and Austria in 1989.

It was agreed that Monklands Branch's request for a junior scholarship should be granted.

It was also decided that scholarships for mature examination candidates should be granted - one to the S.C.D. Society, Winnellie, NT, Australia and one to a Group in Tasmania, Australia, should they be able to avail themselves of it.

It was also decided that the Committee would consider the possibility of financing visits to the very small Branches or to Branches facing specific difficulties.

GP88/39 INTERNATIONAL CLAN GATHERING 6-14 MAY 1989

Mrs Dunn raised the question of our participation and it was decided to pass the matter to the Publicity Sub-Committee to ensure a presence there.

GP88/40 NEXT MEETING

14th January, 1989 (subject to approval by Executive Council)

The Chairman, whose last meeting this was as Convener, thanked everyone for their support and service during his tenure of office. The Committee recorded their gratitude to the departing Secretary and warmly thanked the Chairman for the way he had guided the Committee throughout his three years as Convener.

The meeting closed at 1.30 p.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY, 1989 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr A. Aitkenhead (in the Chair), Miss A.W. Miller, Mr J. Taylor, Dr. A. MacFadyen, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson, Mr J. Laurie, Mr A. Mair, Mrs A. Murphy, Miss B. Nairn, Mr A. Smart, Mr G. Stephen.

ATTENDING: Mrs J.A. Moore (Secretary)

GP89/1 APOLOGIES

Miss I. Paton, Dr. I.P. Gormley.

Mr Taylor asked that Item 8 should be deleted from the Agenda and be remitted to the Finance Committee.

GP89/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 15th October had previously been approved at the Executive Council Meeting on 19th November 1988.

GP89/3 BUSINESS ARISING (and not included elsewhere in the Agenda)

(a) GP88/30 Reporting on publicity material, the Chairman showed samples of the handbill and poster, both entitled It's Great Fun. It had been decided to include these in an information package for Branches in the U.K., who would also be informed of the stock which would be available to them on request.

The 3 fold six page leaflet had been delayed because of difficulties about obtaining suitable photographs. Secretary now instructed to ask Kelley Graphic to produce artistic impressions for the leaflet.

(b) GP88/38 Reporting on the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund projects for 1989, the Secretary said that letters about teaching visits had been sent to the Groups in Germany and the one Group in Austria, but so far replies had only been received from three of the groups.

It was noted that the Junior Scholarship had been awarded to Shona McMoneagle of Monklands Branch and that Mr A. Henry of Winnellie, N.T., Australia would also receive a Scholarship.

The request from the Summer School Committee that Afternoon Tea on the first Monday of each Course should be reinstated, and also the proposal to hold a reception each Monday night in the Sports Hall of the P.E. Centre were discussed. Mr Taylor explained that these had not been taken into account when Summer School Budget was being drawn up. The General Purposes Committee agreed, that in this instance, the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund could be used to meet these additional expenses.

(c) GP88/39 The Secretary was asked to write to the Inverness Branch asking if they would be willing to represent the R.S.C.D.S. at the International Gathering in Inverness on May 6th - 14th 1989.

(d) GP88/29(a) Dr. MacFadyen reported that satisfactory progress was being made by the Sub-Committee reviewing the Constitution. It was hoped it would have completed all its stages in time for the A.G.M.

GP89/4 SCROLL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Secretary reported that 9 nominations had been received.

A sub-committee to give preliminary consideration to the nominations and to report to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee was appointed as follows:- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr Laurie, Miss Ferguson and Mr Smart.

GP89/5 DANCE ROUND THE WORLD

The Chairman circulated information notes from the Working Party, selected by the General Purposes Committee to organise this event which will now be referred to as "REEL-AID".

The art work is now ready to deliver to the printers and other "FLIERS" are to be prepared for distribution at a later date. It was hoped that the programme of dances and accompanying cassette would be available by the end of February.

The Chairman then thanked the small group who serve on this Working Party.

GP89/6 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:-

(a) The Edinburgh Fancy Group	Edinburgh
(b) The Edinburgh Weekend School Group	Edinburgh
(c) Salt Lake Scottish Country Dancers	Salt Lake City, U.S.A.

GP89/7 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

(a) Chicago Branch: The necessary adjustments having been made by the Branch, approval of the Constitution was confirmed.

(b) Melbourne & District Branch: Two adjustments required and the Constitution would be approved if these were accepted by the Branch.

GP89/8 BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The proposal from the Executive Council concerning Long Term Membership was remitted for further discussion.

GP89/9 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter from Danum Scottish Country Dancers had been received. Secretary to reply explaining the situation and advise them to seek the support of the Doncaster Branch before re-applying for affiliation.

(b) Letter from Scottish Country Dancers of Tidewater was discussed. Secretary to write inviting them to re-apply for affiliation if they could indicate that they have no association with the MacRowdie Group.

(c) Letter from Monklands, Secretary to reply apologising for any misunderstanding.

GP89/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Mr Taylor raised the question of appointments of R.S.C.D.S. Vice-Presidents. It was agreed to remit this to another meeting.

(b) It was agreed, on a suggestion by Mr Taylor to consider the possibility of producing the annual membership card in plastic form, to be sent with an accompanying information folder each year.

(c) On advice from Mr Taylor it was agreed to ask all Branches to display notices at all their events warning of slippery floors.

(d) Permission was granted to Perth Branch to invite Miss C. Catto and Mrs M. Stuart to conduct the class at the 1989 A.G.M. Weekend.

The meeting was informed by Perth Branch that it may be necessary to have the A.G.M. Ball on the night of Saturday 4th November, rather than the Friday night.

(e) Mr Stephens asked the Committee to consider a lesser award than the Scroll which could be granted by a Branch. However, the Committee agreed that they would not wish the Society to have such an award.

(f) It was agreed that there should be an official photographer each year at the A.G.M. This to be arranged by the hosting Branch but paid for by the Society.

(g) Mr Smart asked for the proposal to be discussed at the next meeting, that "the Chairman of the Society needs not be Convener of any Committees".

(h) The proposal from the Examinations Committee that the General Purposes Committee should discuss the nomination of teachers for Society teaching tours was referred to the next meeting.

(i) In reply to a letter from Mrs Jessie Taylor it was agreed to offer support for the proposed Children's National Day of Dance.

(j) The Committee were informed of a Scottish Country Dancing Course being run by Bradford and Ilkley Community College 29th July - 5th August.

GP89/11 NEXT MEETING

15th April 1989

The meeting closed at 1.10 p.m.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 1989, AT 10.30 AM.

PRESENT: Mr A Aitkenhead (in the Chair), Miss A W Miller, Mr J Taylor, Dr A MacFadyen, Miss E M C Ferguson, Mr J Lawrie, Mr A Mair, Mrs A Murphy, Miss B Nairn, Mr A Smart, Mr G Stephen.

ATTENDING: Mrs J A Moore (Secretary), Miss D Walker (Assistant Secretary)

GP/89/12 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Miss Walker who was attending for the first time.

GP/89/13 APOLOGIES

None.

GP89/14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 14 January 1989 were approved.

GP89/15 BUSINESS ARISING (and not included elsewhere in the Agenda)

a) GP89/3(a) The Chairman showed a sample of a new threefold six-page leaflet which could replace the present Society publicity leaflet. The Committee approved the design.

b) GP89/3(c) International Clan Gathering.

The Secretary reported that Inverness Branch had problems obtaining information from the organisers of the International Clan Gathering. It was agreed that Headquarters could provide publicity material if Inverness could look again at the possibility of manning an RSCDS information stall at the Gathering.

c) GP89/3(d) The results of the Review of the Constitution were presented to the Committee by Dr MacFadyen. There was discussion about the implementation of the proposal that membership of Standing Committees should be limited to five consecutive years. In order to ensure continuity in the Society's work, it was agreed that, if the Review of the Constitution were approved, beginning in November 1989 the membership of each Standing Committee might be gradually adjusted as follows.

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Date	Number of longest-serving members ineligible for re-election to each Committee if the continuous service of any member on any Committee exceeds five years at Nov.89, Nov.90, Nov.91, etc.
Nov.89	2
Nov.90	2
Nov.91 etc.	2

The Chairman thanked Dr MacFadyen and his working party for all their hard work on the Review of the Constitution.

d) GP89/10(a) Mr Taylor's suggestion that Baron Cameron of Lochbroom should be invited to become a Vice President of the Society was approved by the Committee. Also, prior to the next AGM, letters should be sent to all the Society's Vice Presidents enquiring if they wished their names to go forward.

GP89/16 SCROLLS

The Committee recommended that from the nominations received, eight should be accepted for the award of a Scroll, one of these being posthumous. The names of those recommended would be before the Executive Council in May for ratification.

GP89/17 DANCE ROUND THE WORLD - REEL AID

The Chairman reported that an estimated 5,500 dancers were committed to dancing on 5 May in 15 countries. A tape with 18 dances to accompany the programme will cost £3 and is now available. There had been some changes to the original dance programme because all the dances would not fit on to the tape, also royalties would have been required for some which would have increased the costs.

GP89/18 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved:

a) The Pinelands Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dancers - South Africa

b) Waverley Scottish Dancers - Winchester, Hants

c) Geldermalsen Scottish Country Dance Group - Netherlands

d) Aussie Scots Scottish Country Dance Group - Victoria, Australia

e) Amherst Scottish Country Dancers - Amherst, Canada

f) Tarbert Scottish Country Dance Club - Argyll

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GP89/19 BRANCH FORMATION

An application for approval to endeavour to form the Vienna Branch was approved.

GP89/20 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

a) Hamilton, Ontario, Branch: The necessary adjustments having been made by the Branch, approval of the Constitution was confirmed.

b) New Zealand Branch: The suggested amendments having been accepted, approval of the Constitution was confirmed.

c) Atlanta Branch: approved.

d) Bedford Branch: approved.

GP89/21 MEMBERSHIP

The Committee supported the amendment of the last AGM "that with effect from 1 July 1989 new Long Term Memberships no longer be extended to Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Members".

Referring to the Fact Sheet Questionnaire sent out in February, Mr Taylor thanked the Branches for their co-operation and said that 85% had sent in replies. One particular fact which emerged was that four Branches needed urgent "teacher" help. The Committee supported the proposal to offer scholarships to those four Branches for this year's Summer School.

The Chairman thanked Mr Taylor for his report.

GP89/22 TEACHING TOURS

a) Tour to Germany. Secretary reported that replies were still awaited from two groups.

b) Teachers for Society Tours - to be carried forward to next meeting owing to lack of time.

GP89/23 R.S.C.D.S. Chairman: Convener of Committees.
To be carried forward to next meeting owing to lack of time.

GP89/24 Conveners' Committee.
To be carried forward to next meeting.

GP89/25 KIRKCALDY PRESENTATION CHAIR

Kirkcaldy Branch, wishing to commemorate the memory of Miss Nancy Arnott, who taught in the Branch for 41 years, presented a mahogany chair to Headquarters. The chair is designed and made by Mr T R L Robertson.

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The Chairman, accepting the chair on behalf of the Society, thanked Kirkcaldy Branch for their generous gift and said that Miss Arnott would long be remembered.

GP89/26 NEXT MEETING

The Committee supported the proposal for another meeting prior to the October meeting. The date of the next meeting will be 17 June 1989.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY 17 JUNE 1989, AT 10.30 AM .

PRESENT: Mr A Aitkenhead (in the Chair), Miss A W Miller, Mr J Taylor, Dr A MacFadyen, Miss E M C Ferguson, Mr J Laurie, Mr A Mair, Mrs A Murphy, Miss B Nairn, Mr A Smart, Mr G Stephen, Miss I Paton, Dr I P Gormley.

ATTENDING: Miss D Walker (Assistant Secretary).

GP89/27 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

GP89/28 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 15 April 1989 had previously been approved at the Executive Council Meeting on 13 May 1989.

GP89/29 BUSINESS ARISING (and not included elsewhere in the Agenda)

GP89/3(d) In view of the decision taken at the Executive Council Meeting, it was agreed that the Sub-Committee working on the review of the Constitution be re-convened under the chairmanship of Dr MacFadyen. Therefore all proposed amendments would be put to the Executive Council in 1990.

GP89/29 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved.

Selebi-Phikwe Scottish Country Dancers	- South Africa
Strathleven Scottish Country Dancers	- Florida
Stuart Scottish Country Dancers	- Florida
Fort Wayne Scottish Cultural Society	- Cincinnati
Sandbach & District Caledonian Society	- Cheshire

A further letter had been received from the Scottish Dancers of Tidewater asking that their affiliation request be re-submitted. This affiliation was approved.

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GP89/30 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

As agreed earlier, the Sub-Committee had been re-convened and therefore any constitutional amendments would be passed to the Sub-Committee. The Committee suggested some minor amendments to the Constitutions from Los Angeles and Northern Virginia and these changes would be advised to the respective Branches.

With regard to the Los Angeles' Crest, comment had been made that the name 'Los Angeles Branch' should be incorporated in the wording on the Crest. However, after discussion, it was agreed that perhaps this was a long-established crest of the Branch. This should be checked with Los Angeles Branch and, if this is the case, then we will have to accept the crest as it is. The Branch should also be advised of the Committee's concern about the wording of the crest.

The Committee further agreed that there should be a standard crest which would be used by all Branches.

GP89/31 TEACHING TOURS

a) Tour of Germany

The Secretary was still awaiting one reply and the Committee agreed that the Branch in question should be contacted again and advised that if they did not wish to take advantage of this place on the tour that another Branch be given the opportunity.

The Secretary had also reported that plans were in hand with the Travel Agent for this Tour and that further details would be notified to the Committee in due course.

b) Teachers for Society Tours

Discussion took place on the remit from the Examinations Committee that the General Purposes Committee should nominate teachers for Society Tours. It was agreed that the Examinations Committee would submit a list for all tours for the approval of the General Purposes Committee with the exception of any tours coming under the Jean Milligan Fund: these would be dealt with by the General Purposes Committee.

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It was also agreed that there should be a list retained in Headquarters giving details of all Teachers able to take on this work for the Society. A letter should be sent to Branches asking them to submit names and Branches should also ascertain which of their members would wish to be on this list. The names on this Teachers' list should be updated annually.

GP89/32 RSCDS CHAIRMAN

There had been a proposal that the Chairman of the Society need not be the Convener of any Committees. The general opinion was that the Chairman should be involved along with the Vice Chairman; thus the Chairman would be aware of all that was going on and the Vice Chairman would be gaining valuable experience for the future. The status quo was to be observed.

GP89/33 CONVENERS' COMMITTEE

The Chairman had previously circulated correspondence and suggested that a Committee of Conveners be formed to handle management matters. However, the Committee felt that this would not be a suitable arrangement and decided that informal meetings of Conveners, reporting back to their various Committees with exchanges of ideas and views, would be very acceptable.

GP89/34 CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary had passed a letter from Mr Hall, Florida North Branch, to the Chairman who had appended his comments. Mr Brown had also advised the Secretary that there was little the Society could do except write to the Branch asking if their Constitution had been followed when the changes had been made.

The letter from Nottingham Branch was read to the Committee about a visit to Leningrad. The Chairman advised that there would be no objection to the team visiting as country dancers but that we could not send them as official representatives of the Society. If Nottingham Branch wished to visit Leningrad representing Nottingham Branch then money could be made available to them.

The request from San Francisco Branch to have the Society Logo on their dance platform and trailer was approved.

A letter from Los Angeles Branch commending Mrs Dunn and Miss Martin at the recent Teacher's Examination was read to the Committee.

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A letter had been received from Danum Scottish Country Dancers and was read to the Committee. Because of the nature of the content of the letter the Chairman asked to see the file on this before taking any action. The Branch mentioned in this letter should be contacted and asked if they had been approached by Danum Scottish Country Dancers about affiliation.

GP89/35 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Taylor advised the Committee that he felt we should be trying to increase the number of Branches in the Society with approaches being made to affiliated groups. This was agreed.

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by STV about the Society being involved in a Telethon. The Chairman will contact the Secretary regarding this.

There was unanimous agreement that at the Executive Council Meeting members had not been given sufficient time to discuss various Minutes before approval. It was accepted that this had been the case.

A request was put that Minutes of all meetings should be sent to Conveners as soon as possible after the meetings but the Committee agreed that the rule was that Minutes should only be sent out to Committee Members and then to all concerned just before the Executive Council meeting.

With regard to GP89/3(d) where the Sub-Committee working on the Constitution had agreed on a time-scale for long-serving members standing down , it was agreed that this time-scale be put in place right away, thereby ensuring smooth transition.

GP89/36 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was agreed for 14 October 1989.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 1989, AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr A S Aitkenhead (in the Chair), Miss A W Miller, Mr J Taylor, Dr A MacFadyen, Mr J Laurie, Mr A Mair, Miss B Nairn, Mr A Smart, Mr G Stephens, Miss I Paton, Dr I P Gormley.

ATTENDING: Mrs J A Moore (Secretary), Miss D Walker (Assistant Secretary).

GP89/37 APOLOGIES

Miss E M C Ferguson, Mrs A Murphy.

GP89/38 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 17 June 1989 were approved after the following amendments were agreed:-

1 GP89/30 - last paragraph to read - "The Committee further agreed that the logo should be the standard crest which would be used by all Branches".

2 GP89/29 - 1990 should read 1989.

3 GP89/35 - last paragraph to read - "With regard to GP89/3(d) the Sub-Committee working on the Constitution agreed on a time-scale for long serving members standing down". Remainder of paragraph to be deleted.

4 It was noted that 's' had been omitted from the name of Mr G Stephens.

GP89/39 BUSINESS ARISING (and not included elsewhere in the Agenda)

a) GP89/31(a) Teaching Tour of Germany and Austria.

The Secretary reported that all arrangements were now complete. However confirmation was still awaited from two groups.

b) GP89/31(b) The Chairman said that the list of teachers for Society tours was in hand and letters will be sent in due course to Branches asking them to nominate teachers who could be considered for future tours.

c) GP89/35 - third paragraph.

The motion by Mr Stephens that there be a fuller discussion of any review requested, was discussed at length.

d) GP89/30 Sub-Committee Reviewing the Constitution

Dr MacFadyen reported that nine submissions from Branches had been received regarding the Sub-Committee's proposed amendments. Some of these comments had proved very helpful. The Sub-Committee felt it would be impossible, in the time available, to give Executive Council Members time to look at the new proposals and it was agreed that the final proposals should be referred in time for consideration before the Executive Council Meeting in May 1990. However a report would be given to the Executiver Council at their meeting in November.

GP89/40 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS /

GP89/40 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

a) An application for approval to form the Falmouth Branch was approved.

b) Chicago Branch: minor adjustment required and Constitution would be approved if this was accepted by the Branch.

c) Kitchener-Waterloo Branch: some adjustments required to proposed amendments.

d) Perth, Western Australia: proposed amendments to be referred to the Constitution Adviser.

GP89/41 AFFILIATIONS

a) Charlotte Reed Scottish Country Dancers - affiliation approved.

b) St John's Scottish Country Dancers, New South Wales - letter of recommendation required from Sydney Branch.

c) Eleanor Warburton's Group of Scottish Country Dancers: Letter of recommendation required from the local Branch.

GP89/42 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following the Annual General Meeting the Secretary has been asked to write to any Honorary Vice-President who had been confirmed in their appointment but who had not replied to their original letter of invitation, asking if they wished to accept the office of Honorary Vice-President of the Society.

GP89/43 CONVENERS' MEETING

The Chairman reported that there had been a Conveners' Meeting at St Andrews at which each of the Conveners had submitted papers about forward planning. It was felt that these meetings were useful and should continue.

GP89/44 REEL-AID

The Chairman reported that all the statistics were not yet available but a report was being prepared which would be sent to all the participating groups and would be included with the next Branch Output. Mr Aitkenhead paid tribute to the small sterring group and all the Secretaries of the groups for co-operating so enthusiastically.

The Committee congratulated Mr Aitkenhead, Mr Taylor and Mr Mair on the success of the event.

GP89/45 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1991

The Committee accepted the offer from Dundee Branch to host the Society's Annual General Meeting in 1991.

GP89/46 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Montreal Branch had submitted a sample of a crest they wished to use. The Committee agreed to the design provided that the RSCDS logo was the central feature.

b) The request from The Hague District Branch to use the RSCDS record sleeve design to advertise new commercial dancing demonstrations was granted.

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c) Arising from comments in a letter from Mr Urquhart of Troon, the Committee confirmed that a charity cannot donate out of its general funds to another charity and that a Branch may only donate funds to another charity if a particular event is specified as being in aid of a particular charity.

d) The comments received from the Doncaster and District Branch relating to long-term membership were noted.

GP89/47 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 1989/1990

The following dates were suggested:

Saturday 20 January 1990 :	11 a.m.	
Saturday 7 April 1990 :	11 a.m.	- Scroll Sub-Committee
	2 p.m.	- General Purposes Committee
Saturday 2 October 1990 :	10 a.m.	

GP89/48 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee agreed in principle to investigate the possibility of applying for a Grant of Arms from the Lord Lyon. This to be discussed at the next meeting.

GP89/49 NEXT MEETING

20 January 1990.

The meeting closed at 1.50 p.m.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 1990 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr A S Aitkenhead (in the Chair), Miss A W Miller, Mr J Taylor, Mrs N Dunn, Miss E M C Ferguson, Dr I P Gormley, Mr J Laurie, Mr A Mair, Mrs A Murphy, Miss B Nairn, Miss I Paton, Mr G Stephens.

ATTENDING: Miss D Walker (Assistant Secretary), Dr A MacFadyen.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Dunn to the first Committee Meeting of 1990.

GP90/1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

GP90/2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14 OCTOBER 1989

The Minutes of the Meeting of 14 October 1989 had been ratified by the Executive Council at the November meeting.

GP90/3 BUSINESS ARISING (and not included elsewhere in the Agenda)

a) GP89/39(b) Teachers for Society Tours
A letter had been circulated to all Branch Secretaries and the response so far had been very satisfactory. The Chairman advised that when all replies had been received, the approved list would be kept at Headquarters and would assist the Secretary in the selection of Teachers for future tours.

The Chairman asked Committee Members if they felt the Examinations Committee should control the selection of Society Teachers for Society tours with the General Purposes Committee putting forward suggestions on criteria for this. This was agreed. It was also agreed that all such Teachers should be used if possible at Summer School and should have teaching experience outwith their own Branches.

b) GP89/39(d) Sub-Committee Review of the Constitution
Dr MacFadyen had been invited to join the meeting to comment on the progress with the Constitution. After discussion the only change was as follows:-
Meeting of the Sub-Committee - 12 October 1989. Page 2 - Line 5
Delete "and Conveners of Standing Committees".
These amendments will be submitted to the Executive Council.

c) GP89/42 - Annual General Meeting
Lord Mansfield had written to the Society's Vice-Presidents asking if they wished to continue in this capacity. Lord Glenconner and Lt.Col. Mitchell have both resigned as Vice-Presidents. However it was agreed that at the moment nothing further should be done and that in future if an approach was to be made to anyone then the person concerned should have a current interest in the Society. Mr Clement had proposed Peregrin Moncrieff and the Secretary was instructed to ask Mr Clement for further information which would be kept on file.

d) GP89/3(a) Teaching Tour of Germany and Austria
The Assistant Secretary reported that Mr Wilkie had submitted a report on this tour which had been extremely successful.

GP90/4 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

Western Australia had submitted amendments to their Constitution and Rules. Mr Brown had advised the Secretary that with a few minor alterations these amendments were in order. This was accepted by the Committee.

GP90/5 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved.

Clivis Scottish Country Dance Group	Turin
London Weekend School (The Secretary to advise Group that a Constitution would be required).	London
Little Baddow Scottish Country Dance Club (The Secretary to write asking the Group to encourage more members)	Chelmsford
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The Saltire Scottish Country Dance Club	Wolverhampton

Discussion took place on the possibility of Branches being formed from strong affiliated groups as was the possibility of writing to Branches for their views on this.

GP90/6 REEL AID

The Chairman's report on Reel Aid was with the printer and would be sent out as soon as possible. Mr Aitkenhead had approached the Guinness Book of Records with a view to having Reel Aid entered. It would appear to be difficult to write this as a strict record and no further action would be taken.

GP90/7 SOCIETY COAT OF ARMS

The Chairman displayed the design for a possibled Coat of Arms for the Society. However after discussion it was agreed that this be deferred at the present time.

GP90/8 PUBLICITY

The Chairman commented that the Branches must make use of all the available publicity. More copies of the pamphlet should be ordered as soon as possible and it was suggested that Branches could have Branch details overprinted.

Mr Aitkenhead's suggestion that Headquarters should issue three newsletters in place of the Bulletin will be investigated further.

The Chairman put forward the idea of a Society Bookmark and it was agreed that further consideration be given to this.

Society Christmas Cards and New Year Cards were not thought to be practicable but there was agreement that there should be a Society Branch Anniversary Card. The Chairman will ascertain costs for this.

The Chairman will also look into the matter of appointing a member of the Society to look after all publicity matters - perhaps someone working in this field.

GP90/9 OVERSEAS MAILING

The Chairman had received a letter requesting that we give some thought to a way of parcelling Branch Orders perhaps with a tape which stated that the contents were for educational purposes. This would avoid the Branches paying VAT on these parcels.

The Chairman had written to the Branch concerned to advise that we were investigating this and he suggested the matter should be discussed with the Post Office.

GP90/10 TELETHON

The Chairman had advised the Executive Council about this and the only benefit to the Society would be the publicity. However he had heard nothing further from STV.

GP90/11 PROJECT 1991

Mr Aitkenhead's notes on this had been circulated to Committee Members. After discussion it was felt that this matter should be handled by a Sub-Committee before submission to the Executive Council. Two alterations were made to the notes:
Page 1 - (e) change 'involved' to 'encourage'.
Page 2 - Delete 'A'.

GP90/12 CONVENERS' MEETING

The Chairman said that this meeting had been extremely useful. On the matter of Minutes being circulated it was decided that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman could report to the various Committees.

GP90/13 CORRESPONDENCE

1 Mrs Lawson had advised of a Scottish Encyclopaedia. The Editors of this should be approached to send us more information on this.

2 The letter from Dumfries and District Festival Association was discussed. The Secretary should write to them pointing out that while we were sorry to hear about the difficulties the matter was really between the Branch and the Festival Association which we hoped could soon be resolved. This letter should be copied to Dumfries Branch.

3 Leicester Branch had requested using their newsletter logo on lapel badges. However as the logo was incorrect permission would not be granted for this.

4 A letter from The Hague and District was read to the meeting asking if everyone who danced in a Branch should also be an RSCDS member. The reply should be worded "we understand that classes held by Branches are for their members. Others may be invited on whatever conditions you may wish to lay down and this could include an extra fee".

5. A letter from Mrs Smith (Co. Down) was noted and a reply would be sent.

GP90/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) The Chairman reminded all Committee Members of the need for strict confidentiality on all matters discussed within the meetings.

b) South Argyll Branch had requested permission to have a Missionary. There was unanimous agreement to this and the Secretary should request further information.

c) Mrs Dunn commented that a recently affiliated group in Tarbert had not had their name included in the Bulletin. They should be advised that we were sorry about this but stating that it would be included in the next Bulletin.

d) Dr MacFadyen was invited to talk to the meeting on his visit to New Zealand with Mrs Sim. The trip had been most enjoyable and very successful. The Committee expressed their thanks to Dr MacFadyen for his comprehensive report.

e) With regard to the Annual General Meeting, Ayr Branch had submitted a list of Teachers and Pianists for the two morning classes. The names on this list were acceptable to the Committee but it was left to the Branch to make the selection.

f) Scroll Sub Committee
The following Sub-Committee was approved by the Committee. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr J Laurie and Dr I P Gormley.

Mr Taylor put forward Mr Jim Brown for the award of the Society's Scroll.

GP90/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7 April 1990 -	Scroll Committee	10 a.m.
	General Purposes Committee	10.30 a.m.

The date of the meeting in October should be noted as the 20th.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY 7 APRIL 1990 AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr A S Aitkenhead (in the Chair), Miss A W Miller, Mr J Taylor, Mrs N Dunn, Miss E M C Ferguson, Dr I P Gormley, Mr J Laurie, Mr A Mair, Mrs A Murphy, Miss B Nairn, Miss I Paton, Mr G Stephens.

ATTENDING: Miss D Walker (Assistant Secretary), Mrs J Dick (Assistant Secretary).

Mr Aitkenhead introduced Mrs Dick to the Committee. Mrs Dick takes over as Assistant Secretary when Miss Walker leaves at the end of April.

GP90/16 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

GP90/17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20 JANUARY 1990

It was noted that in GP89/42 Lord Glenconner's name should be deleted and replaced with Lord Hugh Douglas Hamilton.
With this alteration the Minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

GP90/18 BUSINESS ARISING (and not included elsewhere in the Agenda)

GP90/3(b). Review of the Constitution.
Submissions had been received from Stirlingshire and Kirkcaldy Branches. These had been passed to Dr MacFadyen who had advised that the Sub-Committee had completed its business and that these two submissions should be put to the May Executive Council meeting.

GP90/6. Reel Aid.
The Chairman's report on Reel Aid, which had been circulated to all participants, was discussed. It was agreed that a further 100 copies of the leaflet be ordered for those attending the May Executive Council meeting.

GP90/10 Telethon.
There was discussion on whether the Society will have gained very much from participation in Telethon and the Chairman advised that any comments on this must be made to the Executive Council.

GP90/11. Project 1991.
There was agreement to the formation of a Sub-Committee to report on this. The Sub-Committee would comprise:- The Chairman or Vice Chairman, Mrs Dunn and Mr Taylor. If the necessity arose then the Sub-Committee could co-opt A.N. Other.

Arising from this Mr Aitkenhead put forward the suggestion of a School Associate membership of the Society at £5. The Chairman will prepare further information on a possible excursion into the educational sector.

GP90/13. Encyclopaedia of Scotland.
A reply from the Editors had been received giving further information on this. This letter will be passed to Dr MacFadyen.

GP90/14(b). South Argyll Branch Missionary.
South Argyll Branch had supplied a list of local clubs who would benefit from a Missionary. The Secretary should write to Glasgow and Dunbartonshire West Branches requesting volunteers to act as Missionaries. Other names put forward were Dr MacFadyen, George Lawson and Mr Aitkenhead. It was also agreed that Headquarters should make the initial contact with the local clubs.

GP90/14(f). Scroll Sub-Committee.
The Sub-Committee had met that morning. There had been ten submissions for the award of the Scroll and the Sub-Committee felt that over the past few years, applications for the Scroll had greatly increased and it could demean the significance of the award if there was a similar expansion in the number of recipients.

After discussion five members had been selected to receive the Scroll and the names of those recommended would be before the Executive Council in May for ratification.

GP90/5. Branch Formation.
It was decided that only very strong Affiliated Groups would be asked to form Branches. The supporting Branches would be consulted. This matter will be discussed further.

GP90/19 BRANCH CONSTITUTIONS

Amendments had been received from the following Branches. The alterations are noted.

Hunter Valley: Page 2 (a) should read 'Prospective Long Term Members pay a lump sum entitling them to membership for "a prescribed period of years".

Florida North: Constitution Page 2 (V) .should read "and one ordinary member representing each "associated" dance group in the Branch.
Rules - V Group Affiliation: New sentence to be added - Such representative must be a member of the Society.

West Lothian Branch: - No change required.

Vienna Branch: Page 2 - V Committee of Management.
Note inserted should be put as No 1 or No 4 in the Rules.

West Renfrewshire Branch: Page 3 (c) Delete 'audited' replace with 'examined'.

Phoenix Branch: No change required.

South East Queensland Branch: No change required.

Sydney Branch: Page 2 V(2) should read "appropriate clause within 'the rules of the Branch'.

With these minor alterations the Constitutions were approved.

GP90/20 BRANCH FORMATION

The application from Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society to form the Pietermaritzburg Branch was approved.

GP90/21 AFFILIATIONS

The following affiliations were approved.

Kamuzu Academy	Malawi
Berne Scottish Country Dancing Club	Switzerland
Wyre Forest Scottish Dancing Club	Kidderminster
White Heather Dancers	Florida
Woodstock Scottish Country Dance Club	Sydney

The application from Clan MacMillan Centre Dance Group must have a letter of support from Renfrewshire West Branch.

GP90/22 YOUTH FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL DANCE, JAPAN

The letter from The Tokai Bank Foundation was read to the Committee. From 9 - 21 August there is a "World Children's Festival of Traditional Folk Music and Dances". They would like the Society to send a team of girls and boys (13/14 year olds). They also require some publicity on the team of dancers. It was agreed that Headquarters would contact Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, and Knightswood Secondary School, Glasgow, to ascertain if they would be prepared to take part in this.

It was also decided that an Accordionist should provide the music for the dancers and that a Piper may be involved.

GP90/23 PUBLICITY

a) The Chairman displayed a card bookmark suggesting that the style might be adopted by the Society. Committee members will submit ideas for further discussion.

b) Summer School 1991.
It was agreed that the proposal to have a Society Souvenir for 1991 should be put to the Summer School Committee.

c) The proposal to appoint a member of the Society to undertake all publicity work would be put to the Executive Council.

d) Newsletters.
The proposal to have three Newsletters in place of the Annual Bulletin was felt to be acceptable.

The Secretary had obtained from the Printers, two samples for a new-look Bulletin. It was agreed that one of the suggested examples could be used for the Newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) The letter from Mr Urquhart regarding donations to charities had been discussed with the Society's lawyer. It was also noted that the Treasurer had information regarding this and agreed that all relevant information be sent to Mr Urquhart.

It was noted that if Branches did have surplus funds then they could make money available for Society Scholarships, thus giving benefit to Society members.

b) A letter from Pretoria Branch was read to the meeting regarding their permanent loan from the Pretoria Caledonian Society. This will be put to the Finance Committee.

c) A letter from Orange County Branch was read regarding Branch funds on the disbandment of a Branch. It was noted that Headquarters did not ask for the return of funds if a Branch was disbanded, the money normally being kept in the USA in a separate fund in case the Branch was resurrected.

GP90/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Correspondence had been received regarding a visit to the USSR. The Secretary will obtain further details and advise that we were aware of the conditions involved.

b) Mr Taylor put forward that the Jean Milligan Fund should make money available for a pianist travelling to Badenoch on behalf of the Society. This was agreed at a price of £25.

c) The Jean Milligan Fund will also make available money for five Scholarships per year, as follows:-

The Duncan MacLeod Scholarship.
Two Scholarships for under 21 years of age.
Two Scholarships for up to 40 years of age.

d) The meeting was advised that Perth and Perthshire Branch had been invited to send a team to the Faro Islands.

e) Mrs Murphy suggested that the Committee should be deciding soon on ideas for the 70th Anniversary in 1991.

The meeting closed at 1 p.m.

GP90/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Saturday 20 October 1990 at 10.30 a.m.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
AT 12 COATES CRESCENT,
EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY 20
OCTOBER 1990 AT 10AM.

PRESENT: Mr A S AITKENHEAD (in the chair), Miss A W Miller, Mr J Taylor, Mrs N Dunn, Miss E M Furguson, Dr I P Gormley, Mr J Lawrie, Mr A Mair, Miss B Nairn, Miss I Paton and Mr G Stephens.

ATTENDING: Mrs J A Moore (Secretary

GP90/27 APOLOGIES

Mrs A Murphy

GP90/28 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 7 APRIL 1990

The Minutes of the Meeting on 7th April 1990 had been approved at the Executive Council in May 1990 after it was noted that in GP90/25 (e) that 1991 should read 1993 and that "deciding" should be deleted and "considering" substituted.

GP90/29 BUSINESS ARISING (and not included elsewhere in the Agenda)

GP90/13 TEACHING VISIT TO SOUTH ARGYLL
It was reported that the arrangements for this visit were well in hand and that Dr MacFadyen and Mrs M More had accepted the invitation to undertake the visit.

GP90/22 YOUTH FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL DANCE, JAPAN
The Chairman reported that a team of 10 Scottish Country Dancers and 2 teachers from Knightswood Secondary School, Glasgow and an accompanying piper had accepted the invitation to take part at the Festival and that it had been a most successful venture. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations should be sent to the school.

GP90/30 PROJECT 1991

The Chairman informed the Committee that the plans for Project 1991 were progressing well. The sub-committee had already met on two occasions and the date agreed for the Day of Dance was 29th November 1991.

The date for the next meeting of the sub-committee was arranged for 8th December

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GP()/31 AFFILIATIONS

The undernoted affiliations were approved:

Gillies Plains Scottish Dancers	South Australia
Sendai Scottish Country Dance Club	Japan
Looe Scottish Country Dance Club	Cornwall
Clan MacMillan Centre Dance Group	Renfrewshire
Crookfur Scottish Country Dance Club	Glasgow

Applications from Thistle Country Dance Club and the Rowan Tree Dancers were held over pending further information.

GP90/32 CONSTITUTIONS

Glasgow	Addition to Constitution approved
Exeter	Constitution approved
Hunter Valley	Constitution approved
Canberra & Dist.	Amendments to Constitution aproved
West Renfrewshire	Constitution approved
Belfast	Addition to Constitution approved
Cornwall	Constitution approved
Central Kentucky	Proposed changes approved
Dunbartonshire West	Amendment to rule 7 approved
Northern Virginia	Constitution approved

GP90/33 BRANCH FORMATIONS

a) An application for approval to endeavour to form the Orlando Branch was approved.

b) An application for approval to endeavour to form the Brighton Branch was remitted to the next meeting

GP90/34 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The Committee considered the items on the Annual General Meeting Agenda which concerned General Purposes. Mr Aitkenhead, would be representing the Executive Councils view in proposing Motions 10(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h).

GP90/35 OPEN FORUM

The Secretary reported that five submissions with topics for discussion had been received.

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GP90/36 JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND - PROJECTS FOR 1991

It was agreed that in addition to awarding five scholarships the Jean Milligan Fund would be responsible for the travel and course fees for the next Music Course also for the teaching visit to Argyll and for the two garden parties to be held as part of the Sixtieth Anniversary celebrations at 1991 Summer School. It was also confirmed that a further teaching visit within Scotland could be considered.

GP90/37 ANNUAL BULLETIN

The Chairman submitted proposals for the Bulletin and Newsletter. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to a small sub-committee drawn from General Purposes, Publications & Research and Finance Committees.

GP90/38 VENUES FOR AGM 1992 AND 1993

Possible venues for the 1992 and 1993 Annual General Meetings were discussed.

GP90/39 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 1990/91

2nd February 1991
13th April 1991
5th October 1991

GP90/40 CORRESPONDENCE

a) A letter had been received from Portrush Branch on the subject of awarding certificates within the Branch in recognition of service to the Branch. A reply would be sent stating that any Branch may design and present its own awards.

b) In response to a letter received from Leicester Branch, the Committee agreed it could not issue criteria leading to the award of the Society's Scroll and that it was not normal practise to make such disclosures.

GP90/41 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Take Your Partners - Now! - article in the Scots Magazine. The Committee agreed that this article should not receive an official reply but that any individual who wished to answer it may do so.

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b) Bearing in mind the cost of Executive Council Meetings and the fact that because of travel arrangements some representatives have to leave early, there was discussion about an earlier starting time. This matter is to be considered again at the next meeting.

(c) The remit from the Summer School Committee concerning guidelines for the office of Director Designate was discussed. The Committee agreed that such guidelines ought to be published when the office of Director Designate is being advertised and therefore no criteria could be formulated at this time.

GP90/42 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2nd FEBRUARY L991

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.20PM

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.30PM.

3rd NOVEMBER 1961

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

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(b) Pointing out that the cost of Education Council increased from £1,000 in 1960 to £1,500 in 1961 and that the cost of Council meetings which were telephonically held to avoid travel were disproportionate to the benefit derived from them, it was resolved that no Council meeting should be convened unless it is of a particular urgency.

(c) The Senior Tutor (the Senior School Committee Chairman) informed the Council that the office of Director Peninsula Schools was advertised. The Committee felt that such highlights should be brought home the office of Director Peninsula Schools and planning is being undertaken and timetables to complete the job in the time allotted.