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SUB-COMMITTEES OF EXECUTIVE
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before meeting.

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Committee
To each Branch Rep
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To each Secretary
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a Council Rep.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

A meeting of the Summer School Sub-Committee was held on Saturday, 9th January, 1954, in the Office of the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation, 4 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh, at 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Anderson, Mrs. Brown, Miss Kenyon, Miss Hadden (Secretary).

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

Application Forms:

A combined application form for resident and non-resident students was approved. It was noted that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, non-resident students would be asked to pay a registration fee of 5/- and thereafter £1. 0. 0. per week for tuition, while the fee for students attending by the day would be 5/- and for one class 2/6d.

Miss Milligan reminded the members of the Committee that Summer School applications were considered in the following order: -

1. Teachers in Society Branches
2. Officials of Branches
3. Proportion of members from new Branches
4. Members from remote areas

Teachers and Pianists:

The list of teachers and pianists was carefully considered and provisional arrangements were made.

Syllabus:

It was agreed that until the application forms had been received the syllabus could not be completed, but various recommendations were made for classes and lectures.

Accommodation:

The Secretary reported on the accommodation for residence and classes which had been booked, and it was noted that this year the Society had been granted the use of Hepburn Hall during the first course and St. Regulus Hall during the second which would help considerably in reducing the waiting list.

The dates of the Summer School were confirmed - 19th July to 2nd August and 2nd August to 16th August, 1954.

This ended the business of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN.

John C. Hally
28. 1. 56

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

A meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE was held on Saturday, 28th January, 1956, at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, at 1.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (Convener), Miss A. Anderson, Miss Kenyon, Mrs Lesslie, Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was intimated from Mrs M.K. Brown.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th January, 1954, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

2. APPLICATION FORM 1956:

The necessary alterations were made to the Summer School application form. It was reported that the Finance Committee had approved an increase in fees for resident students, according to the increased charge made by the University Court, St. Andrews. The fees would therefore be £7. 15. 0. per week plus a non-returnable registration fee of 5/-. The fees for non-resident students would remain as at present, £1 per week plus 5/- non-returnable registration fee.

3. LIST OF TEACHERS & PIANISTS:

The existing list of teachers and pianists was revised & additional names were considered and approved by the Committee.

4. SYLLABUS:

Various recommendations were discussed and approved, and the Secretary was instructed to begin inviting teachers, pianists and lecturers according to the approved list.

It was agreed that complete arrangements for classes could not be made until the application forms had been received and sorted out.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.

Jean C. Milligan

CHAIRMAN.

18. 1. 57

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

A meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE was held on Friday, 18th January, 1957, in 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, at 8 p.m.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were intimated from Miss A. Anderson, and Mrs M.K. Brown.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan, (Convenor), Miss Kenyon, Mrs Lesslie, Miss Hadden, (Secretary).

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th January, 1956, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS:

Miss Milligan told the meeting that accommodation had been reserved for four weeks from 22nd July - 19th August in University Hall, Kinnessburn Hall and Hepburn Hall.

The syllabus for 1957 was discussed and several recommendations made. It was agreed to suggest an increase in fees to the Finance Committee at its next meeting, - the proposal being that Resident students should pay £8 per week, plus a non-returnable registration fee of 8/-, and that non-residents should pay the former fee of £1 per week with a registration fee of 8/-.

3. LISTS OF TEACHERS & PIANISTS:

The existing lists of teachers and pianists were revised and members were asked to send in any suitable names and addresses to be added to the list.

Various suggestions for lectures and discussions - were made, and it was left to Miss Milligan to complete the arrangements.

The meeting ended at 9 p.m.

Jan. Milligan
1 2 58

CHAIRMAN:

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

A meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE was held on Saturday, 1st February, 1958, in 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (Convenor), Miss A. Anderson, Mrs. Brown, Miss Kenyon, Mrs. Lesslie, Mrs. Rankin and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th January, 1957, having been circulated, were read, approved and signed.

SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS:

Miss Milligan told the meeting that accommodation had been reserved for four weeks from 21st July - 18th August in University Hall, Kinnessburn Hall, Hepburn Hall and Wardlaw Hall.

The syllabus for 1958 was discussed and various recommendations were made and approved with regard to the printing of the new application forms.

LISTS OF TEACHERS and PIANISTS:

The existing lists of teachers and pianists were revised and members were asked to send in any suitable names and addresses to be added to the list.

Mrs. Brown proposed a vote of thanks to the Convenor.

The meeting ended at 3.10 p.m.

Jean Milligan
31. 1. 58.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 31st January, 1959, in 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, at 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss B. Anderson, Mr. Cruickshank,
Mrs. Cramb, Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Mowat, Mr. Sharpe,
and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was intimated from Miss Collie.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st February, 1958, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS:

Miss Milligan announced that the dates for the 1959 Summer School were from 20th July to 17th August.

The application form was closely examined and various recommendations were made for its amendment. It was agreed that these recommendations should be incorporated in the new form when it was printed.

3. TEACHERS and PIANISTS:

The list of teachers and pianists for the Summer School was revised and members were asked to send in any suitable names and addresses to be added to the list.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mrs. Lesslie suggested that a class should be held at the Summer School for the teaching of newly composed dances. The Committee agreed that consideration should be given to this matter.

Mr. Sharpe proposed a vote of thanks to the Convener.

The meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.

Jean Milligan
30. 1. 60

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 30th January, 1960, in 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Browne, Miss Crighton, Mrs. Cuthill, Miss Mowat,
Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Sharpe and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from
Miss B. Anderson, Mrs. Cramb and Mrs. Lesslie.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 31st January, 1959, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS:

Miss Milligan announced that the dates for the 1960 Summer School were from 25th July to 22nd August.

The recommendation from the Finance Committee that the fees should be increased as follows was approved:

- (1) For residents £9. 10. -d. per week plus a 10/-d. registration fee.
- (2) For non-residents - £1.10.-d. per week plus a 10/-d. registration fee.
- (3) Odd classes - 7/6d. per day or 3/6d. per class.

The application form was closely examined and various recommendations were made for its amendment. It was agreed that these recommendations be incorporated in the new form when it was printed.

3. HALLS and RESIDENCES:

It was announced that owing to the installation of central heating to take place during the summer months Wardlaw Hall would not be available to the Society as a residence. This would mean a reduction of 32 resident students each week.

4. TEACHERS and PIANISTS:

The list of teachers and pianists for the Summer School was revised and members were asked to send in any suitable names and addresses to be added to the list.

5. SUMMER SCHOOL for PIANISTS:

It was decided that owing to the very limited accommodation this year it would not be possible to hold a Summer School for pianists.

Miss Browne proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.

Jean Milligan
28-1-61

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 28th January, 1961, in 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, at 12 noon.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Browne, Mrs. Cramb, Miss Crighton, Mrs. Cuthill,
Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Mowat, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Sharpe and
Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGY: An apology for absence and a resignation from the Committee was received from Miss B. Anderson.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 30th January, 1960, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

2. APPLICATION FORM:

Miss Milligan announced that the dates for the 1961 Summer School were from 24th July to 21st August.

The application form was closely examined and various recommendations were made for its amendment. It was agreed that these recommendations be incorporated in the new form when it was printed.

3. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS:

The list of teachers and pianists for the Summer School was revised and members were asked to send in any suitable names and addresses to be added to the list.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Summer School for Pianists: It was decided that an experimental course of one week should be offered to pianists. It was emphasised that this course should be open only to pianists recommended by Branch Secretaries. It was also agreed that the maximum number of students should be ten, and that the course should run from 24th July to 31st July. Miss Milligan recommended that Miss Carnie should be in charge of instruction with the co-operation of the other pianists at the Summer School. It was agreed that the existing application form should be amended to incorporate this new course.

Mr. Sharpe proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 1.00 p.m.

Jean C. Milligan
27. 1. 62

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 27th January, 1962, in 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, at 12 noon.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Browne, Miss Collie, Miss Crighton, Mrs. Cuthill,
Miss Mowat, Miss Rae, Mrs. Rankin and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from Mr. Sharpe and Mrs. Lesslie.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th January, 1961, having been previously circulated were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

It was agreed that the Pianists Course of one week should again take place at the 1962 Summer School.

3. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS:

Miss Milligan announced that the dates for the 1962 Summer School were from 23rd July to 20th August.

The application form was examined closely, and it was agreed that no amendments, other than the changing of the dates, were necessary.

4. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS:

The list of teachers and pianists submitted by Miss Hadden was examined, and Miss Milligan asked members to send in any suitable names and addresses to be added to the list.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Miss Collie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The meeting ended at 12.45 p.m.

Jean Milligan
19. 1. 63

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 19th January, 1963, at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh at 11.45 a.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Mr. Cross, Mrs. Cuthill, Mrs. Lesslie, Miss Matheson,
Mr. Mechan, Miss Rae, and Mr. Sharpe.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Rankin.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 27th January, 1962, were signed and approved, having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

It was decided that in view of the lack of applications for the Pianists Course at the 1962 Summer School, no such course would be offered on the 1963 Summer School syllabus.

3. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS:

Miss Milligan announced that the dates of the 1963 Summer School would be 29th July to 26th August.

The application form was examined closely and the dates, etc., were altered accordingly.

4. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS:

The list of teachers and pianists was submitted to the Meeting and members suggested names and addresses of suitable teachers and pianists to be considered for the 1963 Summer School.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 12.30 p.m. after a vote of thanks to the Convener by Mr. Sharpe.

Jean C Milligan

25. 1. 64

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 25th January, 1964, at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh at 10.40 a.m.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Adams, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Cross, Mrs. Cuthill, Mrs. Henderson,
Miss Matheson, Mr. Mechan, Miss Rae, Mr. Sharpe and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGY: An apology for absence was intimated from Mrs. Rankin.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 19th January, 1963 were signed and approved, having been previously circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

It was again reported that there had been no inquiries about a Pianists' course at the 1963 Summer School, and it was therefore decided that such a course should be omitted from the syllabus once again.

3. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS:

Miss Milligan announced that the dates of the 1964 Summer School would be 20th July to 17th August. The application form was examined closely and the dates, etc., were altered accordingly.

After much discussion on the subject of men's dress at the Summer School, it was decided that a ruling should be incorporated in the syllabus to ensure that men would dress correctly.

It was also agreed to alter the wording of the part of the syllabus referring to examination candidates so that the Secretary would receive confidential testimonials about the candidates' ability direct from the candidates' teachers.

4. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS:

The list of teachers and pianists was submitted to the Meeting and members suggested names and addresses of suitable teachers and pianists to be considered for the Summer School.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Miss Adams asked if it would be possible for Summer School teachers to be advised in good time of the evenings when they are required to take the social dancing sessions. Miss Milligan confirmed that this would be done.

The Meeting ended at 11.30 a.m. after a vote of thanks to the Convener by Miss Matheson.

Jean C. Milligan
23. 1. 65

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held on Saturday, 23rd January, 1965 at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh at 12 noon.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Adams, Miss Cattnach, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Cross, Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Mehan,
Miss Matheson and Miss Yeats, Miss Hadden (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Henderson and Miss Rae.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 25th January 1964 were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS:

Miss Milligan announced that the dates of the 1965 Summer School would be 19th July to 16th August.

The application form was examined closely and the dates, etc. were altered accordingly.

It was agreed to alter the wording of part of the syllabus referring to Examinations and so that the necessary confidential statements would be sent direct to Headquarters. It was also decided to alter the clause in the Agreement to be signed so that members who withdraw within a month of the start of the Course would be responsible for total fees unless under exceptional circumstances.

3. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS:

The list of teachers and pianists was submitted to the Meeting and members suggested names and addresses of suitable teachers and pianists to be considered for the 1965 Summer School.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 1.10 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Convener by Miss Yeats.

Jean Milligan
23. 1. 66.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held on
Saturday, 22nd January, 1966, at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, at 12 noon.

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Miss Adams, Mr. Clement, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Mehan, Miss Prentice, Miss Yeats,
and Miss Hadden (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were intimated from Mrs. Henderson and Miss Rae.

1. MINUTES: The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 23rd January 1965, were approved and signed, having been previously circulated.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS:

Miss Milligan announced that the dates of the 1966 Summer School would be 25th July to 22nd August.

The application form was examined closely and the dates, etc., were altered accordingly.

Several amendments were made to clarify the existing syllabus. It was agreed to increase the cost of the Examination Candidates Class Fees, both resident and non-resident, by 10/-, making the totals £11. and £2. per week respectively.

3. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS:

The list of teachers and pianists was submitted to the Meeting and members suggested names and addresses of suitable teachers and pianists to be considered for additions.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

It was agreed that, if possible, one of the talks during the afternoon sessions should be on the correct wearing of Highland Dress.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 1.40.p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Convener by Mr. Ireland.

Yvonne H. Adams.

14.1.66.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a Meeting of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 14th January, 1967 at 11.45pm.

PRESENT : Miss Adams (In the Chair)
Mr. Clement, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Ireland, Miss Lee,
Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Mochan, Miss Prentice, Miss Rae,
Miss Yeats and Miss Hadden (Secretary)

APOLOGY : An apology for absence was intimated from Miss Milligan

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, particularly Miss Lee who was attending for the first time.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last meeting, held on 22nd January, 1966, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : Talk on Highland Dress

It was explained that the talk on Highland Dress was not given at last year's Summer School owing to the absence of Mr. Clement, due to illness.

It was agreed that at this year's Summer School, Mr. Clement, with the co-operation of Mr. Ireland, should give a talk on the correct Highland dress and, if possible, this would be amplified by slides.

3. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS

The Chairman announced that the dates of the 1967 Summer School would be 17th July to 14th August.

The application form was examined closely and the dates, etc. were altered accordingly. It was explained that owing to a change in administration, the expenses of the Summer School would be increased and therefore the Finance Committee had decided to increase the fees to £12 per week. The registration fee would remain at 10/--.

4. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS

The list of teachers and pianists was submitted to the Meeting and members suggested names and addresses of suitable teachers and pianists to be considered for addition.

Several names were suggested as teachers of Highland dancing for possible consideration in the future.

It was agreed that a list of the Teachers and Pianists taking part in the Summer School should be sent to each member of the Committee when the programme was completed.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 1.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Miss Rae.

13. 1. 68 Jean Milligan

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 13th January, 1968 at 11.45 a.m.

PRESENT : Miss Milligan (In the Chair)
Miss Adams, Mr. Brown, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Ireland, Miss Lee,
Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Mehan, Miss Mowat, Miss Prentice,
Miss Yeats, and Miss Grubb (Secretary)

APOLOGY : An apology for absence was intimated from Mr. Clement.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 14th January, 1967,
having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS

The dates of the 1968 Summer School are 22nd July to 19th August. Application form was examined and necessary amendments to dates were made. Minor alterations in catering arrangements were indicated by the Warden of University Hall and these had been accepted to enable the fees to remain unchanged at £12 per week. The Registration Fee would remain at 10/-.

It was suggested that a stencilled note giving details of revised catering arrangements, etc. be prepared for distribution along with the timetable given to students on arrival.

3. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS

The list of teachers and pianists was examined and suitable names were added.

4. OTHER BUSINESS: a) Pitlochry Tourist Association - "Highland Nights"

An invitation to send demonstration teams to Pitlochry was accepted for the evenings of Wednesday, 24th July and 7th August, subject to the same arrangements as last year and weather condition permitting.

b) Mr. Inglis - Madras College

Mr. Mehan intimated that Mr. Inglis had kindly offered the use of a Projector and Screen for lecture purposes during the course of the Summer School.

c) Refresher Talks for Teachers

It was felt that teachers would appreciate the opportunity of refresher talks and discussion groups on various aspects of teaching as it affects a Certificate Class. It was agreed that a meeting could be held each week during the course of the School.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 1.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Corbett.

Jean Milligan
11. 1. 69

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 11th January 1969 at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT : Miss Milligan (In the Chair)
Miss Brander, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gradon, Mrs. Hedley, Miss Lee,
Mr. Lochhead, Miss Redford, Miss Ross, Mrs. Wadsworth,
Miss Grubb (Secretary).

Miss Milligan welcomed the members, most of whom were new to this Committee.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 13th January 1968, previously circulated and approved by the Executive Council on 4th May, 1968, were signed.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS

Miss Milligan announced that the dates of the 1969 Summer School would be 21st July to 18th August. Application form was examined and necessary amendments to dates were made.

It was proposed that the weekly fees for residents and non-residents remain unchanged at £12.0.0. and £1.10.0 respectively but that the non-returnable registration fee for residents be increased to £1. The registration fee for non-residents to remain unchanged at 10/-.

In view of the numbers attending from U.S.A. and Canada, it was suggested that it might be convenient to those members to indicate on the application form the dollar equivalent for registration and fees.

Mrs. Wadsworth enquired if it was necessary that the Summer School commence on a Monday. The majority of people attending were available on a Saturday and frequently business and other commitments necessitated that they leave the Summer School before the conclusion of the course on Mondays.

Miss Milligan indicated that the School had always run from Monday as the arrangement was convenient to the University authorities and that it would not be possible to change the dates for the year 1969. However, she indicated she would enquire if it would be possible to change the dates on a future occasion.

3. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS

The lists of teachers and pianists were examined and various amendments made.

4. REMIT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : 7th December 1968

Class for Pipers and other musicians at Summer School

The Chairman indicated that it would not be proper for the Society to run a class for pipers when there is already a Piping Association and School in Glasgow for this purpose.

Mr. Gradon reminded the meeting of the very successful illustrated talk given by Miss Main at a previous Summer School. He felt that it would be advantageous if another meeting of this type could be arranged for those particularly interested in the musical side of the Society's work. Miss Milligan said the matter would be considered.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 1.5 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Lochhead. *Jean Milligan 7.2.76*

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 7th February, 1970 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT : Miss Milligan (In the Chair)
Mr. Aitkenhead, Mr. Brown, Mr. Drewry, Miss Griffiths, Dr. Hall,
Mr. Ireland, Miss Lee, Mr. Lochhead, Miss Quirk, Miss Redford,
Miss Ross, Mrs. Wadsworth, Miss Grubb (Secretary).

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 11th January 1969,
previously circulated and approved by the Executive Council on
3rd May 1969, were signed.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS

Miss Milligan announced that the dates of the 1970 Summer School
would be 20th July to 17th August.

It was reported that the University was making a considerable
increase in their charge to the Society and that this would have
to be passed on to the students.

The Committee accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation that
the weekly fee be increased to £14, the registration fee remaining
unchanged at £1. It was also decided that examination candidates
should pay weekly resident fee of £15. Non-residents' fees were
agreed as follows:- Registration £1; Tuition £1.10.0 per week;
examination candidates £2.10.0 per week.

The position of day visitors was discussed and it was decided that
the fee for this category be increased to 10/-. The previous
practice of accepting students for one class only at a very modest
fee would be discontinued. It was recommended that day students
pay their fee direct to the teacher of the class they are attending
and that some form of receipt would be provided so that they might
attend all events during that day, if they wished.

Other minor amendments were recommended and would be incorporated
in the form.

3. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS

The list of Teachers and Pianists was examined and suitable names
added. Names of suitable teachers of Highland Dancing were
suggested and would receive consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12.50 p.m. with a
vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Ireland.

Jan C. Milligan
16.1.71

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 16th January, 1971 at 11.15 a.m.

PRESENT : Miss Milligan (In the Chair)
Miss Adams, Mr. Brown, Mr. Drewry, Dr. Hall, Mr. Ireland,
Miss Lee, Mr. Lochhead, Mr. Murphy, Miss Nairn, Miss Quirk,
Miss Redford, Miss M.L. Ross, Miss M.M. Ross and Miss Grubb (Secy.).

APOLOGY : An apology for absence was intimated from Mrs. Wadsworth.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 7th February 1970,
were signed by the Chairman.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL DATES - REMIT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Secretary indicated that a further approach to the University
Authorities in connection with changing the starting day of the
School from Monday to Saturday, had been unsuccessful for 1971.
The University Authorities had indicated that the matter would
again be considered and an effort made to have the preceding school
of American Students revise the dates of their visit, to enable
this Society to commence its School on a Saturday.

3. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS

Minor changes in the form were approved. It was recommended that
the residents' fee remain unchanged, but that the non-residents'
fee should be increased to £2 per week and £3 per week for
examination candidates. In view of the considerable increase in
Bank Charges, it was agreed that members wishing to pay in Canadian
or American dollars must be charged sums adequate to cover these
bank charges.

4. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS

The lists of teachers and pianists were examined and minor
amendments made.

5. CORRESPONDENCE :

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. E.E.H. Pitt complaining about
the noise in University Hall. This appeared to be continuing until
1 and 2 o'clock in the morning and it was agreed that this was
rather unreasonable. Members attended the School for the purpose
of dancing and could not give of their best when their night's rest
was disturbed by excessive noise.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Pitt and re-assure him
that the matter would have attention.

6. OTHER
BUSINESS :

Piano. Miss Milligan indicated that she had heard from Miss Walker
that the generous gift from members at the 1970 Summer School had
enabled her to purchase a very satisfactory instrument for use in
University Hall and to have the grandpiano in the Old Dining Room
re-conditioned. This was a most satisfactory state of affairs.

Security. Mr. Ireland raised the question of security and asked if
it would not be possible for each member of the School to have a
cupboard or a drawer which locked in their rooms.

Bed Linen. Mr. Ireland enquired if it would not be possible to have
the bed linen changed each week. He thought the present practice
of changing the bed linen at the end of two weeks was inadequate.

Miss Milligan indicated that she would raise these two points with
Miss Walker, Warden of University Hall, to whom she would be writing
in the very near future.

Night Porter. The Secretary suggested that subject to the approval
of the University Authorities, a security firm might be engaged to
supply a night porter instead of the existing system of keys being
made available to members who wished to be out after the hall porters
had left at night.
The meeting did not think this was necessary. Miss Milligan said
she would hope to obtain more keys for this purpose at the coming
Summer School.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 1 p.m. with a vote of
thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Adams.

Jean Milligan
29. 1. 72

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on Saturday, 29th January, 1972 at 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT : Miss J.C. Milligan (In the Chair)
Miss Adams, Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Ireland, Miss Lee, Mr. Murphy,
Miss Nairn, Miss M.L. Ross, Mrs. Wadsworth and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were received from:
Mr. Brown, Miss Redford, Miss M.M. Ross.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 16th January 1971,
previously circulated and approved by the Executive Council on
6th May 1971, were signed.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Security
After discussion, it was recommended that a further approach be
made to the Warden at University Hall to endeavour to make an
arrangement for the safe keeping of valuables and larger sums of
money and to make members aware of the facility if this is arranged.

b) Bed Linen

Miss Milligan had raised the matter with the Warden who had indicated
that it was impracticable to provide a change of linen each week.

3. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS

The dates of the 1972 Summer School were confirmed as 17th July to
14th August. The Finance Committee recommended that the fees be
as follow:

Resident's Fee	2 week course	£35.50
" "	Examination Candidate 2 week course	£37.00
" "	1 week only	£18.00
Non-Resident's Fee	2 week course	£ 5.00
" " "	Examination Candidate 2 week course	£ 8.00
" " "	1 week only	£ 3.00
Day Visitor		50p

This was agreed.

Miss Milligan commented that in many cases the statement sent to
support applications of examination candidates was not confidential
as they accompanied the application and could easily have been
studied by the candidate. After discussion, it was agreed to remit
the matter to the Examinations Committee for consideration.

Other minor amendments to the syllabus were recommended and approved.

4. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS

Lists of Teachers and Pianists were examined and amended.

5. OTHER BUSINESS :

a) Pitlochry

A letter of thanks from the Pitlochry Tourist Association
expressing appreciation of the demonstrations given at the 1971
Highland Nights was read.

b) Examinations at Summer School

Mrs. Dunn requested that classes who were to stooge for
examination candidates should be advised the day before the event
to prevent confusion as had occurred at the 1971 School.

This was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3.45 p.m. with
a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Jean Milligan
13. 1. 73

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1973 at 11.00 a.m.

PRESENT : Miss J.C. Milligan (In the Chair)
Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Mrs. N. Dunn, Dr. I. Hall,
Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss A. Lee, Mr. J. Murphy, Miss B. Nairn,
Miss I. Redford, Miss M.L. Ross, Mrs. W. Wadsworth and
Mrs. Ann Burt (Secretary).

APOLOGY : Miss M.M. Ross.

The Chairman, in her opening remarks, introduced Mrs. Ann Burt, the new Secretary of the Society.

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 29th January, 1972, previously circulated and approved by the Executive Council on 4th March, 1972, were signed.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS

a) Fees

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the Bursar of St. Andrews University explaining that the fees for the Summer School would be increased from £13.00 in 1972 to £14.00 in 1973 and that it was likely that £1.40 would be added for Value Added Tax. The Committee gratefully noted that this was a considerable reduction on the normal University weekly conference rate of £16.80, excluding VAT.

It was generally agreed that the fees charged to students should be kept at as low a level as possible and Mr. Brown was asked to convey this view to the Finance Committee. It was suggested that the fee would be in the region of £20.00 or £21.00 per week and that the daily and fortnightly fees should be in proportion.

b) Initial Day

Mrs. Wadsworth raised a matter, which had been previously discussed, regarding starting the School on a Saturday instead of a Monday. It was considered that, particularly for those working from Monday to Friday, a course starting on a Monday involved the loss of a weekend. The Secretary was instructed to write to the University to ask if the Summer School could begin on Saturday, 21st July. If it were possible to begin the School on a Saturday, the Committee members were encouraged to welcome strangers and perhaps show them round the town of St. Andrews on the Sunday.

c) Domestic Arrangements

The Secretary was further instructed to enquire if -

- i. Towels and soap could be provided;
- ii. Sheets could be changed weekly for all residents;
- iii. If either would require an extra charge.

3. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS

The Committee discussed the lists of those teachers and pianists who had attended in recent years and additions and deletions were made.

It was agreed that, all things being equal, it was preferable to have Scottish teachers at the Summer School.

4. 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Chairman reported that:

- a) A Civic Reception was to be given by the Town Council.
- b) The University hoped to give a special dinner.
- c) It was hoped to arrange a formal evening Ball.
- d) She hoped to visit St. Andrews in the near future to finalise arrangements with the University and the Town Council in connection with the 50th Anniversary celebrations.
- e) It was agreed that a Garden Party be held, possibly on the lawn at Lower College Hall, during one afternoon, for which a small charge would be made.
- f) Dress. It would be necessary to inform those coming to the School that, as there would be a formal dance, members should be asked to bring evening wear.

5. OTHER

BUSINESS :

- a) Miss Adams asked if beginners and intermediate dancers could be separated in all classes and the Chairman said that this was normally done; in 1972, however, there had been a last minute shortage of staff which had resulted in some rearrangements.
- b) Miss Adams reported a request that all teachers be given an opportunity to attend a class for instruction in new dances, which the Chairman agreed was desirable but occasionally impracticable.
- c) Date of Next Meeting
 - i. The Chairman suggested that the next meeting should be after she had visited St. Andrews; this might necessitate the notice being shorter than the usual three weeks.
 - ii. The Secretary reported that there had been some requests, particularly from overseas visitors, asking for an early indication as to whether they would be accepted for the Summer School. It was, therefore, hoped that the meeting to arrange the 1974 Summer School could be held not later than December 1973.

The meeting then closed at 12.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss Adams.

Jan Milligan

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE, held at
12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh on SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH 1973 at 11.45 a.m.

PRESENT : Miss J.C. Milligan (In the Chair)
Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Mrs. N. Dunn, Dr. I. Hall,
Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss A.C. Lee, Mr. J. Murphy, Miss B. Nairn,
Miss I. Redford, Miss M.L. Ross, Miss M.M. Ross, Mrs. W. Wadsworth.
Mrs. Ann Burt (Secretary)

1. MINUTES : The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 13th January 1973, previously
circulated, were signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Summer School
The Chairman referred to Miss Walker's explanatory letter, previously
circulated, in which she had said that fees were kept to a minimum
in recognition of

i. the long association between St. Andrews University and the
Society and

ii. the fact that 250 beds were filled each week by the Society.

The Chairman added that towels and soap were not provided for
students and sheets could be changed more frequently on
application and for a fee of 25p.

iii. Initial Day. With the University's limited staff, it was not
possible to alter the accommodation from lounges to dancing
halls during Saturday morning and it was hoped that the
initial day would remain Monday.

b) 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Miss Milligan reported that she had been very successful at St. Andrews
in arranging the celebrations for the 50th Anniversary and she paid
tribute to Miss Redford for her great help in arranging appointments.
Celebrations were to take the following form -

First Week. Tuesday, 24th July. The University Court had agreed
to give an official Dinner Party after which there would be dancing
and a conversazione.

Second Week. Tuesday, 31st July. The Senate of St. Andrews
University had agreed to give the Younger Hall, and Miss Walker would
arrange an extra Dinner Party for members of the School and perhaps
one or two guests from the Town. The Band, which would be given
expenses, had agreed to give its services free for the dance which
would follow the dinner.

Third Week. Thursday, 9th August. A reception would be given by the
Civic Authorities of the Town of St. Andrews at the Younger Hall.
This would be a formal occasion when the dignitaries would wear
their robes and there would be no saleable tickets. There would be
a dancing programme, singers and possibly a demonstration.

Fourth Week. Wednesday, 15th August. A Garden Party would be held
on the lawns of University Hall but if the weather was wet, this
would be moved to the Old Dining Room. A self-help buffet would be
served and Miss Redford was asked to obtain an estimate for
providing two sandwiches and two cakes for 400 people. Biscuits
might be provided by the Hall.

It was hoped that in addition to those attending the School, other
members of the Society would be encouraged to attend. It was
agreed that notice of this Garden Party should be intimated to
Branches.

Mr. Brown agreed to ask the Executive Council if they would be
prepared to underwrite the expenses and the Chairman offered to
make a contribution from her 'Mile of Pennies'.

c) Halls and Accommodation

Miss Milligan reported that the Union Diner had been demolished
and she thought it unlikely that the Students' Union would be
completed by July. She had, however, been able to obtain other
suitable halls.

Accommodation had been reserved in four student houses at Fife Park
which would each take six people who would require to cater for
themselves. This would cost approximately £20 - £25 per house
per week. Members of the Committee were asked to let the Secretary
know if they knew of anyone requiring this accommodation.

Miss Milligan confirmed that non-residents would be considered.
full members of the School.

3. ANY OTHER
BUSINESS :

a) Dates of Next Summer School

It was agreed that Summer School 1974 should begin on 22nd July
if this was convenient for the University.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Miss Adams.

Jean C. Milligan
15. 12. 73

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 15th DECEMBER, 1973, at 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT: Miss J.C. Milligan (In the Chair)
Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Dr. L.R. Currie,
Miss B. Griffiths, Miss B. Nairn, Miss I. Redford,
Mrs. M. Robertson, Miss M.L. Ross Mr. D. Macleod
Mrs. Ann Burt (Secretary) and Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer).

APOLOGIES: Dr. I. Hall, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss A.C. Lee, Mr. T. Leggatt.

1. MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd March, 1973, previously circulated were signed as a correct record.
2. BUSINESS ARISING: The Chairman reported that there had been a considerable increase in the numbers attending the Summer School during the 50th Anniversary celebrations.
3. SUMMER SCHOOL SYLLABUS: 22nd July - 19th August, 1974.

a) Fees

The Convener of the Finance Committee, Mr. Brown, and the Treasurer having studied the previous Accounts and the Residential Fees requested by the University of St. Andrews suggested that there should be an increase of approximately 10%. It was agreed that the following fees be recommended to the Finance Committee at their next meeting on the 26th January.

Resident

One Week Course - Tuition and Maintenance	£23.00
Two Week Course - Tuition and Maintenance	£45.00

Examination Candidates

^{Two}

~~One~~ Week Course only - Tuition and Maintenance £48.00

Non-Resident

One Week Course	£4.00
Two Week Course	£7.00

Examination Candidates

Two Week Course only	£11.00
Day Visitor	£1.00

The Committee were conscious of the generous treatment given by St. Andrews University to the Society which made these fees possible.

In arriving at the proposed fees for 1974 the principal was accepted that the Summer School should be profitable to the Society and that the inclusive fee should include provision for VAT, should it become payable. It was recognised that no fees were paid to the teaching members of the staff.

The Chairman stressed that courses were normally of two weeks duration, although many people now arranged for one week only. Mr. Brown suggested that if there was a majority of people who wished to come for one week only, the Summer School Committee might, at some future date, consider this proposal.

- b) The draft Application Form, subject to minor amendments, was approved.

4. TEACHERS AND PIANISTS:

Lists of Teachers and Pianists were considered and approved. The Chairman asked Committee members to let her know of any new teachers in their area who might be suitable to teach at the Summer School.

She explained she hoped to introduce younger teachers and it was hoped that in future younger teachers would be encouraged to take part in the Summer School.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) The Chairman read a letter of thanks from the Pitlochry and District Tourist Association expressing their appreciation and thanks to the two teams of St. Andrews Summer School who had danced at their "Highland Nights" entertainment.
- b) Miss Griffiths said that there had been some discussion at the 1973 Summer School that a "Darby and Joan" class should be considered for those members who were not quite so fleet of foot.
- c) Miss Adams said that all-night parties were disturbing other residents and the Chairman agreed that she would look into this during the 1974 Summer School.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

None fixed.

The meeting closed at 12 o'clock with a vote of thanks to the Chairman proposed by Miss Adams.

Jan Milligan
14. 12. 74

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 14th December, 1974, at 11 a.m.

Present: Miss J. C. Milligan (In the Chair)
Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead
Mrs. M. Ball
Mr. H. Barnes
Mrs. J. Corson
Dr. L. R. Currie
Dr. I. T. Hall
Mr. J. Ireland
Miss A. C. Lee
Mr. D. Macleod
Mr. J. Murphy
Miss I. M. F. Redford

Miss D. K. Vaughan (Treasurer)
Miss J. McCollm (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Mrs M. A. Robertson
Miss M. L. Ross (co-opted member)

1. MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th December, 1973, were signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING 1974 Summer School
The Chairman reported that the Summer School had been very successful.

3. REVISION OF SUMMER SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM: (a) Period of Courses
The Committee discussed the dates and period of the two courses and Mr. Ireland asked that the proposal that the school should start each two week course on a Saturday, should again be considered. The Chairman explained that the University were unable to meet this request. He then proposed that in order to lengthen the last fortnight's course, it should start on Saturday afternoon, instead of the following Monday. Miss Milligan promised to ask Miss Walker if the last week could end after lunch on Monday.

(b) Fees

The Secretary stated that she had not received a reply to her request for particulars of the revised charges for the 1975 Summer School.

The relationship of the Resident and Non-Resident fees was discussed. Mr Aitkenhead said that at £4 a week the non-resident fee was a charge of approximately 40p per class and this appeared to be satisfactory. It was agreed that no change be made.

It was decided that the revised fees for residents should cover the increased charges paid to the University.

(c) Deposit

It was agreed that as a deterrent to cancellations, the deposit for residents should be increased from £1 to £5 and be non-returnable. The date of payment of fees was fixed at twenty eight days before the start of the Summer School and only be refundable in special circumstances at the discretion of the Chairman in the case of personal illness.

The suggestion that an application form should in future be circulated with the Agenda of the Meeting was accepted.

4. TEACHERS' AND PIANISTS' LISTS
The Committee reviewed the list of teachers and pianists for the Summer School in detail, and some changes and additions were made.

Miss Milligan asked the Committee to look around for suitable young people to teach at St. Andrews.

5. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
As there was not sufficient time left to consider the suggestions put forward by Mr. Aitkenhead it was decided to bring the matter up at the next meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Saturday, 25th January 1975 at 2 p.m.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Jean Milligan

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE held at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 25th January, 1975, at 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss J. C. Milligan (In the Chair)
Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead
Mrs N. Ball
Mr. H. Barnes
Mrs M. Corson
Dr. L. R. Currie
Mr. I. J. Ireland
Mr. D. Macleod
Mr. J. Murphy
Miss I. W. F. Redford
Mrs M. A. Robertson
Mr. J. Taylor

Miss D. N. Vaughan
Miss J. McCollm (Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Dr. I. M. Hall and Miss A. C. Lee

1. MINUTES: Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th December, 1974, were signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING: (a) Period of Courses.

Mr. Ireland said that he would like to present some concrete proposals to the Executive Council regarding the second fortnight of the St. Andrews Summer School which appeared to be shorter than the first.

The Chairman said that she did not agree but she would discuss the matter with Miss Walker when she visited St. Andrews.

(b) Fees

Mr. Taylor, Convenor of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee had approved various increases in the Summer School fees as follows:-

One week course - Tuition and Maintenance £28.50
Two week course - Tuition and Maintenance 55.50

Examination Candidates:

Two week course only - Tuition and Maintenance 58.50

Non-Resident:

One week course - £4.00 Two week course - £7.00

Examination Candidates:

Two week course only £11.00

(c) Suggestions for improving the Administration of the Summer School.

Suggestions for improving the administration of the Summer School submitted by Mr. Alistair Aitkenhead were considered by the Committee, and it was decided to adopt some of them. Miss Milligan confirmed that the full office staff would be attending the Summer School and this would help the administration of the School.

Duncan Macleod.

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1976, AT 10.30 AM

PRESENT: Mr. Duncan Macleod (in the Chair)
Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead
Dr. L. R. Currie
Gp. Capt. D. G. Huxley
Miss I. M. F. Redford

Attending: Miss Gibson, Secretary
Mrs. Hall, Asst. Secretary
Miss Vaughan, Treasurer

SS76/1 APOLOGIES

Miss Milligan, Mr. T. G. Leggatt

SS76/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 25th January, 1975, were adopted unanimously.

SS76/3 BUSINESS ARISING

Mr. Aitkenhead asked the present Committee to look again at certain recommendations for improvements made by the last Committee and to consider certain other matters:

- a) There should be a weekly meeting of staff members with the Director. The Committee agreed.
- b) Staff members should have a time slotted into the programme to meet their pianists. The Committee agreed.
- c) The telephone in the corridor should be retained - agreed
- d) Mr. Aitkenhead said that supplying demonstration teams during the Summer School deprived classes of members and staff and the Committee agreed that depletion of classes should be avoided if at all possible.
- e) He also said that the curriculum of the Ladies' Highland Class had been scheduled and modified to produce demonstrations for Younger Hall. It was agreed that the work of classes should not be deliberately scheduled for demonstrations.
- f) To achieve continuity from class to class and to avoid students being taught the same dances in the two weeks, it was agreed that staff be given an area of instruction to be covered.

SS76/4 SUMMER SCHOOL 1976

(a) Fees: Owing chiefly to the increased costs of catering the Committee decided that fees should be increased as follows:

Resident - Tuition and Maintenance	One Week ..	£38
" " " "	Two Weeks	£74
" - Examination Candidates "	Two Weeks	£78
Non-Resident - Tuition	One Week	£7
" " " "	Two Weeks	£12
" - Examination Candidates - Tuition	Two Weeks	£16

In the case of non-residents a deposit of £1 was required.

The Committee noted that, in accordance with the A.G.M. resolution, the fee for the Teachers' Certificate was now £1.

Gp. Capt. Huxley suggested that the fees should include the use of irons, etc. to avoid the inconvenience of having to put coopers into a box each time they were used. The Committee decided that the cost of irons, etc. should be absorbed in the fee this year if it was not more than £5 per week; if it were more it was recommended that an announcement be made asking members to contribute. The Secretary was asked to arrange this with Miss Walker, the Warden.

(b) Amendments to the Form of Application: The Committee then considered the application form and the necessary amendments were agreed. In connection with the request that Annual Members give their Membership number, Miss Vaughan undertook to prefix membership card numbers with a letter to identify the year.

(c) It was agreed that the Secretary should consult Miss Walker at a suitable opportunity regarding starting Summer School on a Saturday to see if this is possible for a future year.

(d) It was agreed that the University Hall Telephone Number should be included in the regulations for Summer School which would be sent out with acceptances.

(e) School regulations: It was decided that the paragraph dealing with dress should read: "For evening meals members are requested to adopt conventional wear."

SS76/5 TEACHERS

The Committee had no recommendations for additions or deletions in respect of the list before them.

The Committee agreed that Miss Milligan, as Director of the School, should be asked to consider a rota system for teachers for the School and recommended that if someone who teaches one year is not required the next year they should be told the reason.

It was suggested that Branches should be invited to offer the names of their experienced teachers to the Committee for future years.

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SS76/6 PIANISTS

The Committee had no recommendations to delete names from the list before them. It was decided to add Mrs. Gardiner to the list and Gp. Capt. Huxley suggested that Mr. Ian Milne Leighton, Old Chapel Walk, Inverurie (Tel: Inverurie 2606) might be interested in playing for Scottish Country Dancing. He did not suggest adding his name to the list at this point but recommended that the Secretary should make a tentative investigation.

SS76/7 OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Recorded Music: The Committee recommended that one afternoon in each fortnight should be given over to a symposium on the use of recorded music as a supplement to written music.
- (b) Gp. Capt. Huxley felt too much preference was given to overseas members at the expense of those in Britain, and suggested that selection be made proportionately to numbers.
- (c) He also suggested that selection should ensure that every Branch is represented from which an individual has applied.
- (d) It was agreed that non-resident members should be asked to leave their St. Andrews address and telephone number at the office.
- (e) In reply to Gp. Capt. Huxley Miss Vaughan confirmed that paid and unpaid staff were covered by insurance. Members from the UK were also covered but not those from overseas. She undertook to take this up with the Insurance Company to see if they could be covered while in this country.

Jean C. Willigan

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1976, at 11.00 AM

PRESENT: Miss Milligan (in the Chair)
Mr. D. Macleod, Mr. J. Taylor, Miss M. Grieve, Mrs. F.C. Inglis,
Miss R. Quirk, Miss I. Redford.

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M. G. Hall (Asst. Secretary)

SS76/8 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

SS76/9 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 10th January were approved unanimously.

SS76/10 BUSINESS ARISING

SS76/3 Miss Milligan voiced strong objection to the statements contained in this Minute and said that (a) she saw her Summer School staff regularly and there was no need for a formal meeting; (b) there was no need to have a time slotted into the programme for staff to meet pianists as all teachers knew their pianists; (d) classes were not upset on account of demonstrations as practices were confined to out of class hours; (e) it was entirely untrue that classes had been modified to produce demonstrations for Younger Hall; (f) teachers already discussed the curriculum.

The Secretary reported that it had not been possible to have the telephone in the corridor as recommended at (c) but that it had been located within the office which had proved more useful.

SS76/11 SUMMER SCHOOL 1977

(a) Fees: The cost of catering had increased by £3 per week in University Hall and the extra accommodation offered by the University in the David Russell Hall would cost £4 more again per week with a minimum number to be guaranteed. It was decided not to accept the offer of accommodation within the David Russell Hall as an official School residence but to direct non-residents to make their own arrangements there if necessary and possible.

The Committee unanimously decided to ask the Finance Committee to ratify the following fees for 1977:

Resident - Tuition and Maintenance	One week	£40.00
do.	Two weeks	78.00
do. Examination Candidates	Two weeks	82.00
Non-Resident - Tuition	One Week	7.50
do.	Two Weeks	13.00
do. Examination Candidates	Two Weeks	19.00

Deposits would remain the same - £5 for residents and £1 for non-residents.

(b) The Committee further decided to ask the Finance Committee to ratify an increase in examination fees for the Preliminary Test to £1 and the Teachers' Certificate to £2.

(c) Insurance Mr. Taylor proposed that the Society should not go to an Insurance Company and that for an extra £2 the Society should safeguard a member against cancellation through illness or other unavoidable circumstances (at the discretion of the Society) within 28 days of the start of the Summer School. Mr. Macleod seconded the motion which was unanimously agreed. [NOTE: Mr. Taylor has since reported that this is no longer considered feasible and insurance will be available under similar conditions as in 1976]

SS76/12 REMIT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee had asked the Summer School Committee to reconsider the method of payment for use of electrical equipment - spin driers, irons, etc. (F/76/44 of 16th October, 1976). It was decided to revert to former practice before 1976 and reintroduce boxes for payment by users. It was also decided to ask the Warden of University Hall to have boxes prepared and to have equipment checked to ensure availability and working condition, before the start of the Summer School, as there had been no spin drier on the second floor of Lumsden House and only one iron between the three floors.

SS76/13 NAME TAGS

Mr. Grant of Toronto had written suggesting that students at Summer School should wear name tags. While it was decided not to adopt his suggestion it was decided that it would be helpful if members of staff wore a name badge and the Secretary undertook to prepare these.

In view, however, of Mr. Grant's feeling that students would wish to retain a memento of their visit to Summer School, it was decided to try to obtain key rings with "RSCDS Summer School" and the date on them for sale to those attending Summer School. Members were asked to send any information they had regarding key rings to Miss Gibson who would also obtain information from the Signet Tie Company and the key rings would be obtained from the most reasonable and suitable source.

SS76/14 BALL

Group Capt. Huxley had forwarded suggestions regarding the Summer School Ball for the Committee's consideration. It was decided that it would not be feasible to make a live recording of the band at the Ball for subsequent sale.

Miss Milligan stated that she herself would make all arrangements for the Ball including the booking of the Band, and that she intended it to be free to Summer School students.

SS76/15 SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Taylor's suggestion of a "Jean Milligan" Scholarship was unanimously welcomed and it was decided to remit to the Finance Committee the proposal for two annual scholarships which would consist of payment of full school fees to students between the ages of 18 and 25 who wished to attend Summer School with a view to taking the Preliminary Test or Teachers' Certificate. Travelling expenses would not be included.

It was recommended that the scholarships should be offered throughout the Society, starting in 1978, and that they should be advertised in the Bulletin. The Summer School Committee would be responsible for selecting recipients from the applications received.

SS76/16 OFFICE HOURS

The Committee agreed with the Secretary's recommendation that the Summer School Office would be open to members from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. except on Mondays when it would remain open till 10 p.m. for intakes, and on Saturdays when it would be open from 9.00 a.m. till 12.30 p.m.

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SS76/17 SUMMER SCHOOL EXAMINATION CLASSES

- (a) It was agreed that all candidates applying to attend an examination class should receive an application form to sit the appropriate examination together with a syllabus and should be requested to acquaint themselves with the dances before coming to Summer School.
- (b) It was also agreed that the maximum to be accepted for the Preliminary Test class should be 18.
- (c) Miss Milligan felt that examination classes were oversubscribed at Summer School because of the difficulties, often financial, facing Branches in running their own examination classes. She thought that perhaps the Society should endeavour to help the Branches in the United Kingdom in this respect. The matter was remitted to the Finance Committee for consideration and the Secretary was asked to obtain some information from Branches regarding the cost of running an examination class.

SS76/18 NEXT MEETING

As further arrangements for Summer School would be made by Miss Milligan it was unlikely that there would be another meeting for business in respect of the 1977 Summer School.

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

Jean Milligan

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON
SATURDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1977, AT 5 P.M.

Present: Dr J C Milligan (in the Chair), Mr D Macleod, Mr J Taylor, Mr H Barnes,
Mr T Leslie, Mrs F C Inglis.

Attending: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

SS77/1 APOLOGIES

Mr A S Aitkenhead

SS77/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 27 November, 1976, were approved.

SS77/3 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising

SS77/4 FEES

The Committee noted the decisions of the Finance Committee Meeting
on 22 October regarding Summer School Fees for 1978.

SS77/5 APPLICATION FORMS

The Committee considered the 1977 application form and amended it
as necessary in respect of fees and dates and made other minor
amendments to improve administration.

SS77/6 OFFICE HOURS

Office hours in 1978 would be as for 1977 in which year they had
proved satisfactory.

SS77/7 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee decided to appoint a small ad hoc sub-committee,
with powers, to select up to two candidates from among the
applicants for the Jean Milligan Scholarships in 1978 and
appointed to the sub-committee Dr Milligan (as Convener) and
Mr Macleod with the addition of Miss M H Anderson as a
co-opted member.

SS77/8 SALES FACILITIES AT SUMMER SCHOOL

The Committee considered an application from a firm in Halifax
"Petronella" to have sales facilities at Summer School, and
decided not to extend sales facilities beyond James Senior and
Laird Records who at present have these facilities. It was,
however, agreed that if "Petronella" wished, the Summer School
Office would be prepared to display their leaflets; they would
also be offered the opportunity to advertise in the Bulletin.

SS77/9 OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Leslie raised the cost of Summer School for young people. It
was suggested that they might attend as non-residents and perhaps
find cheaper accommodation elsewhere in or around St Andrews.

SS77/10 NEXT MEETING

As further arrangements for Summer School would be made by
Dr Milligan it was unlikely that there would be another
meeting for business in respect of the 1978 Summer School.

The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

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Duncan Macleod.
2nd Dec. 1978

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

031-225-3854

12 Coates Crescent,
EDINBURGH EH3 7AF

30th January, 1978

To: All Members of the Summer School Committee

Jean Milligan Scholarships

The Sub-Committee empowered to award the 1978 Scholarships met on 28th January. Dr. Milligan was unable to be present owing to weather conditions and nominated Mr. James Taylor to take her place. The Committee therefore consisted of Mr. Duncan Macleod (Chairman), Mr. James Taylor, and Miss Margaret Anderson.

Seven applications were before the Committee, six from Branches (Royal Tunbridge Wells, Gothenburg, Croyden and District, York, Bedfordshire and Forres) and one submitted individually by a member in Hong Kong.

The decision of the Committee was to award the scholarships to -

(a) Miss Ivy Bruning (Age 25) (Gothenburg Branch) - to join the Preliminary Test Class

(b) Mr. Nigel S. Cooper (Age 25) (Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch) - to join the Full Certificate Class.

The Committee also nominated Miss Margaret Whittaker of York Branch as first reserve in the case of any one of the two selected being unable to attend.

Those not selected would all be eligible to apply again (and have been so informed).

The Committee found all the applicants to be of a high standard but the final decisions were unanimous.

M. MURIEL GIBSON

Secretary.

Duncan Macleod.

2/12/78.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1978, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead, Mr. H. Barnes,
Mr. T. Leslie, Miss B. W. Mann, Miss I. Redford.

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

SS78/1 APOLOGIES

Mr. J. Taylor

SS78/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 19th November, 1977, were approved.

SS78/3 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising

SS78/4 SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE REMIT

Having approved the remit in principle the Executive Council had passed it to the Summer School Committee. The Committee approved the paper with the exception of the second meeting of the Committee which, it was considered, would best be held shortly after Summer School to enable the Director and the Secretary to prepare reports.

SS78/5 APPLICATION FORMS

The Committee approved the draft of the Summer School Application Form for 1979.

SS78/6 ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

The Committee approved the principle of paying for the use of electrical equipment in a lump sum instead of individual contributions.

SS78/7 TEACHERS AND PIANISTS LISTS

(a) The lists of teachers and pianists for Summer School were approved. Mr. Aitkenhead suggested that a rota should be adopted for teachers at Summer School and the Chairman agreed to bear this in mind when selecting his staff. It was agreed that the Director would be able to seek staff outwith the list should it be necessary.

(b) It was agreed in principle that a teacher who is at Summer School for one week only may be asked to take two classes, and if there for two weeks may be asked to take two classes in one of the weeks.

SS78/8 PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCE

The Committee approved a list of priorities for acceptance at Summer School for the guidance of Director and Secretary. Miss Gibson informed the Committee that very few applicants were refused admission to Summer School.

SS78/9 HALLS FOR CLASSES

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The same halls were used every year but the Committee agreed that a record should be held at Headquarters of the capacity of each Hall for classes. Miss Redford drew the Committee's attention to the Victory Memorial Hall which now belongs to the Madras College Former Pupils' Rugby Club and said it would accommodate around 10 sets for class work.

SS78/10 SYLLABUS AND CONTENT

The Committee recommended that Mrs. West's classes in Ballroom and Party Dances and Mr. Watson's Steps for the Foursome Reel should continue to be included. In addition it was suggested that there might also be included a symposium on the use of recorded music and a talk on the history of dancing.

SS78/11 SCHOLARSHIPS

(a) Jean Milligan Scholarships

A Sub-Committee was appointed to select recipients of the Jean Milligan Scholarships in 1979. The Committee appointed consisted of the Director of Summer School, Mr. J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman) and Mr. Alistair Aitkenhead, with the Secretary in attendance. It was agreed that the Committee should meet on 6th January, at 11.00 a.m. in Headquarters.

(b) Lapiner Scholarships

Because of the cost of travel from overseas, Mrs. Lapiner had suggested that the scholarships should be available to young people in the UK. It was agreed that two scholarships each of £75 would be offered to members under 21 who would benefit from a course at St. Andrews and who might otherwise find it difficult to finance themselves. The scholarships were available for this year only, (i.e. 1979)

SS78/12 OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Director's Schedule: Mr. Aitkenhead suggested that in future years the Director might consider teaching in every class at some time during a course so that all students might have an opportunity of enjoying his/her instruction.
- (b) Mr. Barnes suggested that Younger Hall classes were too large. He also raised the question of access by male students to Lumsden Wing, but the Committee appeared to favour the present ruling.
- (c) It was also suggested that staff might be accommodated en bloc and Mr. Macleod said that he already had this matter in hand.

SS78/13 NEXT MEETING

It was left to the Chairman to fix the date of the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.05 p.m.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

12 Coates Crescent,
EDINBURGH EH3 7AF

15th January, 1979

To: All Members of the Summer School Committee

JEAN MILLIGAN SCHOLARSHIPS 1979

Seven applications were considered on 13th January (the meeting scheduled for 6th January having been deferred due to weather conditions). The scholarships were awarded to:

- Miss Fay Rafferty (Age 22) - Ayr Branch - to attend Preliminary Test Class
Miss Francesca Burain (Age 21) - Lae Scottish Dancing Group (Papua New Guinea)
- to attend the Preliminary Test Class. (This submission by a Group was accepted due to exceptional circumstances).

Should either of these ladies be unable to take up the scholarship the sub-committee will be re-convened to select a replacement.

LAPINER SCHOLARSHIPS

From ten applications Miss Fiona Boag (West Lothian Branch) (20) and Miss Fiona M. Douglas (York and North Humberstone Branch) (18) were selected to receive the Lapiner Scholarships this year.

M. MURIEL GIBSON
Secretary

Duncan Macleod 25/8/79

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT
12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY,
25TH AUGUST, 1979, AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mr. H. Barnes,
Miss A.D.W. Mann, Miss I. Redford, Mr. J. Taylor.

ATTENDING: Miss M. W. Gibson (Secretary)

SS79/1 APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Leslie

SS79/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 2nd December, 1978, were approved.

SS79/3 REPORTS ON SUMMER SCHOOL 1979

(a) Secretary's Report: Miss Gibson reported on the administration of Summer School and supplied statistics of attendance (which would appear in this year's Bulletin). More than 1250 forms had been sent out and just over 1000 returned. Subsequently there had been over 100 cancellations; with 872 attending Summer School (residents and non residents) only 23 members had not been accepted (due to their not wishing to go on a waiting list or to be non resident).

After discussing the report and a suggestion from Monklands Branch that courses should be of one week's duration only, the Committee recommended -

- (i) that 1300 application forms be printed for 1980
- (ii) that courses should remain as at present - i.e. planned as two week courses with one week applicants accepted where possible. (In practice this works out roughly as 50% each).
- (iii) that deposits should be £5 in all cases (residents and non-residents).
- (iv) that responsibility for insurance should rest with the individual member and that a recommendation regarding insurance should be included in the application form with a note of an insurance broker familiar with Summer School, thus obviating the handling of forms at Headquarters.

(b) Director's Report: Mr. Macleod reported on Staffing, Content, Classes and Halls. Last minute changes in planned staff had been occasioned by sudden illness and accidents but all gaps had been filled. Students on the whole were extremely happy with the content and felt they had learned a lot. Many messages of appreciation had been received since the summer school.

Mr. Macleod went over the course in detail including suggestions made at his invitation by members of staff. Mr. Aitkenhead also produced a paper for consideration. Having discussed the report and suggestions the Committee made the following recommendations:

- (i) that the Director's policy of teaching only RSCDS dances at Summer School should be adhered to.
- (ii) that Certificate classes be limited to 20.
- (iii) as a guide only, that intermediate classes be limited to 32.
- (iv) that a syllabus for each class be included on the application form.
- (v) that the elementary class should have the same teacher for the two sessions each day.
- (vi) that the practice be continued of having a ceilidh on each Friday.
- (vii) that there should be a reception/welcome in Younger Hall from 8-10 p.m. on the intake day of Course 1 and Course 2.
- (viii) that there should be no outside social events or demonstrations on Monday evenings.
- (ix) that the St. Andrews Leisure and Recreation Committee be asked to hold their dances in Younger Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of Mondays and Thursdays and that it be suggested that they consider varying the band.
- (x) that the sale of Younger Hall Dance tickets might take place other than outside the Dining Room.
- (xi) that the Director in his welcome address should make it known that he is available if students want to see him and that they should make an appointment through the Secretary.
- (xii) that the possibility of a show case to display goods for sale and which could be put in a prominent position should be investigated.

79/4 NEXT MEETING

17th November, 1979, immediately after the Executive Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.

Duncan Macleod
17/11/79.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT
12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH ON SATURDAY
17TH NOVEMBER, 1979, AT 4.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr D Macleod (Convener, in the Chair), Mr J Taylor, Mrs M G Parker,
Miss I Redford, Mrs L Barclay, Mr G Mechan.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary), Miss D M Vaughan (Treasurer)

SS79/5 APOLOGIES

Miss A B W Mann

SS79/6 MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting on 25th August were approved.

SS79/7 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising which was not included elsewhere in the Agenda.

SS79/8 APPLICATIONS FORM 1980

The application form for 1980 was approved with minor changes from the previous year. It was agreed that the practice of sending out insurance forms on request would continue, the additional cost of postage where necessary, being borne by the Society.

A brief descriptive syllabus was included under each class heading and it was agreed that newly published dances should be taught in the Very Advanced class as well as in the Fully Certificated Teachers' Class.

SS79/9 APPROVED LISTS OF TEACHERS AND PIANISTS

The Committee reviewed the lists and made necessary amendments.

SS79/10 PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCE

The Committee agreed that the priorities used previously should be retained but that special consideration might be given to beginners in a year when no new book was published.

SS79/11 HALLS

The Committee decided that the Halls previously used were satisfactory. For future contingencies Miss Redford was asked to look around St Andrews for additional halls which might be suitable, including the Victory Hall for which details of the person to whom requests should be directed were required.

SS79/12

SYLLABUS AND CONTENT

The Committee decided that -

- only RSCDS dances should be taught at Summer School
- Certificate Classes should be limited to 20
- there should be a ceillidh each Friday
- there should be no outside social events or demonstrations on Monday evenings

The Committee welcomed the proposal to have a reception on the first Monday of each course in the Younger Hall to allow new students to meet each other and the Staff and to be formally welcomed to the course.

It was suggested that if possible demonstrations should be arranged at some of the social evenings in University Hall.

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SS79/13 SHOW CASE FOR SALES PUBLICITY

Miss Redford undertook to investigate the possibility of the Society borrowing a showcase from someone in St Andrews for the duration of the Summer School.

SS79/14 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee appointed a Sub-Committee (Mr Macleod, Mr Taylor and Mrs Parker) to select the recipients of Scholarships for 1980. The Sub-Committee set 4th January, 1980 at 5 p.m. as the tentative date for their meeting.

SS79/15 NEXT MEETING

23rd August, 1980 at Edinburgh

The meeting closed at 6.25 p.m.

Chairman:

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT 12
COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY,
23RD AUGUST, 1980 AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (Convener, in the Chair), Mr. J. Taylor,
Mrs. M.G. Parker, Miss I. Redford, Mrs. L. Barclay, Mr. G. Mechan

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

SS80/1 APOLOGIES

Miss A.B.W. Mann

SS80/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 17th November, 1980, were approved.

SS80/3 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

SS80/4 REPORT ON SUMMER SCHOOL, 1980

(a) Secretary's Report: The administration had gone very smoothly indeed during Summer School. Almost all the 1300 forms of application had been sent out and around 1,000 applications received. 863 students had attended over the four week period from 23 different countries. The number of cancellations was around the hundred and the number still on the waiting list at the end of Summer School was 16 (who did not wish to come as Non-Resident). 11 members were not accepted and at their own request not held on the waiting list. With the exception of the second week all places were taken up each week. Last minute cancellations reduced the second week slightly.

In spite of the Committee's recommendation, insurance forms had been provided through Headquarters for this year's School. However, the broker had now intimated that insurance could not be provided for members outwith UK. The Committee therefore strongly recommended that for next year members attending Summer School should make their own arrangements for insurance.

The Committee recorded their appreciation of the excellent work done by Miss Gibson and her staff.

(b) Director's Report: The Director reported that staffing had worked out well; only one pianist had to withdraw and her place was quickly filled. There were no problems at all regarding staffing this year. The content had met with universal satisfaction. Some switching of classes and halls had proved necessary and the size of the classes now had prompted investigation into the possibility of using other halls. In addition to the Victory Hall, the Boys Brigade Hall and the TAVR Hall, it was suggested that the Town Hall might offer suitable rooms (N.E. District Council.) There were perhaps five occasions during the month when the Social Dancing was over-crowded.

Mr. Macleod had asked teachers and pianists to let him have any comments or suggestions for improvement of the course but had received none.

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SS80/5 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1981 SUMMER SCHOOL.

Mr. Mechan suggested three classes only instead of four, for Step and Highland Dancing. The Committee recommended that the Committee for the 1981 Summer School should consider having a Ladies' Step Class, a Men's Highland Class and a mixed class for steps to be used in Scottish Country Dancing.

Mr. Mechan asked that the next Committee should consider whether or not the fiftieth Summer School should be marked in any way. Mr. Macleod explained that University Hall would very much like to have a celebration of some sort for each of the two courses in 1982 which would be the 50th Summer School in St. Andrews.

SS80/6 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. Macleod stated that he intended to write his thanks to all members of staff at this year's School. Mr. Taylor then proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that the Committee record its thanks and appreciation for Mr. Macleod's services as Director of Summer School. He had run a singularly happy and efficient school and the Committee hoped he would long continue to do so.

SS80/7 NEXT MEETING

15th November, 1980, at 5.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

Duncan Macleod
18/11/80

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1980, AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. Macleod (in the Chair), Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. M.G. Parker,
Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mrs. L. Barclay, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss I. Redford.

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

SS80/8 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

SS80/9 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 23rd August, 1980, were approved.

SS80/10 BUSINESS ARISING

SS80/4(a) The Committee decided that members attending Summer School should be advised to make their own insurance arrangements against loss of fees through cancellation.

SS80/11 APPLICATION FORMS

The Committee noted the fees set by the Finance Committee; Mr. Taylor explained that the increase was due to rising charges by the University. The Summer School application form was revised and approved for printing.

The Secretary was asked to raise again with the University authorities the possibility in future of assembling for the courses on Saturday rather than Monday.

SS80/12 STAFF LISTS

The Committee revised the lists of teachers and pianists from whom the Summer School Staff would be selected.

SS80/13 PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCE

The Committee approved the priorities for acceptance in 1981 and laid down a maximum of 18 in the Examination classes.

SS80/14 HALLS

Mr. Macleod informed the Committee that he had found that some classes were becoming too large for their accommodation. Consequently efforts were being made to find larger halls. It had been ascertained that the Society could have the use of the Boys Brigade Hall next year.

SS80/15 SYLLABUS AND CONTENT

The syllabus was approved as outlined on page 3 of the revised application form. The Committee took note of the suggestion for three classes instead of four for Step and Highland dancing (SS80/5) and discussion ensued. Cognisance was also taken of two submissions advocating the retention of the previous arrangements in this respect. By 4 votes to 3 it was decided to retain the status quo with perhaps one or two hours per week being devoted to a mixed class.

It was hoped that the standard of the Men's Highland demonstrations in Younger Hall would improve.

SS80/16 SCHOLARSHIPS

A sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Director of Summer School was appointed to select the Jean Milligan Scholarship recipients in 1981. Date will be notified by Convener to those concerned.

SS80/17 NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 8th August, 1981 at 2.30 p.m. in St. Andrews.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Chairman *Duncan Macleod*

Date

8th August, 1981.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ST. SALVATOR'S HALL, ST. ANDREWS, ON SATURDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 1981, AT 2.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr. Macleod (in the Chair), Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. M.G. Parker, Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mrs. L. Barclay, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss I. Redford

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

SS81/1 APOLOGIES

None

SS81/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 15th November, 1981, were approved.

SS81/3 BUSINESS ARISING

SS80/10: Insurance against cancellation. An approach had been made to the Secretary regarding a member who had been taken to hospital just before he was due to come to Summer School. It was decided that the Secretary should ascertain the position regarding insurance in this and one other case; should these two individuals be uninsured authority was given by the Committee to refund up to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the fees but this was not to be taken as a precedent as all members had been advised to insure.

SS81/4 REPORT ON SUMMER SCHOOL, 1981

(a) Administration: The Secretary reported that to date there had been 111 cancellations (now 114). 775 students had attended over the 4 weeks of whom 548 were from the UK and the others from overseas; the complete breakdown would be published in the Bulletin as usual. The split between two halls this year had occasioned no great administrative difficulty but there was no doubt that to have all members under one roof would have been better for the course as a whole. Members had been happy and contented especially so far as meals were concerned; other benefits had been the supply of towels and serviettes. The Secretary had had discussions with Miss Walker of University Hall and had arranged for towels and serviettes to be supplied there next year and had also suggested that some improvement in meals (as regards quantity) should be made. The question of Saturday assembly had been left with Miss Walker to consider and further discussion would take place on this aspect in October. The Committee agreed that the Secretary should write to Mr. Barr, the Bursar of Residences, to ask that future increases in catering charges should be restricted as far as possible as this year's increase had been 20%.

(b) Director's Report: Mr. Macleod said that of the teaching staff invited one was unable to come because of another commitment. All pianists had said they were willing to come but after acceptance one had a professional engagement and one had unfortunately to cancel owing to illness. There had, however, been no problems regarding replacements.

The content of the course was more or less on the same pattern as before. The class with the Fully Certificated teachers and Very Advanced members for one week, had produced a massive class this year. The same teacher had been retained for the first and second hour of the Elementary and for the Intermediate classes but teachers were changed in the second week; the staff preferred this system. It had been suggested that there should be a joint class of step dancing for men and women. The staff were consulted and all four concerned indicated that they would prefer not to have a joint class. However, there had been the usual joint class at the 5-6 p.m. session on a Wednesday in each course. The Director said he would like to see the larger classes divided but the difficulty was to find halls and sizes varied from year to year.

In reply to Mr. Aitkenhead, Mr. Macleod said there had been rotation of staff. New teachers and new pianists were being introduced.

The Director reported that the film had not been ready for Summer School but a rough version on video tape had been shown to both courses. In reply to a query he said there had been no demonstration of Men's Highland in Younger Hall as Mr. Watson felt that the standard was not sufficiently high.

Mr. Macleod also reported on the publicity received for the Society through the Summer School this year, viz: Dundee Courier, Scotsman, Daily Record, Sunday Post, Financial Times and the BBC.

Mr. Taylor said that, as Chairman of the Society, he wished to thank both the Director of Summer School and the Secretary for the success of the Summer School.

SS81/5 RECOMMENDATIONS TO NEXT COMMITTEE FOR 1982

On Mr. Aitkenhead's motion, seconded by Mrs. Barclay, and after a long discussion, it was decided by 5 votes to 2 to recommend to the next committee that in 1982 there should be:

Ladies' Step Dancing	- 2 classes
Men's Highland	1 class
Joint class	1 for basic steps (i.e. Highland steps for Scottish Country Dancing).

Mrs. Barclay was concerned about the standard of the Fully Certificated and Advanced Dancers and asked that social dancing programmes be made up of simple well known dances where no teaching would be required. It was suggested that members of the Certificate classes should be used to MC social evenings as part of their training. *overturned by Ex. Co. EC/1*

Mr. Taylor proposed that as next year was our 50th in St. Andrews he would like to see the Society taking the Younger Hall and inviting a considerable number of guests along to have a concert. It was agreed that this should take place on a Friday and that Mr. Taylor should produce a suggested programme. Mr. Taylor said that tickets would be purchased.

SS81/6 DISCUSSION PAPER

Mr. Aitkenhead had circulated a paper to certain members of the committee but as neither the Chairman nor the Secretary had received a copy it had not been placed on the Agenda. It was therefore decided to hold a Special Meeting for this one item on 31st October, at 10 a.m. at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh.

NEXT MEETING 31/10/1981.

Duncan Macleod

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH
ON SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 1981, AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr D Macleod (in the Chair), Mr J Taylor, Mrs M G Parker,
Mr A S Aitkenhead, Mrs L Barclay, Mr W J Ireland, Miss I Redford.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

SS81/8 APOLOGIES

None

SS81/9 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 8th August, 1981, were approved.

SS81/10 CLASSES - STANDARDS

It was agreed that in the application form under the list of
classes and contents the following statement would be added:

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at the discretion of the class teacher in consultation
with the Director of Summer School."

SS81/11 CLASS STRUCTURES

It was agreed that where possible the present two classes for
Fully Certificated and Very Advanced dancers should be
arrange into three classes.

SS81/12 STAFF ROTATION

The principle of staff rotation was accepted and it was
recommended that consideration should be given by the
Director to the introduction of new teachers.

SS81/13 DIRECTOR'S DUTIES

It was agreed that the Director of Summer School should not
have a regular class commitment.

SS81/14 DEPUTE DIRECTOR

The Committee **proposed** that a Depute Director should be
appointed from the teaching strength for each of the two
courses, the appointments to be recommended by the Summer
School Committee.

SS81/15 NEXT MEETING

28th November, 1981

Mr Taylor thanked Mr Macleod for his work as Convener of
the Committee and for all the good work he had carried out as
Director of Summer School.

The meeting closed at 11.50.

Date: 28/11/81.

Chairman: Duncan Macleod

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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SS81/13 DIRECTOR'S DUTIES

It was agreed that the Director of Summer School should not
have a regular class commitment.

SS81/14 DEPUTE DIRECTOR

The Committee proposed that a Depute Director should be
appointed from the teaching strength for each of the two
courses, the appointments to be recommended by the Summer
School Committee.

SS81/15 NEXT MEETING

28th November, 1981

Mr Taylor thanked Mr Macleod for his work as Convener of
the Committee and for all the good work he had carried out as
Director of Summer School.

The meeting closed at 11.50.

Date: 28/11/81.

Chairman: Duncan Macleod

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1981 AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. M.G. Parker,
Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Mrs. L. Gaul, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss A.B.W. Mann.

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

SS81/16 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

SS81/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 31st October, 1981, were approved.

SS81/18 BUSINESS ARISING

None.

SS81/19 APPLICATION FORMS

- (a) The Committee approved the new assembly and departure days.
- (b) The Finance Committee's decision regarding fees was noted.
- (c) The draft application form for 1982 was approved.
- (d) The draft of additional instructions for students was approved and it was decided to have these printed and to send them, together with a map of St. Andrews and travel advice, to all students with their final receipt for fees.

SS81/20 REVIEW OF STAFF LISTS

The Committee reviewed the lists of teachers and pianists from whom the Summer School Staff would be selected.

SS81/21 PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCE

The Committee agreed on the priorities for acceptance of applications for the 1982 School.

SS81/22 CLASSES

- (a) It was decided that Scottish Country Dance classes would be as before with the addition of one extra class for Very Advanced/Fully Certificated level.
- (b) The Committee decided that for Highland and Ladies' Step there would be two for each as heretofore; in addition there would be two sessions in each of the two courses for a joint class to teach basic Highland steps for Scottish Country Dancing.
- (c) It was also recommended that talks of interest - e.g. music, archives, etc. might be included as extra sessions in future courses.

SS81/23 HALLS

The Committee agreed that the Halls to be used - subject to their availability to the Society - would be the two in University Hall, Younger Hall, Lower College Hall, the four church halls, the Union Debating Hall, Madras Assembly Hall and the Boys' Brigade Hall.

SS81/24 DEPUTE DIRECTOR

It was agreed that once staffs were known the Director would notify each member of the Committee of three names for each of the two courses for the appointment of Depute Director. Members would then notify their individual choice to the Secretary who would, in turn inform members of the final choice.

SS81/25 SCHOLARSHIPS

- (a) The Director of Summer School, the Society Chairman and Vice-Chairman, were appointed to consider applications for scholarships; their decision would be notified to members in due course.
- (b) Members would also be notified of the Memorial Fund Scholarships allotted by the General Purposes Committee.

SS81/26 TIMETABLES

It was decided that copies of timetables for all four weeks would be sent to members of the Committee.

SS81/27 FIFTIETH YEAR AT ST. ANDREWS

- (a) The Committee noted that the Warden of University Hall had offered a special Buffet/Dance during each course (21st July and 4th August); the Society would arrange for the live music in each of the two dance rooms.
- (b) Mr. Taylor reported that he was arranging a concert in the Buchanan Theatre on Friday, 30th July. Various artistes had been invited and replies were awaited. It was hoped to offer some tickets to the General Public and any profits would go to charity. The University had suggested the Crawford Art Centre for one and the District Council had been invited to nominate a second one.
- (c) It was decided to produce special pamphlets for students where autographs, names and addresses, etc. could be entered; it was also agreed to have stickers for envelopes and for luggage with the logo of the Society and indication of the anniversary. Mr. Taylor undertook to arrange for the pamphlet and Mr. Aitkenhead undertook the provision of the stickers.

SS81/28 NEXT MEETING

7th August, 1981, at St. Andrews

Chairman: Duncan Macleod

Date: 7/Aug 81

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE IN UNIVERSITY HALL, ST ANDREWS, ON
SATURDAY, 7TH AUGUST AT 2 P.M.
1982

PRESENT: Mr Macleod (in the Chair), Mr J Taylor, Mrs M G Parker,
Mr A S Aitkenhead, Mrs L Gaul, Mr W J Ireland, Miss A B W Mann.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

SS82/1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

SS82/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 28th November, 1981, were approved
unanimously.

SS82/3 BUSINESS ARISING

None.

SS82/4 REPORT ON SUMMER SCHOOL 1982

(a) Administration: The Secretary reported that there had been an abnormally large number of application forms sent out this year with 1450 being printed and further photocopies having to be made. Around 1035 applications had been received. At the date of sending the report to the Bulletin 107 cancellations had been received but that figure had risen to 127 but the final figures of those attending had remained steady with replacements from the Waiting List. Over 890 students had attended over the four weeks - the largest Summer School ever with 22 nationalities being represented.

There had been many improvements this year with weekly change of bed linen, provision of towels and serviettes and a very marked improvement in the quantity and quality of the food.

The majority of students were happy with the new starting date though there were some who preferred the Monday start. However, in spite of Sunday travel and the Rail strike only one resident could not make Summer School because of the strike. The Saturday departure immediately after class was less popular owing to the necessity to be out of bedrooms after breakfast.

(b) Director's Report: Mr Macleod reported that staffing had been satisfactory. A pianist had dropped out from the first course unexpectedly but a replacement had been found who proved to be excellent and who would be available for future courses. 19 pianists had been used over the month, and 17/18 teachers per week. He had tried to select staff who could attend for a fortnight, and had found all of them very co-operative. Three new teachers had been introduced this year. Having visited all classes he would have recommendations to make to the New Committee for next year.

Content: Generally speaking this had been good; the Director this year was non-teaching and the new book was taught by two members of staff and this innovation had worked excellently.

Mr Macleod did not like the Committee's suggestion of taking part of a lesson; he had, however, participated as situations presented themselves.

Halls: During the first fortnight Halls had to be rearranged because of changes in numbers attending Highland and Step Dancing.

Mr Taylor thanked both the Director and the Staff of Summer School and said how much he had enjoyed his stay during the first fortnight. He gave Mr Macleod his sincere congratulations.

SS82/4

- (c) 50th Year in St Andrews: Mr Macleod thanked the Chairman and everyone who had taken part in the organisation of the Concert which he considered an outstanding evening. The Ball which Miss Walker asked us to put on had been a marvellous success and she had taken enormous trouble over the meal. The Committee recorded their appreciation and gratitude to Miss Walker and asked the Secretary to write to her on the Committee's behalf.
- (d) Mr Macleod reported two incidents to the Committee - (1) There had been a fire in a bedroom due to a cigarette setting the contents of a wastepaper basket alight but Mr Macleod and others had managed to put the fire out before the Fire Brigade came. In the second course one lady had arrived in a very poor state of health and a doctor had been called but had decided there was no requirement for her to return home immediately.

Mr Ireland considered we should take more care with selection and that those unable to dance should not be given residential vacancies; there was always the alternative of non-residence.

Many letters had already been received from members stating how much they had enjoyed the course.

Mr Aitkenhead deplored the non-production for the special pamphlets for students for autographs; Mr Taylor said he had found that he could not produce them economically. In reply to Mr Aitkenhead's query regarding the large stickers, Miss Gibson said that we had issued them to the first course who had stuck them on doors and we had to take special measures to get them off without damaging new paint, etc so they had not been issued to the second course generally.

SS82/5 RECOMMENDATIONS TO NEXT COMMITTEE FOR 1983

- (a) It was recommended that plain cards be issued to students to put their names on doors if desired.
- (b) that name labels should be provided for sale to members who should be encouraged to put their names on them and wear them while on the course.
- (c) While the Committee were appreciative of the Sunday start, the Saturday start would still be preferred. It was decided to leave the present format of arrival and departure next year and that the alternatives mentioned by the Director be put to the next Committee - i.e. Start Sunday, finish on Saturday and consider the possibility of clearing the rooms at a time later than immediately after breakfast.
- (d) The possibility of a Sunday evening reception should be investigated.
- (e) The Director asked all members to put any further recommendations in writing to the Secretary for consideration by the next Committee appointed by the Executive Council in November.

SS82/6 NEXT MEETING

13th November, 1982.

CHAIRMAN

Duncan Macleod

Date

13th November 1982

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH ON SATURDAY, 13th
NOVEMBER, 1982, AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mrs. M. G. Parker, Dr. A. MacFadyen,
Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. D.C. Evans, Mrs. L. Gaul, Miss A.B.W. Mann,
Mr. G. Mechan.

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

SS82/7 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

SS82/8 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 7th August were approved.

SS82/9 BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) SS82/4(a)-SS82/5(c): Starting and Finishing Dates. After some discussion and, bearing in mind the Executive Council's recommendation, the Committee decided that starting and finishing days should revert to Mondays.
- (b) SS82/4(a). Non-dancing members: It was decided to emphasise the current ruling (that all students attending Summer School must attend the two morning classes) by inserting a note to this effect with application forms, stating also that they must actively participate and failure to comply with this ruling would affect future applications.
- (c) SS82/5(a) Name Cards: It was decided that blank name cards and blank cards for doors would be supplied free to all students attending Summer School.
- (d) SS82/5(d) Reception: It was decided that to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Society the Director's reception would be held in University Hall Common Room. The Director's welcome to students would be followed by a glass of sherry or soft drink (in the Stone Court) and dancing in the Common Room and the Old Dining Room, with the reception starting at 8 p.m. and finishing at 10.30 p.m. when the usual tea and biscuits would be available.

SS82/10 APPLICATION FORMS FOR 1983

- (a) Fees: As the Executive had ratified the fees for the 1983 Summer School it was decided to leave them as stated in the Minutes but in fact there would be no need for a differential in fees for weeks (a) and (b) as it was decided that both one week courses would disperse after breakfast on Mondays and therefore both courses would be exactly alike.
- (b) The application form was revised by the Committee.
- (c) The instructions for students were amended in the light of decisions made and would be forwarded for information and any observations by the Warden of University Hall. The instructions would be on one sheet, even if print were small, and would accompany acceptances.

SS82/11 ECONOMIES

The request from the Finance Committee for economies in view of the increased charges to be absorbed (for Halls) was noted.

SS82/12 PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCES

Priorities for acceptance in 1983 were agreed for guidance in acceptances.

SS82/13 PIANISTS/TEACHERS

The lists of teachers and pianists were reviewed and updated.

SS82/14 CLASSES

- (a) The Committee gave consideration, at the request of the General Purposes Committee, to the possibility of children's classes at Summer School but decided that children's classes would not be included in the Summer School programme.
- (b) It was agreed that the number of classes and the syllabus would remain as last year.
- (c) The Committee decided that the Director of Summer School would teach one class daily, and would teach dances from the new publications. There would still be two classes as last year necessitating one other teacher covering the new dances also.
- (d) The suggestion of a course for pianists was also discussed but it was not considered feasible to hold a pianists' course at Summer School, from the point of view of expense, accommodation, and the practicalities of the course would produce difficulties and deprive dancers of places at Summer School.

SS82/15 HALLS

It was agreed that the same number of halls would be required as last year but the afternoon sessions (i.e. 4.30-5.30) would be held in the Boys' Brigade Hall instead of Younger Hall.

SS82/16 DEPUTE DIRECTOR

It was decided to retain the previous year's policy with the Director submitting a choice of names for the Committee members' approval once he knew which teachers were attending each course. Members would vote by post for the Deputes.

SS82/17 SCHOLARSHIPS: SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Director of Summer School were appointed to select the recipients of Scholarships as soon as possible after the New Year.

SS82/18 DIAMOND JUBILEE

- (a) It was agreed that small stickers similar to last year's should be put on envelopes to mark the Diamond Jubilee year of the Society.
- (b) It was also decided that there should be a Diamond Jubilee Ball on the second Wednesday of each course in Younger Hall (if available). It was also agreed to ask the University authorities if a bar could be allowed on these occasions (with outside licensee providing).

Quotations would be obtained from bands other than the band playing for the District's dances and the Secretary was asked to contact:-

Rob Gordon; The Maple Leaf; Bill Hendry; George Fleming.

The price of tickets would be fixed according to the costs.

- (c) It was decided not to have outside artistes at the Ceilidhs as it was considered that students preferred the status quo and that there was merit in the 'family' atmosphere.
- (d) Mr. Taylor suggested varying the bands at the Younger Hall Dances. The District Council run the dances and we have no say in the matter. The suggestion of varying the bands was made some time ago but the suggestion was not accepted.

SS82/19 OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) A letter from Mr. R.N. Goss was noted.
- (b) The Secretary was authorised to sign cheques drawn on the current Summer School Account held by the Bank of Scotland in St. Andrews.

SS82/20 NEXT MEETING

6th August, 1983, at St. Andrews.

Chairman Duncan Macleod

Date 6th Aug. 1983.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT UNIVERSITY HALL, KENNEDY GARDENS, ST ANDREWS, ON SATURDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1983 AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mrs. M. G. Parker, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. D. C. Evans, Mrs. L. Gaul, Miss A. B. W. Mann, Mr. G. Mechan.

SS83/1 APOLOGUES

Dr. A. MacFadyen (on Society business)

SS83/2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 13th November 1982 were approved.

SS83/3 BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) SS82/4(d) The Secretary confirmed that the forms intimating that acceptance for Summer School was conditional on active participation in the two morning classes had accompanied the application forms and the condition had been accepted by those concerned.
- (b) SS82/16 Depute Directors: Mrs. Holden had again been elected as Depute for the first course and Mr. Ireland for the second. It was agreed that the procedure for voting for deputes would be altered with each individual voting for a depute from the list of teachers at Summer School rather than from a short list of three selected by the Director.
- (c) SS82/17 Scholarships: The Finance Committee had allocated two "Jubilee" Scholarships which, with the Jean Milligan Scholarships made four this year. These, in the event, produced two men and two women - two Teacher's Certificate and two Preliminary Test; two from Branches and two from Affiliated Groups.

SS83/4 SUMMER SCHOOL 1983

- (a) The Secretary reported that there had been 272 residential places allotted for the Society this year, the numbers in residence finally being 268 - 268 - 272 - 269 during the four weeks. There had been around 90 cancellations and for weeks 1, 2 and 4 there was no waiting list and for week 3 which had been full, only one who did not wish to accept any other week.

The reversion to the Monday start was generally popular and the dispersal of the one week courses after breakfast each week made for smoother administration.

Miss Walker and her staff at University Hall had been extremely cooperative and helpful. Food was good and accommodation comfortable and there was a very happy atmosphere.

(b) The Director reported on staffing and said that over the four weeks there were two teachers completely new to Summer School Staff (Mrs. Power and Mr. Mechan); a number of staff who usually were at Summer School were teaching elsewhere but there had been no drastic changes. Mrs. Johnstone, pianist, had died suddenly just before Summer School and had to be replaced and Miss Susan Inglis had decided to withdraw from availability. These were the major changes among musicians. He also reported that a new young pianist had been interviewed during Summer School and her name would go before the next Committee with a view to adding her to the list.

Content of courses was more or less the same as in previous years and the Director warned the Committee against making too many changes too fast. Regarding afternoon classes he said only one or two wanted classes in the afternoon; it was a holiday course and he felt members were doing enough as things were. Mr. Macleod outlined the classes

which had been held and reported the one additional afternoon talk had been given by Mr. Goss on recent research into Scottish Country Dancing. Unfortunately, the members attending had been drastically limited because of space at the Computer Centre. The accommodation for classes had been ample in most cases. The Union Debating Hall had poor acoustics and an even poorer piano and suggested that the Secretary should write to the manager to see if anything could be done about it.

The examination arrangements had worked smoothly and had been made with the aim of leaving as much time for instruction as possible.

Mr. Mechan felt the certificate teachers and pianists had a heavy load and should be excused from social dancing duty. Mr. Macleod agreed but said (a) it was not always possible to do this and (b) often the teachers themselves wished to undertake this duty.

SS83/5 DIRECTOR, SUMMER SCHOOL

The General Purposes Committee had asked for the Committee's views regarding conditions and tenure of the appointment of Director.

The Committee recommended that the tenure of office should be 4 years (to allow time for changes to be made gradually) with the possibility of a second consecutive tour of four years (two terms of office being the maximum). They further recommended that a Director Designate should be appointed early in the last year of the Director's tour of duty and used as Deputy during that year so as to familiarise him/herself with School details.

*See GP 83/33
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SS83/6 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Mrs. Gaul had submitted in writing her observations, recommendations etc. for Summer School. Most points had already been covered in the reports.

The question of one week or two week courses had been discussed at previous meetings and a decision made and the Director suggested that the subject should not be raised again for at least 2 years; the financial implications for the Society of having one week courses were considerable.

He sympathised with Mrs. Gaul's suggestion regarding the Monday class for students on week 1 and 3 and personally would have no objection to students attending classes but the rule regarding dispersal after breakfast would stand.

(b) Mr. Mechan suggested that Summer School Committee members at Summer School should be used for any suitable duties while they were there.

SS83/7 NEXT MEETING

19th November, 1983 at 5 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the chair and congratulations to the Director on a successful School.

Chairman .. *Duncan Macleod* ..
Date .. *19th Nov 83* ..

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON
SATURDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1983, AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mrs. M.G. Parker, Dr. A. MacFadyen,
Mrs. L. Gaul, Miss N.J. Arnott, Mr. I.G.R. Zobel.

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

SS83/8 APOLOGIES

Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead

SS83/9 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 6th August, 1983, were approved.

SS83/10 BUSINESS ARISING

None

SS83/11 APPLICATION FORMS FOR 1984

(a) The draft for the application forms for the 1984 Summer School and for instructions to students were approved and the fees set by the Finance Committee were noted.

(b) Dr. MacFadyen suggested that booklets should be produced for students to be given on arrival and containing the information at present sent out prior to start of Summer School as well as additional material normally displayed on the Notice Board - staff, lists of students, dance programmes, etc. It was noted that this would obviously increase costs and that lists of students would not necessarily be accurate because of changes occurring right up to the start of courses, but it was agreed that the Director and Secretary should endeavour to prepare a mock up of a booklet, investigate costs, and submit an application to the Finance Committee for provision for this purpose. If possible the booklet should be produced for 1984 although the Committee accepted it might have to be postponed.

SS83/12 PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCES

Priorities for acceptances in 1984 were agreed for guidance if necessary.

SS83/13 PIANISTS/TEACHERS

The lists of pianists and teachers were reviewed and updated.

SS83/14 CLASSES

It was decided to keep the number, syllabus, and content of classes as last year with the addition of a talk by the Hon. Archivist during the first week of each course.

SS83/15 HALLS

It was decided to use the same Halls in 1984 as last year, but the Director and Secretary, while at St. Andrews, should investigate the possibility of using the University Physical Education Centre in future years.

SS83/16 DEPUTE DIRECTOR

It was unanimously agreed that the procedure outlined in Minute SS83/3(b) should be adopted this year and that staff lists should be sent to Committee members in time for their votes to be received at Headquarters before 25th March (the next meeting).

SS83/17 SCHOLARSHIPS

It was decided that the recipients for scholarships would be selected by a sub-committee consisting of the Director of Summer School, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, meeting in early January.

SS83/18 NEXT MEETING 25th March, 1984, at 2 p.m.

Duncan Macleod
25/MARCH/1984

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON
SUNDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1984 AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair), Mrs. M. G. Parker, Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead,
Miss N. J. Arnott, Mrs. L. Gaul, Mr. I. G. R. Zobel

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)

SS84/1 APOLOGIES

Dr. A. MacFadyen

SS84/2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 19th November, 1983 were approved.

SS84/3 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) SS83/11(b) Students Booklet : The Committee considered the booklet an improvement on the leaflet information sent to students previously and gave it their approval.

(b) SS83/16 Depute Directors 1984 : The Secretary reported that the voting for deputies by Committee Members had resulted in Mrs. Holden being appointed deputy for Course 1 and Mr. Ireland for Course 2.

SS84/4 REMIT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - DUTIES OF DEPUTE DIRECTOR

The Committee agreed that it would not be feasible for depute directors to be involved in the preparation prior to Summer School due to the timing of arrangements. However, they considered that the tasks for the deputies at Summer School should be specifically laid down and may include:

- (a) visiting classes when not teaching
- (b) taking charge of the demonstrations (this may entail attendance at meeting/s prior to Summer School
- (c) arrangements for the examinations at Summer School

SS84/5 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE REMIT

The Committee noted that a copy of the Executive Council's remit for Summer School had been supplied to the General Purposes Committee Members together with a note from the Director of the aims of Summer School, with which the Summer School Committee concurred; viz:

- to improve the standard of Scottish Country Dancing world-wide 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

SS84/6 OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Miss Arnott suggested that at Summer School there should be included in the programme (a) a talk on Scottish Music (b) a talk on the purchase and use of record players, cassettes and music centres etc.

The Committee agreed with her suggestions which would be borne in mind for future programmes since the timetable for this year was already arranged.

(b) The Committee asked the Secretary to send their good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Mr. James Taylor.

The Meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.

Duncan Macleod

3RD APR. 1984

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT UNIVERSITY HALL, KENNEDY GARDENS
ST ANDREWS ON SATURDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1984 AT 5 P.M

PRESENT: Mr D MacLeod (in the chair), Mrs M G Parker, Dr A Macfadyen,
Mr A Aitkenhead, Miss N J Arnott, Mrs L Gaul, Mr I G R Zobel.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

SS84/7 APOLOGIES

None

SS84/8 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 25th March, 1984, were approved.

SS84/9 BUSINESS ARISING

SS84/5 Mr Aitkenhead felt that the statement of the aims of the Summer School had been rather baldly stated but conceded that the Minute was correct and had been approved by the Committee and ratified by the Executive Council.

SS84/10 SUMMER SCHOOL, 1984

(a) Secretary's Report: There had again been 272 residential places allotted for the Society this year. A good deal of unnecessary work and expense had been involved in the preparation for Summer School because of the casual attitude of members in that 263 members had to be reminded regarding paying deposits and 103 about paying balances. These figures were considerably higher than last year. There were 104 cancellations. From experience, the Secretary considered the Committee's ruling that no refunds should be made after 25th June was a wise one.

Attendance was up on last year being over 850; 22 countries were represented and it was obvious that visits of teachers abroad had stimulated interest.

The Secretary reported that since about the last two weeks before Summer School there had been no waiting list, all thereon at the start having been absorbed.

The administration had gone smoothly and generally speaking members were satisfied and happy with accommodation, catering etc.

(b) The Director reported that classes had gone well. Two pianists had been ill but had managed to cover their duties with another pianist and two accordionists until they were able to return to duty. Some members of staff did not reply promptly to the invitation to participate and thus delayed the finalisation of the programme.

The same halls were used as before; the intermediate class at St Leonard's was slightly crowded for one week but it would have been impossible to find another hall and split the class. During the last week of Summer School Madras College was made unavailable (although earlier promised) and classes had to be rearranged with Wardlaw Common Room being brought into use for one of the Highland classes.

Examinations had gone more slowly this year with all candidates being given the maximum time for teaching; Dr MacFadyen said that examiners had worked to the time-table supplied to them.

SS84/11 CORRESPONDENCE

One member who had cancelled had asked if her deposit could be refunded although it had always been the stipulation that deposits were non-returnable. After careful consideration of the circumstances the Committee considered that the rule should be maintained and that there could be no return of the deposit.

SS84/12 OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Highland Class Mr Zobel said that there had been a lot of disquiet expressed because of Mr Watson's absences from the class. He considered this unacceptable. The Director noted his remarks and undertook to deal with the matter. On Mr Aitkenhead's suggestion it was decided to review the situation regarding the present incumbent of the Highland dancing class.
- (b) Mr Zobel reported that some had complained about the food but the general consensus was that the catering had been excellent and the vast majority of members had expressed their pleasure with it.
- (c) Mr Zobel said he had heard complaints about there being no dancing in University Hall on Thursday. The Director explained that on the Younger Hall Dance evenings there was no dancing in University Hall as a general policy and it was not on the published programme. However, if a large number of members were disappointed not to obtain Younger Hall Tickets because of their numbers being restricted for the students, then he was prepared to ask for a teacher and a pianist to volunteer to have social dancing in University Hall. On the evening about which Mr Zobel had enquired, there were 12-16 students who wanted dancing and it was not considered appropriate to ask for a teacher and pianist to go on duty for such a small number.
- (d) The Director supplied the information Mr Aitkenhead requested regarding the number of new teachers and pianists at this year's Summer School.
- (e) The Secretary proposed a new format for acceptances of applications for Summer School. This was approved.
- (f) Summer School Staffing: It was agreed that any Branch who had an outstanding teacher or musician, could recommend them as worthy of consideration for appointment to the staff at Summer School, such recommendations to be notified to the Secretary, at Headquarters for consideration when lists were being reviewed.

SS84/13 NEXT MEETING 17th Nov. 1984.

Paper Apart

17-Nov-1984

REVIEW OF PIANISTS/TEACHERS LISTS
FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Teachers

Remove:- Mrs H Frame
Mrs A Russell
Mrs E M West

Add:- Miss M Fraser
Mrs A Murphy
Miss M Duffield
Mr T W Steele

Mr Macleod to check on Mrs Williamson and Mrs Mackenzie
in Stirling Branch.

Pianists

Remove:- Mrs Livingston
Miss Shaw

Add:- ^{Ms Fiona} ~~Miss~~ McLaughlin (Glasgow)
Miss G Brady)
Miss M Brady) (Belfast)
Mr Campbell (976 Manchester Road, Castleton,
Rochdale, Lancs.)
^{J. Cartwell}
probably will not come to St. Andrews.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE AT 33 MELVILLE STREET, EDINBURGH,
ON SATURDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1984 AT 5 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr D Macleod (in the Chair), Mrs M G Parker, Dr A MacFadyen,
Mr A S Aitkenhead, Miss I Bennett, Mrs L Gaul, Mr I G R Zobel

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

SS84/14 APOLOGIES

None

SS84/15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 4th August, 1984, were approved.

SS84/16 BUSINESS ARISING

None

SS84/17 APPLICATION FORMS FOR 1985

(a) The Committee noted the fees set by the Finance Committee and approved the draft for the application forms; they also approved the instructions for students and the format of the booklet to be sent to all students. The Committee decided that a letter, the draft of which was submitted by the Secretary, should be sent to all those accepted for Summer School this year emphasising the need to return deposits and balances on the stipulated dates.

(b) The Committee agreed that, from past experience, we should ask the Tourist Office to supply 150 tickets for the first two dances in each (two-week) course and to supply 120 tickets for the third dance.

SS84/18 PRIORITIES FOR ACCEPTANCE

Priorities for acceptance in 1985 were agreed for guidance if necessary.

SS84/19 PIANISTS/TEACHERS

The lists of pianists and teachers were reviewed and updated.

- (a) It was decided that there should be a lecture given on each of the two courses on "Music for Scottish Country Dancing" and to invite Mrs Muriel Taylor and Mr Robert Mackay to give the lecture jointly.

It was also decided to ask Mr J Tyfe to talk on "Recorded Music" during the first course.

- (b) It was agreed that the number of classes, syllabus and content would be more or less the same as the previous year, but that some special direction would be given by the Director to the teachers taking the Very Advanced class for the second hour in the morning.

SS84/21 HALLS

It was decided to make application for the gymnasium in the Physical Education Department of the University for two hours each morning; in the light of the response to the application the Director would make any adjustments necessary in respect of the other halls to be used.

SS84/22 DEPUTE DIRECTOR

It was decided to follow the same procedure as last year and to send staff lists to all members of the Committee in time for them to send their votes regarding depute directors to Headquarters preferably by the end of January.

SS84/23 SCHOLARSHIPS

A sub-Committee to select recipients of scholarships was appointed composed of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Director of Summer School.

SS84/24 COURSES FOR CHILDREN

Letters had been received from Mr W A Gray and Mr B Frazer suggesting that classes should be held for children of parents attending Summer School - if not by the RSCDS, by the University. It was decided that these should not be conducted as part of the Society's Summer School but enquiries would be made regarding the possibility of the University of St Andrews holding such a course. It was unlikely that this would be possible for 1985 but it might be possible for 1986.

SS84/25 YOUNGER HALL DANCES

Dr MacFadyen emphasised the difficulty experienced by M.Cs in making themselves heard in Younger Hall during the evening dances and it was decided to ask the Tourist/Recreation Department to provide a microphone for the M.Cs of the dances.

SS84/26 NEXT MEETING

10th August, at 2 pm at St Andrews.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT UNIVERSITY HALL, ST ANDREWS ON SATURDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1985 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr D Macleod (in the Chair), Mrs M G Parker, Dr A MacFadyen, Mr A S Aitkenhead, Miss I Burnell.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

SS85/1 APOLOGIES

Miss L Gaul, Mr I Zobel

SS85/2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 17th November, 1984 were approved.

SS85/3 BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) The Secretary reported that as a result of enclosing a special letter with acceptances the number of reminders necessary had been reduced this year.
- (b) The University of St Andrews had intimated that they were unable to provide facilities for groups of children and the Committee decided not to pursue the matter further.

SS85/4 REPORT ON SUMMER SCHOOL 1985

- (a) The Secretary reported that 875 members (resident and non resident) had attended the course. There were 94 cancellations and only a handful of applications had not been accepted because they had not been willing to come as non residents. All the scholarship places (four this year) had been allotted for Preliminary Test Candidates from Germany, Switzerland, USA and Scotland. On the administrative side, things had gone smoothly and there had been no difficulties. The food and standard of comfort had been excellent.
- (b) The Director reported that there had been 30 teachers plus Pipe Major Johnstone with all the teaching staff engaged for two weeks. Unfortunately one had to go home due to illness and Dr MacFadyen had stepped into the breach.

As regards pianists there was to have been four who undertook one week only with two attending for four weeks and the remainder for two weeks. One non resident teacher attended for one hour daily throughout the four weeks of Summer School. One pianist (one week) was unable to attend but another extended her one week to two.

There were five new teachers for Country Dance - three in the first fortnight and two in the second. One Highland dance teacher was new in the second fortnight; three others were in their second year. Twenty classes were held daily - nine during the first session and eleven in the second.

Halls: Basically the same halls were used as last year with some classes distributed differently. It had not been possible to have Madras College and the Gymnasium in the PE Centre had been acquired instead.

Classes were arranged as last year with the teacher of the combined Country Dance Class being advised to give less emphasis on technique (given in the first hour) and more on social dancing.

The Grand piano in the Boys Brigade hall had been sold and it was discovered at the first class that the piano now there could not be used. A piano had to be hired from Edinburgh at a cost of £368 for the four weeks.

Examinations went well - written paper on Wednesday so that examiners got it on Thursday and the practical on Friday and Saturday. The Director was against drafting classes to "stodge" and despite some difficulties this year considered that volunteers should be used. The results had been 16 successful out of 20 in the Preliminary Test and 12 out of 15 in the Teacher's Certificate Examination.

The same arrangements would obtain for the examinations in the last week and there would be the experiment of three examiners at the Preliminary Test. There had been accommodation difficulties regarding examinations and it was anticipated next year that we would apply for the examination room in Younger Hall capable of taking candidates for both examinations.

Letters from students leaving the course were unanimously congratulatory except for one who complained of noise in a nearby room.

- (c) Mrs Gaul had only been able to attend classes for one morning but wrote to say that she considered the Director and Depute Director should not be teaching during the same hour. The Committee agreed that timetabling does not permit of a rigid rule and must be left to the Director to decide.

She had asked the Committee to reconsider the suitability of producing the video recording of the new dances at Summer School. It was unanimously decided that the new dances should be filmed at Summer School, if possible in the second week.

SS85/5

DANCE TICKETS - YOUNGER HALL

In reply to Mrs Parker, the Director explained that we had cut down the number of tickets requested for the last Younger Hall dance in each course to 120. It was decided to leave for the time being any decision to reduce from 150 the tickets requested for the first two dances. At the end of this School the matter would be reviewed in the light of experience.

SS85/6

CANCELLATIONS

Two letters requesting refund of fees had been received. As the Committee had ruled that there would be no fees refunded for cancellations after 24th June (stated on the application form) and as they had gone to pains to stress the need for members to insure against the need to cancel, they rejected the applications for refunds.

SS85/7

STAFF TIMETABLES

Dr MacFadyen asked that staff timetables should be provided for members of the Committee as well as for staff. The Secretary apologised for the omission to do so this year.

SS85/8

ROOM LISTS

Mr Aitkenhead suggested Christian names should be included on the room list. After discussion it was decided to retain the present practice of using initials only.

SS85/9

MUSICIANS

Mr Aitkenhead asked if any thought had been given to employing musicians other than pianists at Summer School. While accordianists had been used on occasions and there was no objection in principle to using other instruments, it was generally agreed that the piano was preferred.

SS85/10

NEXT MEETING

16th November, 1985

Duncan MacLeod
16/11/85

The Chairman thanked all members for their work on the 1984/85 Committee.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AT 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, ON
SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 1985, AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr D Macleod (in the Chair), Dr A MacFadyen, Mrs M G Parker,
Mr A S Aitkenhead, Mrs L Gaul, Mr W A Gray, Miss A B W Mann,
Mrs S Nedderman.

ATTENDING: Miss M M Gibson (Secretary)

SS85/11 APOLOGIES

None

SS85/12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 10 August 1985, had already been approved at the Executive Council earlier in the day.

SS85/13 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) SS85/5 - Dance Tickets: Younger Hall dance tickets for the third dance in each course in 1985 had been reduced to 120. This was considered adequate. It was decided to reduce the second dance in each course in 1986 by 10 tickets making the totals for the three dances 150, 140, 120.

(b) SS85/6 - Cancellations: The Committee strongly advised that the Director's recommendations be upheld regarding non return of fees after the date stated as this had been clearly set out on the application forms.

(c) SS85/3 - Tardy payments: The Committee recommended that a special letter be sent out again this year with acceptances regarding need for prompt payment of deposits and balances, the Secretary to draft it appropriately in the light of last year's experience.

The Committee agreed that students failing to pay the balance of fees by 31 May should be transferred to the top of the Waiting Lists.

SS85/14 APPLICATION FORMS FOR 1986

- (a) The fees set by the Finance Committee were noted.
- (b) The application form was approved.

It was decided that where forms were being sent to countries belonging to the EEC a note should be included for students drawing their attention to the bank charges which might possibly be levied if Eurocheques of over £160 were submitted.

It was decided that there should be a 'Director's Welcome' meeting held for the one week students in the second week of each course. This would be intimated in a written note given to each student when registering.

It was decided that it was not feasible to raise fees to cover insurance for everyone on the course and in any case it would not be possible for overseas students.

- (c) Instructions to students: The instruction booklet for students was approved with an addition under the advice on road travel of a paragraph on bus travel, viz:

"BUS. There is a bus station in St Andrews with connections to many cities in the UK. Anyone interested should enquire either from their local bus service or travel agent, or from the Fife Scottish Bus Service, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1SP."

SS85/15 PRIORITY FOR ACCEPTANCE

Priorities for acceptance were agreed for guidance if necessary though it was recognised that there were rarely applications which had to be totally rejected at the end of the day.

SS85/16 STAFF LISTS

The lists of pianists and teachers were reviewed and up-dated.

It was noted that Mr Watson, who had retired from the availability list at his own request had been teaching at Summer School for some 35 years. The Committee recorded their thanks for his services and decided a letter of thanks should be sent to him.

SS85/17 CLASSES/LECTURES

Class arrangements were approved as previously. It was decided that additional periods would be included for Social and Party Dances (to be taken by Mr A S Aitkenhead) and a talk on Dr Jean Milligan (by Dr MacFadyen) if he considered that he could fit this into his timetable.

It was decided not to accept Mr Lockhart's offer of an after dinner talk.

SS85/18 HALLS

It was decided to make application for the halls used last year.

The Secretary reported that efforts were being made to obtain a reasonably priced piano for the Society which could be used in the Boys' Brigade Hall.

SS85/19 DEPUTE DIRECTOR

The same format would be followed as previously with complete staff lists being distributed to Committee members who would send in their votes for Deputes.

SS85/20 SCHOLARSHIPS

A sub-committee consisting of Director of Summer School, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Society was appointed to select recipients of 1986 scholarships.

SS85/21 SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1986

Bearing in mind the celebration of the centenary of Dr Milligan's birth next year it was decided to recommend that a glass of sherry should be provided to students at the Director's Welcome (Remitted to Finance Committee).

The Warden of St Andrew's University had offered to lay on some special event such as a special dinner each fortnight for residents only or a sherry/wine reception for all.

The Committee felt that whatever was to be done should be open to everyone, residents or non-residents alike. The Secretary would communicate these sentiments to the Warden and the matter would be further discussed by the Warden, Summer School Director and the Secretary and also with the Finance Convener should any expenditure be involved for the RSCDS.

SS85/22 OTHER BUSINESS

While recommending that classes this year be left as they have been for some years, Mr Macleod asked the Committee members to consider whether or not it was really necessary to have two Men's Highland dancing classes and two Ladies' Step classes. A possibility was to revert to the former policy of having one mixed class in Highland steps for Scottish Country Dancing. He advocated that this should be considered and views made know at the next meeting.

SS85/23 NEXT MEETING

9 August 1986 (St Andrews)

Duncan Macleod.

PAPER APART

MEETING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON 16 NOVEMBER 1985

SS85/15 Priorities for Acceptance in 1986.

Examination Candidates (to class limits)
Current Branch teachers
Other current teachers
Members from overseas endeavouring to take in the two functions
(Centenary Celebrations and Summer School).
Anyone else after that.

SS85/16 Review of lists of Teachers and Pianists

Teachers:

REMOVE: Mr Watson (at own request)
Mrs H Little (at own request)
Mr Neil Grant

ADD: Miss Gillin Anderson (Ladies Step), Queen Victoria School,
Dunblane, Perthshire FK15 QJY Tel: Dunblane 822288
Miss Jean Yeats, 15 Craigie Park, Aberdeen, AB2 4SE
Mrs Linda Gaul, 83 Springkell Avenue, Glasgow Tel: 041-427-1964
Mr Graham Donald (Highland)

TO BE SEEN AND CONSIDERED BY DIRECTOR

Mrs Hilary Wilson (Leicester Branch)
Mrs Kate Gray (Ladies Step) (South Wales Branch)
Mrs Moira Stacey (Doncaster Branch)
Miss Christian Catto (Perth Branch)

Paper Apart (contd).

TO BE THOUGHT ABOUT

Mr Harry Picken (Highland)

Not interested
Mr Colin Smith had been recommended by Mr Clement but Mr Smith himself had told the Secretary that he was not qualified to teach Highland and had ceased Highland dancing study at 'Grades' level to take up Scottish Country Dancing)

Pianists:

ADD: Mrs Mary McQueen, 8 Balmoral Drive, Southport, Merseyside
PR9 8QE Tel: 0704-26085
Mrs Rhoda Downie, 13 Mortimer Place, Hazelhead, Aberdeen
Tel: 0224-324631
Mr K M Jones, 15 Eric Road, Wallasay, Merseyside Tel: 051-638-5160
Mrs L Thomson, 16 Bonally Gardens, Colinton, Edinburgh
Miss Eleanor Gray, Banoran, Burghfield Road, Dornock
Mrs J A Logan, 33 Hope Street, Lanark Tel: Lanark 3240
Mr David Gowland, 161 Culverley Road, Catford, London SE6 2JZ

AWARDS

The Committee decided to recommend both Mr Bobby Watson and Mrs E M West for the award of a Scroll in recognition of their services to the Society. Mr Macleod was requested to write the citations.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
AT UNIVERSITY HALL, ST. ANDREWS, ON
SATURDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1986, AT 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Mr D. Macleod (in the Chair), Dr. A. MacFadyen, Mrs M.G. Parker,
Mr A.S. Aitkenhead, Mrs L. Gaul, Mr W.A. Gray, Miss A.B.W. Mann,
Mrs S. Nedderman.

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary)

SS86/24 APOLOGIES

None

SS86/25 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting on 16th November had already been approved at the Executive Council in May.

SS86/26 BUSINESS ARISING

(a) SS85/13(a) Dance Tickets: The number of tickets taken by Summer School had been reduced to 150 for the first dance, 140 for the next and 120 for the third. During the first course all tickets for the third dance were not sold. After some discussion it was decided to see how the tickets went on the second course and if necessary to reduce still further the number of tickets to be ordered. (Secretary's note:- These proved in fact to be too few tickets for the third dance of the second course.)

(b) SS85/22: Highland and Step Dancing. The ladies' step dancing classes were well up in numbers this year Mr Macleod reported. In Men's Highland the first course had small numbers though in the second course the numbers in each class were 12-16.

Mr Aitkenhead, seconded by Mrs Gaul, proposed that the Director should look for Highland Dance teachers from among the membership of the RSCDS, and the proposal was unanimously accepted.

It was unanimously decided that the two Highland classes for men and the two step classes for ladies would continue to be offered.

SS86/27 REPORTS

- (a) The Secretary reported that this had been the largest school so far with 925 members attending. Administration had gone fairly smoothly with the University staff co-operating to the full to ensure smooth running.

We had started the School in the midst of a change of key system and were faced with expensive replacement if keys were lost. It was decided that the deposit for keys in 1987 should be £5 returnable when the key was handed back.

Special arrangements for the reception had been made because it was the centenary of Dr. Milligan's birth and the University had provided a special dinner during each of the two courses to mark the occasion.

- (b) The Director reported: Staffing: The same number of teachers were required on both courses but in the second course two new teachers were employed for one week only. The same number of pianists were on each course also. There was one new teacher and one new pianist on the first course. Miss Carnie had dropped out at the very last moment but Mrs Dickson had agreed to come in her place. On the second course there were six new teachers and he was reasonably happy with what they were doing.

Content: More or less as usual.

Halls: The same halls were used as last year. Except for the third week's ladies' step all halls had met the requirements of the numbers in the class.

Examinations: In the first course 17 PT and 17 TC candidates took the examinations; in both classes there were two failures. The present courses had yet to take the examination.

Mr Macleod said that there were one or two objections by members regarding the class in which they had been placed but they had had to accept his classification for the first day to give the class teacher the opportunity of assessing the student's ability.

Mr Aitkenhead said that when looking at the classes he had been struck by a lack of skill by the 'advanced' dancers and would like to think of a way of giving a lead to the teachers as to how to deal with dancers who are not up to standard.

SS86/28 OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Gray said that those members in the David Russell Hall had appreciated having a small gathering prior to dinner which the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Society and the Director had attended on the evening when the special dinner had been provided in University Hall.

SS86/29 NEXT MEETING

15th November, 1986.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman thanked Mrs Parker for the time she had given to the Committee during her period in office.

The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

Duncan Macleod.

Summer School Meeting, 15th November 1986.

Minute SS86/35

It was decided:-

Possible Highland Teachers: Bill Zobel
Colin Smith

Following teachers were suggested by Branches and Mr Macleod would make a point of seeing them:-

Miss Elizabeth Ferguson (Dumfries)
Miss Irene Bennett (St. Andrews)
Mrs C. Mair (St. Andrews)

Added to list

Dr. Ian Hall (Manchester))
Mrs Alison Russell (Reinstated)) Teachers
Mrs E. MacCausland (Belfast))

Miss Angela Young (Rec. from)
Music Course)) Pianists
Miss Anne Campbell (Rec. by)
Glasgow Br.))

Mr C. Todd (Teacher) was proposed but not accepted for Summer School staff.

Mr Fred Hays (Pianist) was removed from the list.

Duncan Macleod

Director, Summer School
& Convener Summer School
Committee.

2nd DECEMBER 1986.



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