

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh on Saturday, 4th December, 1971 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss Adams, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain,
Mrs. Ball, Miss Barron, Mr. Corbett, Miss M. Cunningham,
Mr. J. Cunningham, Dr. Currie, Miss Donoghue, Mr. Drewry, Mrs. Dunn,
Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Miss Hewat, Miss Hutcheon,
Mr. Ireland, Miss A. Lee, Mr. A.G. Lee, Mr. Leggat, Miss F. Martin,
Mr. Meredith, Mr. Murphy, Miss Mundie, Miss McCulloch, Miss Nairn,
Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker, Miss Paterson, Mrs. Patient, Miss Quirk,
Miss Rae, Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Miss M.L. Ross,
Miss M.M. Ross, Mr. Savage, Dr. Short, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth,
Mr. Walker, Miss Wright.

Substitute Members: Miss J.C.G. Bowie (Stirlingshire),
Miss A.O. Cumming (Aberdeen) and Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh).

Miss Vaughan (Edinburgh) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were received from:
Miss Collie, Miss Dunkin, Miss Fraser, Mr. Green, Miss Griave,
Mr. Hunter, Miss Kane, Miss L. Martin, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Stoddart.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, mentioning particularly the newly elected members and Branch representatives attending for the first time.

On behalf of the Executive Council, the Chairman expressed appreciation to the Aberdeen Branch for the arrangements made for the conduct of the Annual General Meeting and Weekend. He asked Miss Cumming to convey to the Branch the thanks of the members for a most happy and successful occasion.

1. MINUTES : The adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 4th September, 1971, previously circulated, was proposed by Miss M.L. Ross, seconded by Dr. Short and signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Branch Constitution - Belfast Branch

The Chairman reported that the Belfast Branch Constitution had been amended as suggested and this was satisfactory.

b) Branch Constitution - San Francisco Branch

The Society had taken legal advice on the proposed incorporation of San Francisco Branch. It did not appear that this would affect the relationship between the Branch and the parent body. The Chairman recommended that the Executive Council approve the incorporation of the Branch, subject to the Branch signing an undertaking to abide by the rules of the Society. This was agreed.

c) S.C.P.R. - Festival of Movement and Dance

The Chairman announced there was still difficulty in obtaining teams for this display. If any Branch could assist, they should advise the Secretary without delay.

Mrs. Corson (Edinburgh) who is making the arrangements for the display, had made approaches to two parties who could present teams, but the meeting felt that the teams should come from the Society. This might mean that only four teams would be available. In view of the difficulty in obtaining dancers, the Society might now be prepared to consider paying some travel expenses. The dress for the occasion would be full evening dress. It was also agreed that a three-piece band be engaged for the three appearances of the teams.

d) Branch Formation - National Capital, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

The Chairman reminded the meeting of the situation with regard to Branch formation in Washington D.C. and proposed that as there did not seem to be much hope of a successful conclusion, the permission previously given to attempt to form a Branch, should be withdrawn;

at the same time the two affiliated groups should be advised that an application for Branch formation would not be entertained from any one group, unless supported by the other. This was agreed.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- a) General Purposes Committee, 4th September, 1971. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Miss Redford, seconded by Dr. Hall and approved.
- b) Finance Committee, 30th October, 1971. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Parker and approved.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

Before accepting nominations, the Chairman advised the meeting that if only two meetings of the Executive Council were held in the year, members appointed to sub-committees at this meeting would require to serve until the Executive Council Meeting in March 1973. This could result in more frequent meetings of the sub-committees, particularly General Purposes, which might be called at short notice.

A) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman and Convener), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members, having been duly proposed and seconded, were elected by vote :-

Mr. Aitkenhead	(N.W. Ayrshire)
Mr. Corbett	(Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Mrs. Parker	(Ayr)
Miss Rae	(Duns and District)
Miss M.L. Ross	(Glasgow)
Mr. Taylor	(Stirlingshire)
Mrs. Thomson	(Clackmannanshire)

B) GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman and Convener), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss Collie	(Peterhead)
Miss Cunningham	(West Lothian)
Mrs. Dunn	(Dunbartonshire West)
Dr. Hall	(Manchester)
Mr. Hunter	(Edinburgh)
Miss F. Martin	(Stirlingshire East)
Mr. Meredith	(East Lothian)
Miss McCulloch	(Lorn, Argyll)
Miss Redford	(St. Andrews)
Mr. Savage	(Dunbartonshire West)

C) EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :-

Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Mrs. Corson	(Edinburgh)
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Mr. Ireland	(London)
Mrs. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse-of-Fleet).

D) PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :-

Dr. Currie	(N.W. Ayrshire)
Mr. Drewry	(Aberdeen)
Mrs. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Miss L. Martin	(Aberdeen)
Miss Quirk	(Croydon and District)

The following members were co-opted, having been proposed and seconded:-

Miss Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Miss Brander	(Carlisle and District)
Mrs. Corson	(Edinburgh)
Mrs. Cramb	(Aberdeen)

Ad Hoc Committee

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Mr. Brown (Chairman), Miss Adams (Vice-Chairman), Miss Milligan (Vice-President and Convener). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :-

Mrs. Dunn	(Dunbartonshire West)
Dr. Hall	(Manchester)
Mr. Ireland	(London)
Miss Lee	(Berwick-upon-Tweed)
Mr. Murphy	(Carlisle and District)
Miss Nairn	(Perthshire)
Miss Redford	(St. Andrews)
Miss M.L. Ross	(Glasgow)
Miss M.M. Ross	(Forres)
Mrs. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse-of-Fleet)

(NOTE: Co-opted Members are not eligible to vote at Committee Meetings)

5. HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY : The Chairman reported that the ad hoc committee had met and considered the possible uses of the basement flat which was now vacant. Suggestions were :
1. Use by the Society for social purposes;
 2. Provision of small flat for visiting members;
 3. Lease or sale of the flat.
- There had been an unsolicited enquiry to rent the basement as an art gallery and this enquirer had inspected the property.
- The Edinburgh Branch were known to be interested in obtaining their own premises and the Secretary had written inviting them to consider either renting or buying the basement property.
- The ad hoc committee did not recommend the use of the property as a club or flat, as this would necessitate engaging domestic staff.
- The Chairman reminded the meeting that certain alterations would be necessary - these could amount to as little as locking a door to actual physical separation in the event of the sale of the property. The General Purposes Committee would be considering this matter at its next meeting.
6. APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION
- After considerable discussion and reference to correspondence with the Hamilton (Ontario) Branch, an application for Branch formation was accepted from Burlington, Ontario.
7. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION
- Applications for affiliation were accepted from :-
- a) Strathcona Social and Scottish Country Dance Group, Burlington, Ontario
 - b) Tascas Scottish Country Dance Group, Hobart, Tasmania
 - c) Alderley and District Caledonian Society
 - d) Cardiff Scottish Country Dance Circle
 - e) Seahouses Scottish Country Dancing Group, Northumberland
 - f) The Scotia Dancers, New York, U.S.A.
 - g) The White Cockade Scottish Country Dancers (Windsor), Ontario - This application was accepted provided London (Ontario) Branch supported the application.
8. SUBSCRIPTION COPY : 1972/73. The Chairman announced that preparation of Book 26 was already in hand. He hoped by the next Executive Council Meeting to report that it had been completed.

1973/74. Publication would coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Society. Suggestions made included - competition for modern dances - the honour of publication to be the prize; new dances named after the first 12 Branches formed with a short history of each Branch; competition for music for such dances.

Mr. Corbett (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) suggested that it might be appropriate to the occasion to publish a book of traditional dances.

The Chairman thanked members for their suggestions and invited Branches to send further suggestions to the Secretary for the consideration of the Publications Committee.

9. OPEN FORUM - A.G.M. 1971

The Meeting considered the items raised at the Open Forum :-

1. Family Subscription - no action recommended.
2. Life Membership - noted for consideration by Finance Committee.
3. B.B.C. Television presentation of dancing - the meeting regretted the attitude of the B.B.C., but was not in a position to remedy the matter.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Swedish Festival - 23rd June 1972.

The Secretary read an extract from a letter from the organisers of a Festival to be held in Frostavallen, Sweden on 23rd June 1972.

A group of 25/30 was invited from 17/18th June to 24th June 1972.

In return, a Swedish group would expect to visit Scotland in 1974.

Ayr, Inverness and Dundee Branches had expressed an interest in this event and the Secretary was instructed to send them further particulars.

11. PROVISIONAL DATES for 1972 Meetings

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

March 4th; September 2nd.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 29th; May 6th; July 21st at St. Andrews; October 28th at Ayr.

EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE

March 4th.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

January 15th.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

January 29th; May 6th

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 29th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 28th at Ayr.

12. OTHER BUSINESS :

- a) Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing

The Chairman read an extract from a report by Mr. W. Clement, the Society representative to the S.O.B.H.D., advising that represented members to the Board might be called upon to pay an increased subscription. The Society's representative and that of the Army had pointed out that whilst their respective organisations were interested in the work of the Board, they were not examining organisations and did not feel that their organisations should pay an increased subscription. The matter is to be considered further at a later meeting of the Board.

- b) Central Council of Physical Recreation

Mr. Ireland, Society representative to the C.C.P.R., gave a resume of the report of the working party on the proposed Central Conference of Sport.

- c) Mr. Leggat (South Wales) asked if it would not be possible for notices of meetings to be sent direct to representatives instead of through the Branch Secretary as at present. This was agreed.

- d) 50th Anniversary of the Society

The Chairman invited Miss Milligan to say a few words with regard to the forthcoming celebrations in connection with the Society's 50th anniversary in 1973.

Although this event will take place in Glasgow, Miss Milligan emphasised that the occasion would celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Society. She had toiled since the formation of the Society to instil a family feeling into the members and exhorted those present to convey to their Branch members that the occasion was to be one for the members.

For those who would not be able to attend the events in Glasgow, Miss Milligan expressed a hope that St. Andrews would provide another meeting place for her "family". There would be many who could not attend these celebrations and she felt it would be fitting if a souvenir brochure recording the events in words and pictures could be prepared for their benefit. She asked those present to encourage their Branches and members to endeavour to raise funds to make this an outstanding occasion in the life of the Society.

The Chairman thanked Miss Milligan and reminded members that the celebrations would be spread throughout the year. He hoped they would follow Miss Milligan's good example in raising funds and that donations towards the cost of these events would be sent in from time to time.

There being no further business, the Meeting ended at 4.25 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Miss M.L. Ross.

James A. L. Brown
Chairman
12/2/72



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Miss Adams, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Ball,
Miss Barron, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Corson, Mr. J.E. Cunningham,
Miss M. Cunningham, Dr. Currie, Mr. Drewry, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Gibbs,
Miss Grieve, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall, Miss Hewat, Mr. Ireland,
Miss Kane, Miss A.C. Lee, Mr. A.G. Lee, Mr. Leggat, Miss F. Martin,
Miss L.C. Martin, Mr. Meredith, Miss McCulloch, Miss Nairn,
Miss Oliver, Mrs. Parker, Miss Paterson, Miss Quirk, Miss Rae,
Miss Redford, Mrs. Robertson, Miss N.L. Ross, Mr. Savage,
Dr. Short, Mrs. Stoddart, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Thomson, Miss Wright.
Substitute Members: Miss G.M. Aitken (Kirkcaldy),
Miss E.M.C. Ferguson (Dumfries) and Miss D. Leurs (Edinburgh).
Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were received from:
Miss Arnott, Miss Collie, Miss Donoghue, Mr. Green, Mr. Hunter,
Miss Hutcheon, Mrs. Moore, Miss Mundie, Mrs. Patient, Miss M.M. Ross.

1. MINUTES : The Adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 4th December, 1971, previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Short and signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING ;

a) Festival of Movement and Dance

The Chairman asked Mrs. Corson to report on the arrangements made. Mrs. Corson expressed disappointment at the number of teams which were to represent the Society at this event. Arrangements otherwise were progressing satisfactorily.

On behalf of the Executive Council, the Chairman expressed gratitude to Mrs. Corson for her work in this connection and appreciation to the Branches and dancers who were able to help at this event.

b) Headquarters Property

The Chairman reported on the developments in connection with the future use of the basement property. It seemed probable that the property would be leased for 5 years for use as an Art Gallery. The final terms would be decided by the General Purposes Committee. The Finance Committee had sanctioned the erection of a partition to divide the property.

c) Subscription Copy 1972/73

The Chairman reported that the work on the publication was almost complete and it was expected to be ready to send to the printer after the meeting of the Publications Committee later that day.

d) Swedish Festival - 23rd June, 1972

It was noted that this Festival had been postponed.

e) Burlington (Ontario) Group

The Chairman reminded members that permission had been given to the Burlington Group of the Hamilton (Ontario) Branch to endeavour to form a Branch of the Society. At the same time, affiliation had been granted to the Strathcona Social and Scottish Country Dance Group, Burlington, Ontario. There now appeared to be some dissention within the Hamilton (Ontario) Branch. A letter from the Branch Chairman indicated that a Special General Meeting was to be held to discuss the situation. The Burlington Group had acted according to the Society Constitution and called a public meeting at which it was unanimously agreed to form a Branch and had appointed an interim committee.

The Chairman recommended that no further action be taken at present and this was agreed.

Dr. Currie (N.W. Ayrshire) commented that perhaps the Constitution was not sufficiently clear on the subject of affiliation. The Chairman agreed and thought this matter should be referred to the General Purposes Committee for their consideration.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- a) Publications and Research Committee, 15th January and 12th February 1972. The adoption of the Minutes of these meetings was proposed by Dr. Currie, seconded by Mrs. Gudger and approved.
- b) Finance Committee, 29th January 1972. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mr. Litkenhead, seconded by Miss Rae and approved.
- c) Summer School Committee, 29th January 1972. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was approved unanimously.
- d) Examinations Committee, 4th March 1972.
The Chairman reported that the meeting had confirmed the appointment of Miss L.C. Martin, Miss J. Matheson and Mrs. M. Yarker as Examiners following their attendance at St. Andrews Summer School in 1971. On behalf of the Executive Council, the Chairman offered congratulations to the new Examiners.

A further candidate would be invited to work with the Examiners at St. Andrews in 1972 with a view to becoming an Examiner.

The Committee had discussed the Set Dances at considerable length but decided that no change be made. It was felt, however, that the Committee should list other dances with newer or unusual formations to be used by the teachers of examination classes.

A meeting of the Committee and all Examiners was being called for 29th April 1972 for discussion on the Syllabus and the conduct of examinations.

4. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation were accepted from :

- a) Chelsea College Scottish Dance Club
- b) Islay Scottish Country Dance Club
- c) The Whitby Caledonian Society
- d) Horsham Scottish Country Dance Association
- e) Southsea Scottish Dancers

In the case of Islay Scottish Country Dance Club, the Secretary was instructed to enquire further into the activities of the Club. In the case of Horsham Scottish Country Dance Association, the application was granted subject to the approval of Croydon and District Branch.

5. WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS : HAWICK - 24th June 1972

The Society had been invited to send 6-8 teams to give a display at the Championships. Branches in the South of Scotland and North of England had been circularised and to date Newcastle, Annan, Carlisle and possibly Ayr Branches had each indicated that they would send a team and Castle-Douglas Branch offered the services of two couples.

It was necessary to appoint an organiser to co-ordinate the teams and make local arrangements with the Scottish Pipe Band Association. The Secretary was instructed to write to Roxburgh, Selkirk & District Branch and enquire if they would undertake these duties.

OVERSEAS FESTIVALS

- a) Vielsalm, Belgium, 20th/21st July 1972. Ayr Branch had indicated an interest in undertaking this tour.
- b) Gaasbeek, Belgium, 10th September 1972. Glasgow Branch indicated an interest in undertaking this tour.
- c) Frostavallen, Sweden, 16-23rd June 1973. In announcing this tour, the Chairman reminded members that the organisers expected to make a return visit to Scotland in 1974, and any Branch undertaking this could expect to have to offer hospitality during the return visit.

Branches interested in these tours should advise the Secretary within two months whether or not they intended to undertake the visits. The Chairman reminded members that the Society could give some financial assistance for these tours but before considering requests, required to know the overall cost of the tour and the contributions made by the host country, the Branch and the individual members travelling. It was usual to regard a party as consisting of ten dancers, plus one leader and one piper.

7. FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY : 1973

The Chairman announced that the President, Lord Macdonald, was in contact with The Queen's Secretary in connection with the celebration. The Meeting decided that the 1973 Annual General Meeting would take place on 3rd November 1973 in Glasgow.

8. OTHER BUSINESS :

a) Sub-Committees

The Chairman read a letter from Dr. Short (Castle-Douglas) suggesting changes in the method of electing sub-committees. Branches were invited to consider the following points and the matter would again be discussed at the September Meeting :-

1. That, as in the case of the Six Members annually elected, no Member of Committee should serve longer than 3 years on any one committee, and should not be eligible for re-election for a period - say - 2-3 years.
2. That each member should serve on only one committee.
3. - or alternative to (1). That two members of each committee should retire each year. Initially the two members who have served longest to retire first. After retirement, the two members be not eligible for re-election for a period - say - 2-3 years.

b) Proposed Branch in Bedfordshire

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Group. This indicated that the procedure laid down with regard to the formation of a Branch had been followed and that the public meeting had supported the resolution to form a Branch in the area. This was most satisfactory.

c) The Scottish Council of Physical Recreation - Meeting 17th February, 1972

The Chairman reported that Mr. R.M. Hunter had attended this meeting on behalf of the Society. It was principally concerned with the winding up of The Scottish Council of Physical Recreation and the commencement of The Scottish Sports Council. The report recommended that the Society remained a member of this new body, although it was not greatly concerned with the Society's type of activity.

The Chairman indicated that he would act as the Society representative at future meetings of this body.

d) Summer School Fees

Mrs. Gibbs (Oxfordshire) asked if it would be possible to assist students wishing to attend the Summer School at St. Andrews by allowing them to pay their fees on an instalment basis or in view of the increase in the fees, they arrange for such students to take over flats vacated by students at St. Andrews University and attend the School as non-residents. After a short discussion it was decided not to agree to such arrangements.

e) Reprint of Constitution

Mr. Cunningham (Hamilton and Clydesdale) enquired when copies of the Constitution could be expected.

The Chairman advised that reprinting had been delayed to ensure inclusion of all amendments, but agreed it was now time that a revised version was printed.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3.25 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Corbett.

James A. G. Brown
C. Cunningham
2/9/72



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PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss Adams, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Allan, Miss Arnott, Mrs. Bain,
Mrs. Ball, Miss Barron, Miss Collie, Mr. Corbett, Mrs. Corson,
Miss M. Cunningham, Mr. J. Cunningham, Dr. Currie, Mr. Dewar,
Mrs. Dunn, Miss Fraser, Miss Grieve, Mrs. Gudger, Dr. Hall,
Mr. Hunter, Miss Hutcheon, Mr. Ireland, Miss Kane, Mrs. Kepp,
Mr. Leggat, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Mr. Meredith,
Miss Mundie, Mr. Murphy, Miss McCulloch, Miss Nairn, Mrs. Parker,
Miss Paterson, Mrs. Patient, Miss Quirk, Miss Redford, Miss Roe,
Miss M.L. Ross, Mr. Savage, Dr. Short, Mrs. Stoddart, Mr. Taylor,
Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mr. Walker, Miss Wright.

Substitute Members: Mrs. Bowman (Dundee), Miss Ferguson (Dumfries)
Mrs. Guthrie (Forres), Mrs. McCrae (Carnoustie), Mr. J.A.M. Thomson
(Birmingham) and Mrs. Wilson (Richmond).

Miss Vaughan (Treasurer) and Miss Grubb (Secretary).

APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were received from:
Miss Horrocks, Mr. Johnson, Miss Lee, Mrs. Moore, Miss Oliver,
and Miss M.M. Ross.

Mr. Brown welcomed members to the meeting.

1. MINUTES : The adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 4th March
1972, previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Corbett, seconded
by Mr. Aitkenhead and signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING : a) Headquarters Property

The Chairman announced that the arrangements to lease the basement
had been further delayed as planning consent for change of use had
not been granted. The Chairman had himself attended the meeting
with the Society's legal adviser, but the appeal against the
previous decision failed.

The courses now open to the Society were a further appeal and if
this were unsuccessful, remit the matter to the General Purposes
Committee to consider the possible permanent division of the
premises and sale of the basement. Any recommendations by the
General Purposes Committee would require the approval of the
Executive Council.

b) Burlington (Ontario) Group

The Chairman summarised the events leading up to the application
for Branch formation by the Burlington Group of the Hamilton Branch
and the situation which had arisen since. Mr. Brown said that he
had listened to some four hours of tape recordings, studied the
considerable volume of correspondence and prepared notes for the
benefit of the meeting. The following factors should be noted:-

1. The Executive Council accepted the letters from Hamilton
Branch at their face value and granted Branch status to Burlington
in good faith.

2. Certain statements in the application of the Burlington Group
were subsequently proved to be incorrect, i.e. distances from
Hamilton, etc. and, also, the claim that the Hamilton Branch would
endorse the application was presumptuous at that time although
subsequently substantiated in later correspondence and Minutes.

3. The Committee of Management of the Hamilton Branch were aware
of what was taking place although certain information, i.e. a
telegram to Miss Grubb, was not disclosed and a copy of the original
letter from Burlington to Headquarters appeared not to have
reached them.

4. Hamilton Branch Chairman's interpretation of decisions taken at the Committee of Management Meetings, appeared not to be absolutely accurate in some instances.
5. The procedure followed by the Burlington Group on receiving permission to attempt to form a Branch was correctly carried out.
6. The impression gained was that the position seemed to have been accepted by all parties that Burlington is now an independent Branch of the Society.

The Chairman then said that the Executive Council must satisfy itself that in the terms of the Constitution of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Burlington Group were entitled, through their officials, both being members of the Society, to apply for permission to form a Branch and that they (the Executive Council) acted within the terms of the Constitution in granting the application.

Dr. Currie, who had also had correspondence on the subject, confirmed the Chairman's statements, and after various members had spoken, the meeting unanimously decided that the Executive Council had acted within the terms of the Society Constitution in granting the application of Burlington Group for Branch status and it should adhere to its previous decision.

c) Islay Scottish Country Dance Club - Affiliation

The Secretary read an extract of a letter from the organiser of the Club which indicated that the affairs of the Club were now on a better footing and it was agreed that the application for affiliation be accepted.

d) 50th Anniversary

The Chairman said that Miss Milligan had prepared an article for inclusion in the Bulletin. This set out the proposed arrangements for the 50th Anniversary Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman invited Miss Ross (Glasgow) to comment on the arrangements made so far. These are as follows:

Friday, 2nd November 1973. Civic Reception, followed by a late Dance from 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. in the Albany Hotel, Bothwell Street, Glasgow.

Saturday, 3rd November, 1973. If there was sufficient demand, morning coffee could be arranged.

12 Noon - Albany Hotel - Lunch - with seating for 700.

This area would be cleared for the conduct of the Annual General Meeting, which would be followed by Afternoon Tea.

Evening. Four halls would be available in Jordanhill College of Education for dancing and two bands would be engaged.

The Chairman then announced that the President had been in correspondence with the Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen, Patron of the Society, and it was hoped to arrange some function at which Her Majesty might be present.

e) Executive Council - Sub-Committees

The proposals made by Dr. Short had been considered by the General Purposes Committee who recommended that rather than amend the Constitution, a policy paper be prepared for the guidance of Executive Council members when electing sub-committees.

After discussion, the meeting unanimously approved the preparation of a policy paper by the General Purposes Committee.

MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- a) Examinations Committee, 4th March 1972. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mrs. Gudger, seconded by Miss Arnott and approved.

Examinations Committee, 2nd September 1972. The Chairman reported on the meeting of the committee with the Examiners. This has been a worthwhile project which should be repeated. The Committee agreed with most of the amendments to the Examination Syllabus recommended by the meeting and a new draft syllabus would now be prepared for the approval of the Examinations Committee.

The meeting had confirmed the appointment of Mrs. A. Holdan as an Examiner and agreed that Miss J. Banks, Mrs. N. Dunn and Mrs. N. McLaren be invited to attend at the 1973 Summer School with a view to their becoming Examiners.

b) Finance Committee, 6th May and 22nd July 1972. Before asking for the approval of the Minutes, the Chairman drew the attention of the meeting to several items.

1. This year it had proved possible to make allocation to the Staff Fund of £400.
2. The salaries of the permanent staff had not been reviewed for two years and increases of approximately 10% had been granted and were detailed in the Private Minute.
3. The Finance Committee recommended to the Executive Council that a resolution be placed before the Annual General Meeting to increase the Life Membership subscription to £10 - allocation as at present 50% to Headquarters, 50% to the Branch. In making this resolution, the Finance Committee had expressed concern at the high proportion of Life Members to the total membership.

After discussion, the Chairman, as Convener of the Finance Committee, formally proposed that this resolution be put forward by the Executive Council to the Annual General Meeting in October 1972. Mr. Aitkenhead seconded this proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Members thought that, although not constitutional, Life Members of long standing might be invited to make a voluntary contribution to the Society, particularly in the coming year of celebration.

On behalf of London Branch, Mr. Ireland thanked the Executive Council for the donation given towards the expenses for their forthcoming visit to Poland.

The adoption of the Minutes of these meetings was proposed by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Mrs. Thomson and approved.

c) General Purposes Committee, 6th May 1972. The Minutes of this meeting were approved unanimously.

4. ANNUAL REPORT :

The Secretary read the report on the work of the Society during the past year and this was approved for publication in the Bulletin.

The Chairman thanked Miss Grubb for her work in preparing the report.

5. APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION : WORTHING

An application had been received from Worthing Caledonian Society and after careful consideration, it was agreed to grant permission to this group to endeavour to form a branch of the R.S.C.D.S. in Worthing.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

The following applications for affiliation were accepted subject to satisfactory numbers in groups taking out RSCDS individual membership :

- a) Dulverton Scottish Country Dancers, Somerset
- b) The East Wight Scottish Dancers, Isle of Wight.
- c) Fraser Scottish Country Dance Group, Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire
- d) Suncoast Scottish Country Dancers, Dunedin, Florida, USA
- e) The Torrens Scottish Country Dancers, A.C.T., Australia
- f) The St. Andrew Society of Botswana (Southern Africa)
- g) Lagos Caledonian Society, Nigeria, West Africa.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1972 - RESOLUTION FROM STIRLINGSHIRE BRANCH

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Taylor on behalf of Stirlingshire Branch :-

"Six Elected Members on Executive Council"

As every Branch is represented on the Executive Council, there is now no need for further six members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting."

In support of this, he stated that the Constitution enabled the Executive Council to co-opt members to serve on Committees. There was also the question of the expense of bringing six members to meetings of the Executive Council.

Miss Milligan seconded the Stirlingshire resolution. The original reasons for having the six elected members no longer existed.

Mr. Aitkenhead proposed a direct negative to the proposal which was seconded by Dr. Currie.

After discussion, the matter was put to a vote and the proposed resolution carried.

The Chairman asked the meeting to agree to leave the drafting of the resolution to himself and the Secretary. This was agreed.

The Chairman reminded the meeting that if the resolution was passed at the Annual General Meeting in October 1972, it could not take effect until the 1973 Annual General Meeting.

Annual Subscription

The question of increasing the annual subscription was considered, but after discussion, it was agreed that this should remain unchanged meantime.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1975 - INVERNESS BRANCH

Miss Fraser (Inverness) outlined the facilities available and felt that these could accommodate up to 400 members. The Chairman said he did not wish the representative to think the meeting ungrateful, but the Executive Council must satisfy itself that the facilities would be adequate. The meeting agreed to remit the matter for further consideration by the General Purposes Committee.

Miss Martin said that while not wishing to influence the decision of the General Purposes Committee, as 1975 would be the 50th Anniversary of Aberdeen Branch, they would be pleased to invite the Society to hold the Annual General Meeting there, should Inverness prove unsuitable.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 3rd March 1973

10. OTHER BUSINESS :

a) Constitution - Wolverhampton Branch

Wolverhampton Branch had requested guidance in the matter of their Constitution. The Chairman requested that he consider the matter and advise the Branch direct. This was agreed.

b) B.B.C. T.V. Production

The Chairman invited Miss Milligan to give details of the invitation the Society had received.

Miss Milligan said the B.B.C. was making a documentary film on Scottish Fiddle Music with Yehudi Menuhin as guest artist. The Society had been invited to Blair Castle on Saturday, 7th October, 1972 to demonstrate Scottish Country Dancing. To enable intricate camera shots to be taken, 3 or 4 teams would be required from 2.30 p.m. - for this the dances would be Hoopers Jig and Madge Wildfire's Strathspey. A total of 100 to 120 proficient dancers would be required for a Ball from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. which would enable shots of general dancing to be taken. For this, men would require to appear in full Highland evening dress and ladies in full-length self-coloured evening dresses with sash.

Miss Milligan hoped Branches would assist her for this occasion.

An Ad Hoc Committee consisting of: Mrs. Parker, Miss Arnett, Mrs. Corson, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Nairn, Miss Adams and Miss Inglis (Pianist) was then formed to consider a programme for the Ball, with special emphasis on the music.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead.

James B. L. Brown
Chairman
3/3/73



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1973 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT : Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss F.H. Adams, Miss A. Allan, Miss N.J. Arnott, Miss M. Barron,
Miss M. Clark, Mr. J. Corbett, Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. J. Cunningham,
Miss M. Cunningham, Dr. L.R. Currie, Mrs. N. Dunn, Mr. A. Falconer,
Miss E.M.C. Ferguson, Miss M. Grieve, Miss B. Griffiths, Mrs. M.C. Gudgeon,
Dr. I. Hall, Mr. D. Henderson, Mrs. F. Inglis, Mr. W.J. Ireland,
Miss H.G. Jones, Miss L. Kane, Mr. A. Lee, Miss A.C. Lee, Mr. T. Leggat,
Miss C. McCulloch, Miss F. Martin, Miss L.C. Martin, Mr. G. Meredith,
Miss I. Mundie, Mr. J. Murphy, Miss B. Nairn, Miss H. Oliver,
Miss D. Paterson, Mrs. G. Patient, Miss R. Quirk, Miss M. Rae,
Miss I. Redford, Mrs. M. Robertson, Mrs. M.H. Ross, Miss M.L. Ross,
Miss M.M. Ross, Mr. T. Savage, Mrs. E. Stoddart, Mr. J. Taylor,
Mrs. J. Thomson, Mr. J.A.M. Thomson, Mrs. W.J. Wadsworth.

Substitute Members: Miss J. Galloway (Ayr), Mr. S. Morrison (Banffshire),
Miss D. Nicoll (Dundee), Mr. P. Park (Castle-Douglas)

Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Mrs. Ann Burt (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Mrs. M. Bruce, Miss M. Collie, Mrs. M. Gibbs, Miss M. Hutcheon,
Mrs. P. Moore, Mrs. M. Parker, Miss W. Webster.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, welcomed all new representatives to the Executive Council and Mrs. Ann Burt who had succeeded Miss G. as Secretary.

1. MINUTES: The adoption of the Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 2nd September 1972, previously circulated, was proposed by Miss Arnott, seconded by Dr. Currie and signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING:

a) Headquarters Property

The Chairman said that the original application had been turned down but instead of appealing to the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Society had been asked to re-submit their application. This had again been turned down by a sub-committee whose recommendation would go forward to the full Planning Committee of Edinburgh Corporation. The Chairman and the Society's solicitors hoped to be present at the next meeting on 8th March 1973. Meanwhile, the basement flat was empty except for the Society's storeroom.

b) 50th Anniversary

It was with great pleasure that the Chairman announced that Her Majesty The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh had agreed to attend the Society's Jubilee Ball on Thursday, 12th July 1973 at the Assembly Rooms and Music Hall, George Street, Edinburgh. The Ball would be organised by a small Committee. Miss M.L. Ross, (Glasgow) said that 850 applications had been received for the Civic Reception and 900 applications for the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Council was pleased to hear that arrangements were progressing satisfactorily and Miss Ross promised more information when prices were fixed by the Albany Hotel.

c) Executive Council Sub-Committees : Policy Paper

The Chairman said that all members of the Executive Council and their Branches had been able to study a draft policy paper on appointments to Executive Council sub-committees. After discussion, the following was agreed:-

1. That a list of representatives to the Executive Council, indicating in which area of the Society members were particularly interested be sent to members of the Executive Council, indicating if they would be willing to serve on a sub-committee, if invited.
2. That where possible, a member would serve on only one committee.
3. That when co-option was necessary this should be from within the Executive Council although it was appreciated there could be circumstances which would warrant the inclusion of non-members of the Executive Council.

4. That a time limit on length of service on committees should not be introduced at present.
5. That an indication of probable meeting dates should be given to members when the committees were formed.
6. That due regard to expenses of attending meetings and to an individual's contribution to any committee should be given when electing members of Committees.
7. That the expenses of members attending committee meetings be paid by the Society.

d) Application for Branch Formation : WORTHING

The Chairman reported that the procedures laid down by the Constitution for the formation of a Branch had not been complied with and he recommended that the matter be deferred. The Secretary was instructed to write to Worthing repeating the requirements for the formation of a branch. Agreed.

e) 1975 Annual General Meeting

Mrs. Ross, the representative from Inverness Branch, reported with real regret that her Branch was unable to offer hospitality for the 1975 Annual General Meeting. The meeting sympathised with this statement and hoped that perhaps in a future year an invitation might be received from Inverness. The Chairman asked if the Aberdeen Branch invitation was still open and Miss L.C. Martin, the Aberdeen representative, said that she would take this matter back to her Branch.

MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a) Finance Committee, 28th October, 1972 and 27th January, 1973

The adoption of the Minutes of these Meetings was proposed by Miss M.L. Ross, seconded by Mrs. Thomson and approved.

Meeting on 3rd March, 1973. The Chairman made a brief report of the meeting held during the morning of 3rd March, 1973. It had been agreed that the Society apply for membership of the Social Workers' Pension Fund.

The Treasurer said that there was still little to report about Value Added Tax as no firm decision had yet been made. A financial statement showing shares in investments in the wider range to obtain capital growth was presented. The Treasurer reported that some Branches had not made a return in respect of the books sent to them "on sale or return" for some years and some Branches returned books in an unsaleable condition. It was agreed that each Branch be asked to make a return within the stipulated period and those Branches who failed to do so would be asked to return the stocks of books they held.

b) GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, 4th November 1972. The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Miss Redford and approved.

c) Publications and Research Committee, 2nd December, 1972 and 13th January 1973.

The Minutes of these meetings were approved.

Meeting on 17th February 1973

i. The Chairman reported that Dr. Currie was editing the 50th Anniversary brochure and that Mr. Jim Nicholson had agreed to provide the artwork for the cover.

ii. Press releases were to be made during the course of the year.

iii. Dances for the 50th Anniversary. These were progressing very satisfactorily.

d) Examinations Committee, 2nd September 1972. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mrs. Corson, seconded by Miss Martin and approved.

e) Summer School Committee, 13th January 1973. The Minutes of this meeting were approved.

Meeting on 3rd March

Miss Milligan reported that she had been able to make arrangements for celebrations during the Summer School at St. Andrews which would include a Civic Reception, an entertainment by the University and a Garden Party. The Summer School Committee had recommended that the Garden Party be free and had suggested that the Executive Council should underwrite any expenses. This was agreed.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES - 1973/74

Before this item was considered, Mr. Ireland suggested that the practice of choosing sub-committees of the Executive Council should be conducted at the Annual General Meeting when the representatives of the Executive Council were elected. The Chairman agreed that there was some merit in the suggestion but said that it would not be possible to do so at the Annual General Meeting in Glasgow in 1973 and the matter was deferred.

a) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Mr. J.B.C. Brown (Chairman), Miss F.H. Adams (Vice-Chairman), Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected having been duly proposed and seconded;

Miss A. Allan	(Kilmarnock)
Mr. J. Corbett	(Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Mrs. M. Parker	(Ayr)
Mrs. M. Rae	(Duns and District)
Miss M.L. Ross	(Glasgow)
Mr. J. Taylor	(Stirlingshire)
Mrs. J. Thomson	(Clackmannanshire)

It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr. J.B.C. Brown continue as Convener.

b) GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. Mr. J.B.C. Brown (Chairman and Convener), Miss F.H. Adams (Vice-Chairman), Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded

Miss M. Collie	(Peterhead)
Miss M. Cunningham	(West Lothian)
Mrs. N. Dunn	(Dunbartonshire West)
Mr. A. Falconer	(Edinburgh)
Dr. I. Hall	(Manchester)
Miss F. Martin	(Stirlingshire East)
Mr. G. Meredith	(East Lothian)
Miss D. Paterson	(Glasgow)
Miss I. Redford	(St. Andrews)
Miss M.M. Ross	(Forres)

c) EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE. Mr. J.B.C. Brown (Chairman), Miss F.H. Adams (Vice-Chairman), Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :

Miss N.J. Arnott	(Kirkealdy)
Mrs. M. Corson	(Edinburgh)
Mrs. M.C. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Mr. W.J. Ireland	(London)
Mrs. W. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse-of-Fleet)

Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President) was duly elected Convener.

d) PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE. Mr. J.B.C. Brown (Chairman), Miss F.H. Adams (Vice-Chairman), Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President). The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :-

Miss M. Clark	(Dunfermline)
Dr. L.R. Currie	(N.W. Ayrshire)
Mr. D. Henderson	(Dundee)
Miss L.C. Martin	(Aberdeen)
Miss R. Quirk	(Croydon and District)

Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President) was duly elected Convener.

The following members were co-opted having been proposed and seconded :-

Miss N.J. Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Miss M. Brander	(Carlisle and District)
Mrs. M. Corson	(Edinburgh)
Mrs. M. Cramb	(Aberdeen)
Mr. J. Drewry	(Aberdeen)
Mrs. M.C. Gudger	(Rochdale)

AD HOC COMMITTEE

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Mr. J.B.C. Brown (Chairman), Miss F.H. Adams, (Vice-Chairman), Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President).

The following members were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded :-

Miss B. Griffiths	(Southport)
Dr. I. Hall	(Manchester)
Mr. W.J. Ireland	(London)
Miss A.C. Lee	(Berwick-upon-Tweed)
Mr. T. Leggat	(South Wales)
Mr. J. Murphy	(Carlisle and District)
Miss B. Nairn	(Perthshire)
Miss I. Redford	(St. Andrews)
Mrs. M. Robertson	(Carnoustie)
Miss M.L. Ross	(Glasgow)

Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President) was duly elected Convener.

(NOTE: Co-opted members are not eligible to vote at Committee

meetings).

APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION : Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

An application had been received from the Victoria Scottish Country Dance Society, and after careful consideration, it was agreed to grant permission to this group to endeavour to form a Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

Applications for affiliation were accepted from :-

- a) Bexhill & District Scottish Society, Sussex.
- b) Edmonton Scottish Country Dance Club, Alberta, Canada.
- c) The San Diego Scottish Country Dancers, California, U.S.A.
- d) Alverstoke Parish Centre S.C.D. Group, Hants.
- e) St. Ninian's Scottish Country Dance Party, Stockport, Cheshire.
- f) Hinckley College Union Scottish Country Dance Club, Warks.
- g) The Tartan Plaidie, Paris, France.
- h) Strath-Hunter Dancers, Adamstown Heights, N.S.W., Australia.
- i) The Holiday Fellowship Ltd.

SUBSCRIPTION COPY : a) 1973/74. This was progressing satisfactorily and the Chairman particularly thanked Dr. Currie for his help as Editor.

b) 1974/75. Miss Milligan said that this would take the usual form of traditional dances.

BRANCH CONSTITUTION :

Mornington Peninsula Branch

The Chairman reported that at the Executive Council on 8th May, 1971, the Mornington Peninsula Branch Constitution had been in order, save for the disbandment clause. This had now been amended and the Branch Constitution was therefore approved.

PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 1973 MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : 1st September

FINANCE COMMITTEE : 5th May; 28th July

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE : 24th March

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE : 17th March

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 3rd November in Glasgow

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY.

The Chairman reported that Mrs. Ann Burt had been appointed Secretary with effect from 8th January 1973.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Record. The Chairman reported that Mr. Jim McLeod was making a record to honour the 50th Year of the Society and Miss Milligan had agreed to write an introduction on the sleeve. Members of the Executive Council were asked to forward to the Secretary any colour transparencies suitable for illustration.

b) Letter from Mr. Ian Paterson

The Chairman invited the Edinburgh Branch representative to report on an invitation received from Mr. Ian Paterson, the singer and actor who was staging a Scottish entertainment in Stirling during the summer and had asked for dancers from the Edinburgh Branch. He had also enquired whether, if the show went on tour, other branches would also be prepared to provide a team of dancers to take part. Miss Nicoll (Dundee) reported that a similar venture had misfired and Miss Alice Mann's work had been abortive and thankless. The Chairman drew the members' attention to both statements and asked any interested Branch to get in touch with the Secretary during the next two weeks.

The meeting closed at 4.35 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman proposed by Mr. Corbett.

James B. G. Brown
Chairman
1/9/73

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

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- 1 - 8 1st couple turn with right hand and cast off to finish 3 - 3 across the dance - woman between 2nd couple - man between 3rd couple.
- 9 - 16 All set twice, then 1st couple turn each other to finish 1st woman between 2nd and 3rd men - 1st man between 2nd and 3rd women.
- 17 - 24 All six set then cross over, set and cross back 1st couple giving left hand turn to face first corners.
- 25 - 32 1st couple set to corners then turn each other $1\frac{1}{2}$ times to finish in second place on own side.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North
British Hotel, Edinburgh on SATURDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1973 at 2.00 p.m.

4. PRESENT: Mr. J.B.C. Brown (In the Chair)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss F.H. Adams, Miss A. Allan, Miss M.M. Clark, Miss M. Collie,
Mr. J. Corbett, Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. J.E. Cunningham,
Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham, Dr. L.R. Currie, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson,
Mrs. M. Gibbs, Mr. A.S. Greenyer, Miss M. Grieve, Miss M. Griffiths,
Mrs. M.C. Gudger, Dr. I.M. Hall, Mr. D. Henderson, Mr. T.F. Holland,
Miss M. Hutcheon, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Mr. E. Kemp, Mrs. M.T. Latham,
Mr. T.G. Leggatt, Miss C. McCulloch, Miss F. Martin, Mr. G. Meredith,
Miss I.H. Mundie, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss H. Oliver, Mrs. M.G. Parker,
Miss D.A. Paterson, Miss R. Quirk, Miss I.M.F. Redord,
Mrs. M.A. Robertson, Mrs. M.H. Ross, Miss M.L. Ross, Dr. D. Short,
Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. J. Thomson, Mrs. W.J. Wadsworth, Miss W.R. Webster

Substitute Members: Miss J. Banks, Miss F.I. Galway, Miss F. Gordon,
Miss M. McNaughton, Mr. G. Meehan, Miss A.W. Miller, Dr. G. Patient,
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer) and Mrs. Ann Burt (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Mrs. J. Bain, Mr. H. Barnes, Mrs. M. Bruce, Mrs. N. Dunn,
Miss L. Kane, Mrs. F.C. Inglis, Miss A.C. Lee, Mr. A.G. Lee,
Mrs. P.A. Moore, Miss M. Rae, Miss M.M. Ross, Mr. T. Savage,
Mr. J.A.M. Thomson.

1. MINUTES : The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting, held on 3rd March,
1973 previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Corbett, seconded by
Miss Allan and signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS
ARISING:

a) Headquarters Property

The Chairman reported that Edinburgh Corporation had given permission
to change the use of the basement from residential quarters to a
commercial Art Gallery, subject to certain minor conditions which were
acceptable to the Society. A lease for five years had been entered
into with Mr. D. Paton, at a rent of £300 per annum, subject to review
after two years. Miss Milligan said that the Gallery had enhanced
the appearance of Headquarters' property.

b) 50th Anniversary

1. Jubilee Ball, 12th July, 1973. The Chairman reported that about
600 members and guests had attended the Royal Jubilee Ball and a
report would be included in the Jubilee Brochure. Letters of thanks
and congratulations on the organisation had been received from Sir
Martin Charteris, at the command of The Queen; Sir Herbert Brechin;
Col. Malcolm of Poltalloch; Lord Maclean; Mrs. Lochhead and
Mrs. Cooper.

2. Annual General Meeting Weekend, 2nd-3rd November, 1973. The
Chairman said that the arrangements for the Jubilee Weekend had been
fully discussed at the General Purposes Committee and it had been
recommended that the following be invited:

President : The Rt. Hon. Lord Macdonald and Lady Macdonald
Vice-President : Miss J.C. Milligan
Chairman : Mr. J.B.C. Brown and Mrs. Brown
Vice-Chairman : Miss F.H. Adams
Hon. Vice-
Presidents : The Duke of Atholl
The Countess of Galloway
Sir Iain Moncrieffe of that Ilk and
Lady Moncrieffe
Col. G.I. Malcolm of Poltalloch and
Mrs. Malcolm of Poltalloch
Lt. Col. Colin C. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell
Sir Herbert A. Brechin and Lady Brechin

Treasurer/

Treasurer : Miss D.M. Vaughan
 Secretary : Mrs. Ann Burt
 Bailie Mrs. Forman of Glasgow
 Mrs. Campbell, niece of Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich
 Miss Lorna Walker, Warden, University Hall, St. Andrews
 Miss M.L. Ross, Chairman of the Glasgow Branch

Former Officials of the Society :
 Mrs. M. Brown
 Miss M. Haddon
 Miss H.D. Leitch
 Mrs. F. Lesslie of New Zealand
 Mrs. N. Lochhead
 Miss J. McLellan
 Mr. George Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe

The following Order of Proceedings had also been recommended by the General Purposes Committee:

- Grace
- Luncheon
- The Loyal Toast by the President
- A Welcome given by the President
- Loyal Message to Her Majesty the Queen by the President
- Message read from Her Majesty the Queen by the President
- Toast - The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society - Bailie Mrs. Forman, representative of the Lord Provost of Glasgow
- Reply by the Vice-President and Co-Founder, Miss Jean C. Milligan
- Message of Greetings by representatives from each Branch
- Vote of Thanks, by Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Chairman

This was agreed.

The General Purposes Committee felt confident in all the arrangements being made which were reported by Miss Ross, Chairman of the Glasgow Branch.

The Chairman reminded the Council that it had been agreed that the Annual General Meeting should be as uncontroversial as possible and that only Delegates were actually entitled to attend the meeting. Unfortunately not all those attending the weekend would be able to be accommodated in the Hall and he hoped members would be co-operative in this regard. The Glasgow Branch would organise tellers for any necessary counting of ballots.

The Chairman then invited Miss Adams, Vice-Chairman, to speak. She explained that after much thought she had decided not to stand as Chairman for the period of Office beginning November, 1973. She would, however, be very willing to serve the Society in any other way.

3. Jubilee Brochure. The Chairman reported that this was progressing very satisfactorily and thanks were due to the Publications Committee and particularly to Dr. Currie, the Editor.

Three dances had been composed to commemorate the Golden Jubilee,

- Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich - A Reel
- The Jubilee Jig
- Miss Milligan's Strathspey

and these were now on sale at a cost of 10p. per copy.

c) Application for Branch Formation from Worthing

The Chairman reported that the General Purposes Committee on 12th May had agreed that Branch status be given and he was very pleased to welcome the new Branch representative to his first meeting.

d) Application for Branch Formation from Victoria B.C.

The Chairman reported that the Branch had taken the necessary steps to amend their Constitution so that the lower age limit became 16 and not 18, and the Branch was formally recognised.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES:

a) Finance Committee

Arising from the Minutes of the Finance Committee of 3rd March, 1973 the Chairman was asked if any further information was available about Value Added Tax. This situation had still not been fully clarified but it was hoped that the correspondence between the Society and the Customs and Excise Department would be concluded shortly. The Adoption of these Minutes was proposed by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Corbet and approved.

Finance Committee - meeting 5th May. The adoption of the Minutes of this Committee was proposed by Mrs. Parker, seconded by Miss M.L. Ross and approved.

Finance Committee - 28th July. Arising from these Minutes, Miss Milligan asked if action had been taken regarding the flag pole and the Chairman said that he would look into this. The adoption of these Minutes was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Miss Allan and approved.

b) General Purposes Committee

24th March, 1973. Arising from these Minutes the Chairman, in reply to a question, stated that the General Purposes Committee had felt that it was unnecessary to give each member of the Society a free copy of the Constitution. Each branch was sent a free copy and further copies could be obtained at a cost of 5p.

The adoption of these Minutes was proposed by Miss Collie, seconded by Mr. Meredith and approved.

12th May, 1973. The adoption of these Minutes was proposed by Miss Redford, seconded by Dr. Hall and approved.

1st September, 1973. The Chairman made the following report.

1975 annual General Meeting. A letter had been received from the Secretary, Miss A. Cumming, of the Aberdeen Branch explaining that the Beach Ballroom and the large Music Hall would not be available for the 1975 Annual General Meeting. The Branch Chairman, Mrs. Cramb, had obtained permission from the Aberdeen University to hold two dances on the last Friday and Saturday of October, 1975 in the Mitchell Hall and Picture Gallery in Marischal College. These two halls could accommodate 464 dancers. After discussion the General Purposes Committee agreed to recommend that Aberdeen's offer to hold the 1975 Annual General Meeting be accepted.

Mr. Corbet proposed and Miss Collie seconded that this recommendation be accepted. Agreed.

Staff. The Chairman reported that at the time of Miss Grubb's leaving, Mrs. Park had asked if she might become part-time and this she subsequently did. It was with deep regret that the Finance Committee had accepted her resignation on the 27th July and Mr. Brown had written to Mrs. Park personally to thank her for her services and also to express the appreciation of the Executive Council.

At the Finance Committee on 27th July, it had been agreed that a full time assistant to the Secretary be appointed. The applicant would be an experienced shorthand typist and she would be expected to be resident in St. Andrews for four weeks during the Summer School.

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To date no applications for the post had been received. At the General Purposes Committee it had been agreed to raise the starting salary to see if that would attract a suitable candidate.

c) Summer School, 3rd March, 1973

It was noted from the Minutes that the Dignatories of the Town Council were expected to attend the Reception at St. Andrews in their robes. Miss Milligan explained that the Provost of St. Andrews, with whom she had made the original arrangements, had demitted office and the new Provost did not wish to come in full regalia.

The adoption of these Minutes was proposed by Miss M.L. Ross, seconded by Miss B. Nairn and approved.

d) Publications Committee - 17th February, 17th March, 5th May, 2nd June, 1973

The adoption of these Minutes was proposed by Mrs. Gudger, seconded by Miss Quirk and approved.

a) The Alexandria Scottish Country Dance Society, Washington D.C., U.S.A.

This group had been formed by Mrs. Eugenia Sharp, well known to the Society.

b) Portree Scottish Country Dance Class, Skye

This group had been formed by Mrs. J.M. Taylor, an enthusiast who had just taken her final certificate at St. Andrews.

c) Tamburin, Stuttgart, e.v.

It was noted that there was no Branch nearby to support this application.

d) University of Alberta Scottish Country Dance Club

It was noted that there was no local Branch.

Dr. Currie proposed and Dr. Hall seconded, and it was agreed that all four groups be accepted for affiliation.

The Chairman asked Mrs. Parker to report on this event by the Ayrshire Branch. Mrs. Parker explained that the report had been written by Miss Galloway who made it clear that the Ayrshire Branch had conducted the day with great competence and good humour. Miss Milligan had been an honoured guest. Spontaneous applause broke out after the report had been read and the Chairman said that the Society's thanks were due to the Ayrshire Branch.

The Secretary read the Annual Report and it was noted with regret that there were fewer candidates for the Society's teaching examinations, due partly to the continuing reduction in numbers being presented by the Training Colleges. Dr. Currie suggested that Supervisors should be approached after Local Government Regionalisation had settled down and it was hoped that meanwhile individual branches would try to make contact with Colleges in their local areas. Mrs. Gudger enquired about the examinations reported to have been held in Denmark and Sweden and the Chairman suggested that this might be more appropriately discussed at the next meeting of the Examination Committee. The Report was accepted for publication in the Bulletin and the Secretary was thanked for her work.

Mrs. Corson, the Society's representative to the Scottish Official Board for Highland Dancing, reported that the Board's meetings were largely domestic in nature and did not appear to have any great relevance/

4. APPLICATIONS
FOR
AFFILIATION :

5. WORLD PIPE
BAND
CHAMPIONSHIPS
AYR :

6. ANNUAL REPORT:

7. ANY OTHER
BUSINESS :

relevance to the work of the Society. The Executive Council thanked Mrs. Corson for her work and it was decided that her place should be taken by either Miss Ada Calder of Edinburgh or Mrs. Esther Clark Wilson of Dundee.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Brown reminded members that it was the final meeting of the Executive Council at which he would take the Chair, although he would continue to serve as immediate past Chairman for one year. He had enjoyed his three busy years of office and he counted it a great privilege to be Chairman during the Society's Jubilee Year.

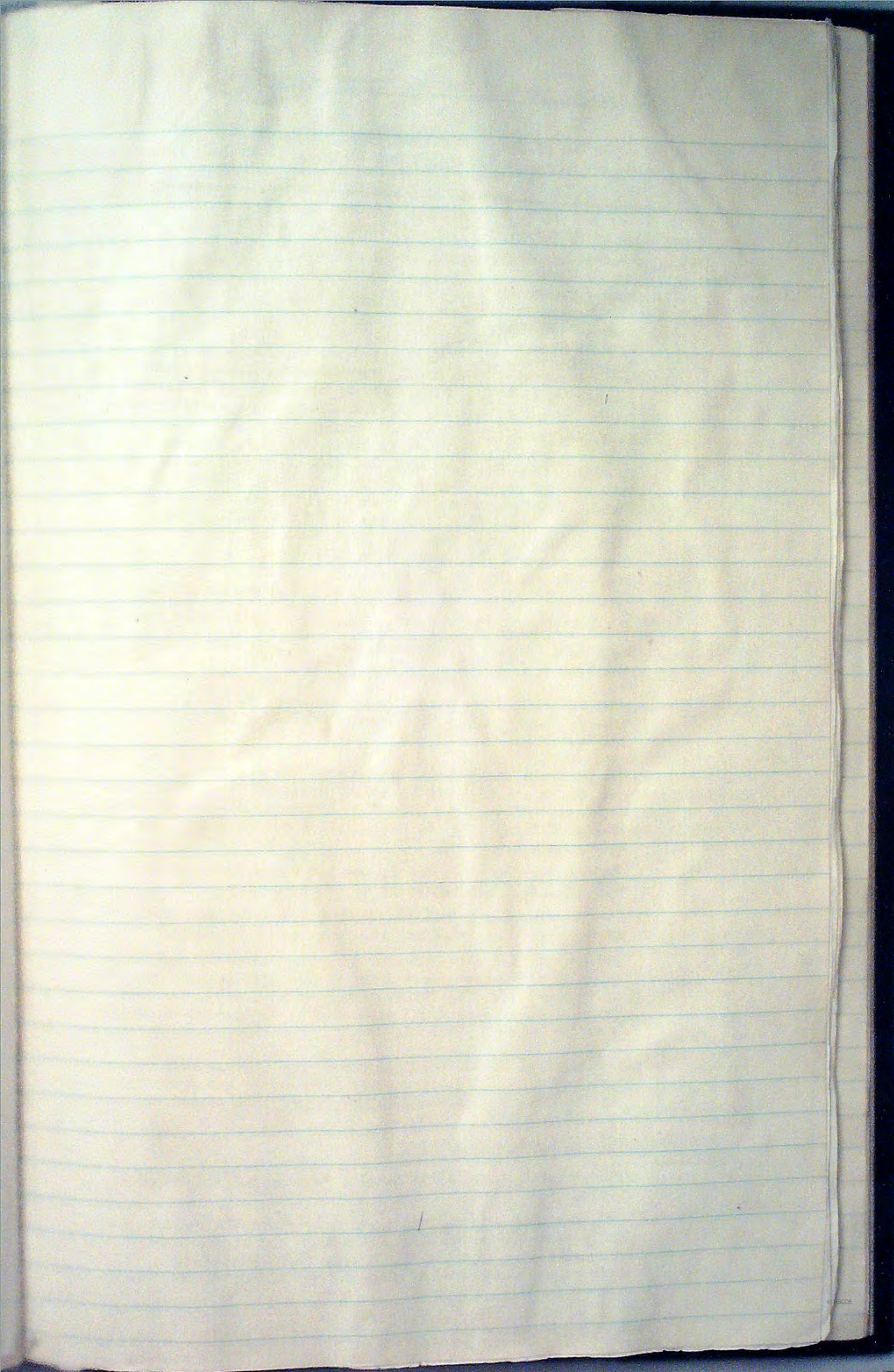
It was agreed to record the appreciation and grateful thanks of the Executive Council for Mr. Brown's hard work and able Chairmanship.

8. DATE OF NEXT
MEETING :

2nd March, 1974.

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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh on Saturday, 2nd March, 1974 at 2.00 p.m.

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PRESENT: Dr. L.R. Currie (In the Chair)
Mr. J.B.C. Brown (Immediate Past Chairman)
Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. A. Aitkenhead, Miss M.H. Anderson,
Miss N.J. Arnott, Mr. A.I.K. Baird, Mr. H. Barnes,
Mrs. M. Bruce, Miss M.M. Clark, Miss M. Collie,
Mr. J. Corbett, Mr. J.E. Cunningham, Mr. J. Dymond,
Mr. A. Falconer, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson, Mr. T.M. Fraser-
Holland, Miss F.I. Galway, Mrs. R. Garber, Miss H. Gardiner
Jones, Miss F.N. Gordon, Mr. A.S. Greenyer, Miss M.E. Grievie,
Miss B.M. Griffiths, Mrs. M.C. Gudger, Dr. I.M. Hall,
Mrs. F.C. Inglis, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Mrs. M.Y. Latham,
Miss A.C. Lee, Mr. A.G. Lee, Mr. T.C. Leggat, Miss C.
McCulloch, Miss M. MacKenzie, Miss F. Martin, Miss L.C.
Martin, Mr. G.M. Meredith, Miss I.H. Mundie, Mr. J. Murphy,
Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss H.W. Oliver, Miss D.A. Paterson,
Miss R. Quirk, Miss M.A. Rae, Miss I.M. Redford, Mrs. M.A.
Robertson, Mrs. M.H. Ross, Miss M.M. Ross, Mr. T. Savage,
Dr. D. Short, Mrs. E. Stoidart, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. J.A.M.
Thomson, Mrs. J.O. Thomson, Mrs. W.J. Wadsworth.

Substitute Members: Mr. G.J. Mechan, Miss J.W. McLellan.
Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer), Mrs. A. Burt (Secretary)
and Miss J. McColm.

APOLOGIES: Miss A. Allan, Mrs. Murray Lenthall, Mrs. J. Bain,
Mrs. P. Bowman, Mr. D.E. Johnson, Mr. R. McLachlan
and Mr. W. Wallace.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: The Chairman in welcoming members to the meeting called particular attention to Miss J.C. Milligan, Vice-President, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Immediate Past Chairman, Miss F.H. Adams, Ex-Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. Macleod, the new Vice-Chairman and all new delegates.

He introduced Miss J. McColm who had recently taken up her appointment as Assistant to the Secretary.

It was with regret that the Chairman recorded the death of the Hon. Vice-President the Countess of Galloway.

The meeting had been preceded by a very short film of the Queen and Princess Anne dancing at the Jubilee Ball on July 12th 1974. The Chairman said that it was hoped that Grampian Television would also be able to send the Society a colour film of the Ball.

1. MINUTES: The adoption of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st September, 1973, previously circulated, was proposed by Mr. Meredith, seconded by Mr. Leggat, and signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS ARISING: a) 50th Anniversary

The report of the Annual General Meeting 2nd/3rd November 1973.

The Chairman said that this entirely memorable weekend was duly recorded in the Jubilee Brochure and it was his pleasant duty to thank the Glasgow Committee and all others who had helped to make the weekend so successful.

b) Letter from Edinburgh Branch

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the Edinburgh Branch complaining that the Chairman did not make his remarks to the Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman explained that Lord MacDonald had not felt it right to repeat the remarks he had made at the official Luncheon and it appeared that Edinburgh Branch had answered the criticisms themselves by saying that there were special circumstances and that it was unlikely that the problem would arise on a future date.

Edinburgh Branch also considered that there should be an opportunity for delegates to raise any matters which they considered appropriate at the General Meeting. It was appreciated that an item 'any other competent business' had not appeared on the Agenda of Annual General Meetings in the past but the Edinburgh Branch would have liked consideration to be given to the incorporation of such an item in the Agenda. If for any reason it was considered that the constitution prevented this, consideration should be given to the amendment of the constitution to provide for such an item being included in the Agenda in future years.

The Edinburgh Secretary had added his Branch's appreciation of the efforts of the office bearers and members of Glasgow Branch for the organisation of the Annual General Meeting in 1973, and the points raised were in no way intended to be a criticism of the organisation or manner in which the Meeting was conducted.

Mr. Falconer of Edinburgh added that this matter had also been raised by overseas branches.

The Chairman explained that as the Annual General Meeting was attended by delegates to whom instructions had been given by Branches it would not be appropriate to have matters raised on the day which would be new to the delegates. In exceptional circumstances and where two thirds of the meeting considered it appropriate the Chairman might deem it right to add an additional item.

c) Jubilee Brochure

The Chairman explained that, as it had been deliberately decided to include reports on the Annual General Meeting Weekend held in November 1973, this had inevitably made it difficult to produce the Brochure before March 1974.

It was hoped that the UK Branches would be first to receive their copies so that distribution could take place before classes disbanded for the season.

Mr. Brown pointed out that the charming Brochure cover had been designed by a member of the Society, Mr. Jim Nicholson.

1) Scottish Official Board for Highland Dancing

The Chairman reported that Mrs. Esther Clark Wilson had agreed to be the Society's second representative; Mr. William Clement remained the Society's voting representative.

3. MINUTES OF
SUB-
COMMITTEES:

a) Finance Committee

3rd November 1973. The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Thomson and approved.

26th January 1974. The adoption of the Minutes of this Meeting was proposed by Mr. Corbett, seconded by Mrs. Parker and, after "2000 Brochures" had been amended to read "20,000 Brochures", was approved.

2nd March 1974. Mr. Brown, Convener of the Finance Committee, reported that the position regarding VAT was still being investigated.

After the receipt of the fund of Miss Milligan's Mile of Pennies, the Glasgow Branch had a balance of over £300, all expenses of the Annual General Meeting having been paid. It had been decided that this balance should be used to send a free copy of the Brochure to each individual Branch signed by all the Office Bearers.

It had been decided that the Annual Subscription should be reviewed and after the Treasurer had given a full report on the finances of the Society it would be recommended that the subscription should be increased to an amount not less than 60p and possibly up to £1.

The Treasurer confirmed that many of the Branch accounts were in deficit.

b) General Purposes Committee - 1st September 1973.

The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting held on 1st September 1973 was proposed by Miss Collie, seconded by Mr. Meredith and approved.

c) Publications and Research Committee - 10th November and 15th December 1973.

After item 3 of the latter Minutes had been amended from "2,000 Brochures" to "20,000 Brochures", the adoption of these Minutes was proposed by Miss Arnott and seconded by Miss Quirk and approved.

Report of Meeting held on 9th February 1974.

The Chairman said that the Committee had considered dances for the forthcoming publication and that this would be referred to under Item 8.

d) Summer School Committee.

After Mr. Duncan Macleod's name had been added to the list of those attending and Course for Examination Candidates had been altered from "1 week course" to "2 week course - cost £48.00", the adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Miss Adams, seconded by Miss Redford and approved.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Ireland and seconded by Mr. Leggat:-

That the practice of electing Sub-Committees of the Executive Council should be conducted at a meeting of the Executive Council immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

There being no amendment or contrary motion the Chairman declared the motion carried.

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4. ELECTION OF
COMMITTEES:

The Chairman asked that, in the appointment of Sub-Committees, the Executive Council should consider the increased cost of travelling and that the number of members from a great distance should be restricted.

Mr. Ireland objected to this suggestion.

The Chairman explained that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and, for one year, the Immediate Past Chairman, were ex officio on all sub-committees.

The following elections took place:-

a) Finance Committee

Dr. L.R. Currie	(Chairman)
Mr. J.B.C. Brown	(Immediate Past Chairman)
Mr. D. Macleod,	(Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan,	(Vice-President)
Mr. A. Aitkenhead	
Miss A. Allan	
Mrs. M. Parker	
Miss D.A. Paterson	
Miss M.M. Ross	
Mr. J. Taylor	
Mrs. J. Thomson.	

Mr. Taylor of Stirling was duly elected Convener.

b) General Purposes Committee

Dr. L.R. Currie,	(Chairman & Convener)
Mr. J.B.C. Brown,	(Immediate Past Chairman)
Mr. D. Macleod,	(Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan	(Vice-President)
Mr. J. Taylor,	(Convener of Finance Committee)

The following members were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Mr. J. Cunningham
Miss F.M. Gordon
Miss M.E. Grieve
Dr. I.M. Hall
Miss F. Martin
Mr. G.M. Meredith
Miss B.A. Nairn
Miss I. Redford
Mr. T. Savage

c) Examinations Committee

Dr. L.R. Currie,	(Chairman)
Mr. J.B.C. Brown,	(Immediate Past Chairman)
Mr. D. Macleod	(Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan	(Vice-President)

The following members were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss M.H. Anderson
Miss M. Collie
Mr. W.J. Ireland
Miss H. Gardiner-Jones
Mrs. W.J. Walsworth

Miss J.C. Milligan, (Vice-President) was duly elected Convener.

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d) Publications and Research Committee

Dr. L.R. Currie,	(Chairman)
Mr. J.B.C. Brown,	(Immediate Past Chairman)
Mr. D. Macleod,	(Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan,	(Vice-President)

The following members were duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss N. Arnett
Miss M.M. Clark
Mr. A. Falconer
Miss L.C. Martin
Miss R. Quirk

The following members were co-opted having been proposed and seconded:-

Miss F.H. Adams
Miss M. Brander
Mrs. M. Corson
Mrs. M. Cramb
Mr. J. Crewry
Mrs. M.C. Gudger
Mr. D. Henderson

Miss Milligan, Vice-President, was duly elected Convener.

e) Summer School Committee

Mr. A. Aitkenhead reminded members that it was unlikely that this Committee would meet before November 1974. It was therefore decided to re-elect the Committee after the AGM on November 2nd 1974.

Any matters that arose in connection with this Committee before that date could be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

5. REVIEW OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

The intention of the Finance Committee in respect of this matter had already been reported to the meeting and was dependent upon a full report from the Treasurer.

Mr. Corbett added that it was the intention of the Committee that any increase should also go to the Branches.

It was further suggested that the Society might consider a joint subscription for man and wife.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION:

a) Calgary, Alberta.

It was decided to give this presently affiliated group permission to endeavour to form a Branch.

b) Hawaii.

The Chairman reported that permission to endeavour to form a Branch had been given by the General Purposes Committee on 12th May 1974. Office Bearers and Committee had been elected according to the RSCDS Constitution and Notices announcing the proposed Branch formation had appeared in the Honolulu Advertiser in November 1973.

It was agreed to confer Branch status on Hawaii.

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c) Paris Branch - "Le Chardon d'Ecosse"

After discussion, in which it was noted that two other affiliated groups existed in Paris, it was agreed that this group be granted permission to endeavour to form a Branch.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

Applications for affiliation were accepted from the following:-

- a) Endon Scottish Country Dance Society.
- b) Mill Valley Scottish Country Dancers.
- c) St. David's Scottish Country Dance Group, New South Wales, Australia.
- d) Scottish Country Dance Society of Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.
- e) Scottish Country Dancers of Fresno.

Applications deferred pending the receipt of further information:-

- a) Oak Bay, Victoria BC, Scottish Country Dance Group.
- b) Scottish Dance Ensemble, Los Angeles.

Application refused:-

- a) St. Andrew's Society of Kota Kinabalu.

It was suggested that this Society should be encouraged and that the aims and requirements of the Scottish Country Dance Society should be made known to the group.

8. SUBSCRIPTION COPY:

- a) 1974/75. The Chairman read an extract from the Publications Committee Minutes held on Saturday, 8th February 1974.

"The Committee decided that it was not feasible to produce a book of dances for the year 1974/75 and that this recommendation be made to the Executive Council to be held on 2nd March 1974."

It was decided that this recommendation be accepted and that members be offered a choice of book, excluding books 1 to 5 and the Jubilee Brochure, for the subscription copy for the period 1974/75.

- b) 1975/76. The Chairman reported that the Publications Committee were currently considering dances for the 1975/76 book.

9. DISTRIBUTION OF BULLETIN AND ACCOUNTS:

The Chairman reported that the Edinburgh Branch had asked if the Executive Council could do anything to ensure that the Bulletin and Accounts were distributed to members in sufficient time to enable each Branch to instruct their delegates on any matters contained in the Bulletin and Accounts which they wished to raise at the Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer said that the Accounts had been delayed in 1973 because the Auditor had been understaffed due to summer holidays. It was thought that a change in the financial year might be helpful and the matter of distribution was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

10. WEST MIDLAND SPORTS COUNCIL: The General Purposes Committee had asked Mrs. Anna Holden to represent the Society on the Group concerned with Movement and Dance. A second representative had been requested and it was agreed that Mr. Roy Green of the Birmingham Branch be appointed.
11. SOCIETY TARTAN: The Chairman reported that Mr. Alistair Ross had proposed that the Society take steps to design a tartan for adoption by the Society.
- This suggestion was not considered to be appropriate.
12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS: Executive Council - September 7th 1974
November 2nd 1974
March 1st 1975
September 6th 1975
- Sub-Committees:-
- Finance - 4th May 1974
27th July 1974
2nd November 1974
8th February 1975
- General Purposes - 11th May 1974
- Examinations - 11th May 1974
- Publications - 4th May 1974
- Annual General Meeting - 2nd November 1974
13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:
- a) Overseas Visits.
- The Chairman asked Branches interested in Overseas Visits to get in touch with the Secretary.
- b) Stockport Branch.
- The Chairman asked that any up to date information about this Branch be passed to Headquarters.
- c) South African Visit.
- Mrs. M. Corson had intimated that a group of dancers from the Dunfermline Training College of Cramond, Edinburgh, wished to accept an invitation from South Africa to tour a demonstration team during the summer of 1974.
- The Executive Council gave its approval.
- d) Size of Publications Committee.
- Mr. Ireland suggested that it was improper for a Committee to be made up of more co-opted members than elected members and suggested that the Constitution should be amended.
- This was referred to the General Purposes Committee for review.
- e) Central Council of Physical Recreation.
- Mr. Ireland, the Society's official representative to the Central Council of Physical Recreation, reported that a Seminar to be attended by Senior Administrators would be held in late September and he suggested that the Society should be represented by five principal Office Bearers.

Some discussion took place regarding the relationship of the Central Council of Physical Recreation and the Society and the representatives from Bedfordshire and Belfast indicated that they had had considerable help when forming their Branches.

The Chairman said that it was hoped to send some representation to the Conference in September.

- f) Mr. Corbett in announcing his resignation from the Executive Council stated that he had enjoyed his term of office and thanked the Office Bearers and members for their help.

There being no further business the meeting then closed with a vote of thanks by Mr. Aitkenhead to the Chairman.

Leslie R. Currie
4th Sept. 1944

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on SATURDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1974, at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Dr. L.R. Currie (In the Chair)
Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Miss J. Allan,
Miss M.H. Anderson, Miss N.J. Arnott, Mrs. J. Bain,
Mr. A.I.K. Baird, Mr. H. Barnes, Miss M.M. Clark,
Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. J.E. Cunningham, Miss M.Y.K.
Cunningham, Mr. T.K. Davison, Mr. J. Douglas,
Mr. J.H. Dymond, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson, Miss F.I.
Galway, Mrs. R. Garber, Miss H. Gardiner-Jones,
Miss F.N. Gordon, Mr. A.S. Greonyer, Miss M. Grieve,
Miss B.M. Griffiths, Mrs. M.C. Gudger, Mrs. P.C.
Inglis, Mr. W. Ireland, Mrs. M.Y. Latham, Mr. J.
Laurie, Miss A.C. Lee, Mr. A.G. Lee, Mr. T.G.
Leggat, Miss F. Martin, Miss L. Martin, Mr. G.
Meredith, Miss I. Mundie, Mr. J. Murphy, Miss E.
Murray-Lenthall, Miss C. McCulloch, Mr. D. Macleod,
Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss R. Quirk, Miss M. Rao,
Miss I.M.F. Redford, Mrs. M.A. Robertson, Mrs. N.H.
Ross, Miss M.M. Ross, Mr. T. Savago, Dr. D. Short,
Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. J. Thomson, Mr. J.A.M. Thomson,
Mrs. W.J. Wadsworth.

Substitute Members: Mrs. M. Corson, Mrs. M.Y. Latham,
Mr. G. Lawson, Mr. G.J. Mechan.

Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer), Mrs. Ann Burt
(Secretary), Miss J. McColm.

APOLOGIES:

Miss J.C. Milligan, Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Mrs. J. Bruce,
Miss M. Collie, Dr. I. Hall, Miss N.E. Mackenzie,
Miss H.M. Oliver, Mrs. M. Parker.

CHAIRMAN'S
REMARKS:

The Chairman welcomed members and explained that Miss Milligan was touring Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. He further explained that Mrs. J. Balfour, representative of the West Renfrewshire Branch had been present at the last meeting of the Executive Council although her name had not been forwarded to the Secretary by the due date. Mrs. Balfour, or her substitute, might also be present on the present occasion.

The Executive Council agreed to approve this procedure.

The Chairman recorded with regret the death of Miss Kydd of West Renfrewshire Branch and Mrs. Rankie of Hamilton and Clydesdale Branch, both members much valued by their Branches.

The Chairman asked that an additional item be taken at No. 4, namely, the Annual Report and that subsequent items should be renumbered.

1. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd March 1974 previously circulated were proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Miss Arnott, and signed as a correct record after Mr. Laurie's name had been added to those present.

The Chairman reminded members to sign their names on the lists provided.

2. BUSINESS
ARISING:(a) Jubilee Brochure

The Chairman reported that seventeen copies of the Brochure signed by Lord Macdonald, President, Miss J.C. Milligan, Vice-President, and Mr. J.B.C. Brown, Chairman, remained after all Branches had been sent one copy. Representatives were asked to discover from their Branches the suggested names of those to whom such signed copies might be sent.

(b) Branch formation(i) Calgary, Alberta

The Chairman reported that this group had decided to consolidate their position before proceeding to endeavour to form a Branch.

(ii) Paris Branch - Le Chardon de cosse

This group had deferred their decision after learning about the Disbandment Clause but negotiations might still proceed.

3. MINUTES
OF SUB-
COMMITTEES:(a) Finance Committee:
2nd March 1974

The adoption of this Minute was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Dr. Short and approved.

4th May 1974

The adoption of the Minutes of this meeting was proposed by Mr. Aitkenhead and seconded by Mr. Murphy and agreed.

3rd August 1974

Mr. Taylor, the Convener, reported that:-

- (a) Headquarters' premises had been redecorated.
- (b) It was hoped that a Grant would be obtained for the repair of dummy windows.
- (c) Salaries had been increased to give a cost of living bonus to the staff.
- (1) After adjusting the Revenue Account to take in the balance from the Jubilee Ball and Mile of Pennies the year's working would show a slight profit.

VAT. The Treasurer reported that negotiations were continuing with Her Majesty's Customs and Excise Office and that it was hoped the Society might be exempt, as an educational body, training teachers.

To obtain VAT exemption for Summer School it might be necessary to obtain a formal declaration that it was held in association with, or under the auspices of, St. Andrews' University. Such a declaration would not in any way affect the Society's control of the School.

A meeting had been held with the authorities from St. Andrews' University who were more than willing to help to support the Society.

(b)/

(b) General Purposes Committee:
11th May 1974

Before this Minute was accepted by the Executive Council, Mr. Mechan registered his opposition to the General Purposes Committee's recommendation that the Scottish Dance Ensemble of Los Angeles be accepted as an affiliated Group. This proposal was seconded by Mrs. Murray-Lenthall.

This motion was defeated and the Minute was accepted.

ad hoc Committee:
22nd June 1974

In referring to this Minute the Chairman explained that the ad hoc Committee hoped that Branches would co-operate in making all their returns to Headquarters by one specific date, namely eight weeks before the Annual General Meeting. He recognised that this would necessitate Branches making all their appointments and resolutions at the end of the closing season before the Branches dispersed for the summer.

The length of time for the Secretary to inform Branches had been deliberately left constitutionally at fourteen days but it was anticipated that the earlier Branch returns would make this time longer.

3(c) of the Constitution "the Executive Council shall present at the A.G.M. of the Society a report of their administration of the affairs of the Society during the previous year".

It was agreed that this could be interpreted rather differently from the traditional way of the Secretary's report having to be approved by the Executive Council before it could be sent to the printer, viz., it could be approved by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Co-founder, sent to the printers and later presented to the Executive Council.

This recommendation was approved.

The Minute of this meeting was proposed by Mr. Macleod, seconded by Mr. Taylor and agreed.

7th September 1974

The General Purposes Committee had recommended at its meeting of 11th May that the Society withdraw from the C.C.F.R. Since then it had been ascertained that the affiliation fee required by the C.C.F.R. would amount to £15.16 and not £50 as previously understood.

The Secretary had sent a questionnaire to all U.K. Branches (except Scottish where the C.C.F.R. no longer existed) asking details of any help received; three Branches had replied and all three reported having received useful help from the C.C.F.R.

It was proposed and agreed that the Society affiliate to the C.C.F.R. at a fee of £15.16 for one year and that Branches be asked to inform Headquarters of any help received from the C.C.F.R.

In reply to a question by Mr. Ireland the Chairman said that no representative was being sent to the C.C.F.R. Conference as the Society had been undecided about its position vis-a-vis the C.C.F.R. and in any case Mr. Ireland, the Society's normal representative, was unable to attend.

Mr. Barnes of Bedfordshire said that he might be able to attend.

(c) Publications Committee:
8th February and 4th May 1974

The adoption of these Minutes was proposed by Miss Arnott, seconded by Miss Clark and agreed.

10th August 1974

The Chairman reported that this Meeting had been cancelled but Miss Milligan had delegated her authority as Convener to him and it was hoped to hold a meeting before the A.G.M.

(d) Examinations Committee
11th May 1974

Before the adoption of this Minute Miss Anderson proposed that 5(c) be altered to read:- "That consideration be given to the production of a marking system for examinations and guide lines for examiners".

The Minutes were then approved.

Mr. Mechan remarked that a set of guide lines had been drawn up some years ago but seemed to have been lost sight of. Dr. Currie undertook to take these into consideration in framing new guide lines.

Miss Adams reported that only one meeting took place at St. Andrews of teachers and examiners instead of one each week as had been stated. The Chairman agreed that three further meetings should have taken place.

4. ANNUAL
REPORT:

The Chairman asked the Secretary to read the Annual Report and this was approved with acclaim by the Executive Council.

5. REVIEW
OF
ANNUAL
SUBSCRIPTION:

It was agreed that the following recommendation by the Finance Committee be proposed at the Annual General Meeting:-

"That the Annual General Meeting be asked to raise the Annual Subscription from 40p to 60p, the increase to be divided equally between the Branches and Headquarters with a warning that it would be necessary to suggest a further increase in the near future".

6. REPORT
FROM
AD HOC
COMMITTEE:

Returns of Branches to Headquarters

Agreed that the following resolution be passed to the Annual General Meeting:-

That the Society's Constitution be altered as follows:-

"VI Executive Council

- (c) That the representative from each Branch shall be appointed by the Branch. Notification of such appointment shall be in the hands of the Secretary eight weeks before the late of the Annual General Meeting.

(The words underlined to replace 'twenty one clear days').

- (e) That Nominations for all appointments to be made at the Annual General Meeting shall be in writing, shall be signed by a proposer and seconder and shall contain a statement that the consent of the person nominated has been obtained. They shall be in the hands of the Secretary eight weeks before such meeting and shall in the case of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and six members annually appointed be circulated by the Secretary/

Secretary to the Branches at least fourteen days before such meeting.
(The words underlined to replace 'twenty one clear days').

VII General Meetings

7. That a Branch wishing to have a matter discussed at the Annual General Meeting shall send to the Secretary at least eight weeks before such meeting a copy of the Resolution relating to such matters passed at either a Branch General Meeting or a Branch Committee Meeting."
(The words underlined to replace 'six weeks').

7. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION:

- (a) Melbourne Scottish Dancing Circle.
- (b) New Haven Scottish Country Dance Club, Connecticut.
- (c) Hove-Aldringham Scottish Country Dance Group.
- (d) Munich Scottish Association.
- (e) Rutherford Scottish Country Dance Class, New South Wales.

After some discussion of the propriety of allowing an affiliated group within the area of a Branch it was agreed that the above mentioned applications be accepted.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Venue of Executive Council

The Finance Committee recommended that the next meeting of the Executive Council take place at the Girl Guide Headquarters, 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh, which would be less expensive than the North British Hotel.

It was agreed that the meeting to be held on 1st March, 1975, (see 9 below) would take place at this venue.

(b) Grampian Film of Jubilee Ball

The Chairman reported that this had been received and shown at the Summer School and it was hoped that it would be shown at the beginning of the next meeting of the Executive Council.

(c) The Chairman reported that Group Captain Huxley had suggested that help be sought from the Branches to pay an estimated sum of £80 for a new altar at Fortnacroich Church as a memorial to Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloich.

This was agreed.

(d) South African Tour

Mrs. Corson reported on her successful tour of South Africa which had been with a very happy team. She congratulated the South African authorities on their excellent organisation but regretted that the Society had no publicity handout.

(e) The West Lothian representative asked if there would be any change in the names of Branches as a result of regionalisation of Local Government.

The Chairman advised her that the status quo should remain.

(f) Co-opted Members

Mr. Ireland, in referring to the composition of the Publications Committee which had more co-opted members than elected members, suggested that sub-committees be given the powers of co-option instead of the Executive Council.

Mrs. Wadsworth seconded this proposal.

Mr. Aitkenhead, seconded by Miss Adams, proposed that the status quo remain.

As there were 17 votes for Mr. Ireland's proposal and 27 for Mr. Aitkenhead's, it was agreed that the status quo should remain.

(g) Executive Council Representatives

Mr. Mechan proposed that Branches should have the right to alter their representatives to Executive Council during the year.

The Meeting gave approval of this proposal and the Chairman undertook to draft an addition to Section VI(c) of the Constitution to be included in the Resolution already approved in 6 above.

(h) Staff

Whilst this item of business was being taken, Mrs. Burt and Miss McColm withdrew from the meeting.

The Chairman reported that, on 2nd September, Miss McColm had submitted her resignation as Assistant to the Secretary. As a result he had consulted with the Vice-Chairman, the Convener of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer on the whole question of Headquarters' staff. They had reached the conclusion that the Society could no longer afford the luxury of a Secretary who acted as an organising secretary only and did no typing and who was not able to be in residence at St. Andrews during the Summer School.

The Chairman said that he had put these points to Mrs. Burt earlier on the day of the meeting and had asked for her resignation. She had replied by pointing out that, under certain circumstances, she did do some of the typing. Nevertheless she had acceded to his request and had submitted her resignation.

Finally, the Chairman reported that, just prior to the meeting, he had offered the job of Secretary to Miss McColm and, although she had not yet had time to give a considered reply, he was hopeful that she would accept.

9. DATE OF
NEXT
MEETING:

(i) To take place after the Annual General Meeting on 2nd November 1974 and to be limited to the appointment of Committees.

(ii) Saturday 1st March 1975.

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, held in the Music Hall, George Street, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 2nd November, 1974, at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. L.R. Currie (In the Chair)
Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman)
Miss F.H. Adams, Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Miss M.H. Anderson,
Miss A. Allan, Miss N.J. Arnott, Mrs. J. Bain, Mr. A.I.K. Baird,
Mrs. J. Balfour, Mrs. M. Ball, Mr. H. Barnes, Miss M. Clark,
Miss M. Clavering, Miss M. Collie, Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. J.E.
Cunningham, Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham, Mrs. J. Docherty,
Mr. J.C. Douglas, Mr. A. Falconer, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson,
Mr. T.M. Fraser-Holland, Miss F. Galway, Mrs. R. Garber,
Miss H. Gardiner Jones, Mr. A.S. Greenyer, Miss F.M. Gordon,
Mr. D. Gray, Miss M. Grieve, Mrs. M.C. Gudger, Dr. I.M. Hall,
Miss A. Hinchcliffe, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Mr. J. Laurie,
Miss A.C. Lee, Mr. A.G. Lee, Mr. T.G. Leggat, Miss F. Martin,
Miss L. Martin, Mr. G.J.D. Mechan, Mr. G.M. Meredith,
Mrs. P.A. Moore, Miss I. Mundie, Mr. J. Murphy, Miss C. McCulloch,
Miss M.E. Mackenzie, Miss B.A. Nairn, Miss H. Oliver,
Mrs. M. Parker, Miss D.A. Paterson, Mrs. E.H.B. Patient,
Miss M.A. Rae, Miss I.M.F. Redford, Mrs. M. Robertson,
Mrs. J. Ross, Miss M.M. Ross, Mr. T. Savage, Dr. D. Short,
Mrs. E. Stoddart, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. J.A.M. Thomson,
Mrs. J.O. Thomson, Mrs. C.P. Wadsworth, Miss J.E. Wilson,
Mr. H. van Zon.

APOLOGIES: Miss R. Quirk, Croydon.

ELECTION
OF
COMMITTEES:

The following elections took place:-

a) Finance Committee

Dr. L.R. Currie (Chairman)
Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss F. Galway
Mrs. M. Parker
Miss D.A. Paterson
Miss M.A. Rae
Miss M.M. Ross
Mr. J. Taylor
Mrs. J.O. Thomson

Mr. Taylor of Stirling was duly elected Convener.

b) General Purposes Committee

Dr. L.R. Currie (Chairman & Convener)
Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Mr. J. Taylor (Convener of Finance Committee)

The following members were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss M. Collie
Mr. J.E. Cunningham
Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham
Miss F.M. Gordon
Dr. I.M. Hall
Miss F. Martin
Mr. G.M. Meredith
Miss B.A. Nairn
Mr. T. Savage

c)/

c) Examinations Committee

Dr. L.R. Currie	(Chairman)
Mr. D. Macleod	(Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan	(Vice-President)

The following members were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss F.H. Adams
Miss M.H. Anderson
Mr. W.J. Ireland
Mr. G. Mechan
Mrs. W. Wadsworth

Miss J.C. Milligan, (Vice-President), was duly elected Convener.

d) Publications and Research Committee

Dr. L.R. Currie	(Chairman)
Mr. D. Macleod	(Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan	(Vice-President)

The following members were duly proposed and seconded:-

Miss N.J. Arnott
Miss M.M. Clark
Mr. A. Falconer
Miss L.C. Martin
Miss R. Quirk

The following members were co-opted having been proposed and seconded:-

Miss F.H. Adams
Miss M. Branler
Mrs. M. Corson
Mrs. M. Cramb
Mr. J. Drewry
Mrs. M.C. Gulger
Mr. D. Henderson

Miss Milligan, Vice-President, was duly elected Convener.

e) Summer School Committee

Dr. L.R. Currie	(Chairman)
Mr. D. Macleod	(Vice-Chairman)
Miss J.C. Milligan	(Vice-President)

The following members were duly proposed and seconded:-

Mr. A.S. Mitkenhead
Mrs. M. Ball
Mr. H. Barnes
Mrs. M. Corson
Dr. I.M. Hall
Mr. W.J. Ireland
Miss A.C. Lee
Mr. J. Murphy
Miss I.M.F. Redford
Mrs. M. Robertson

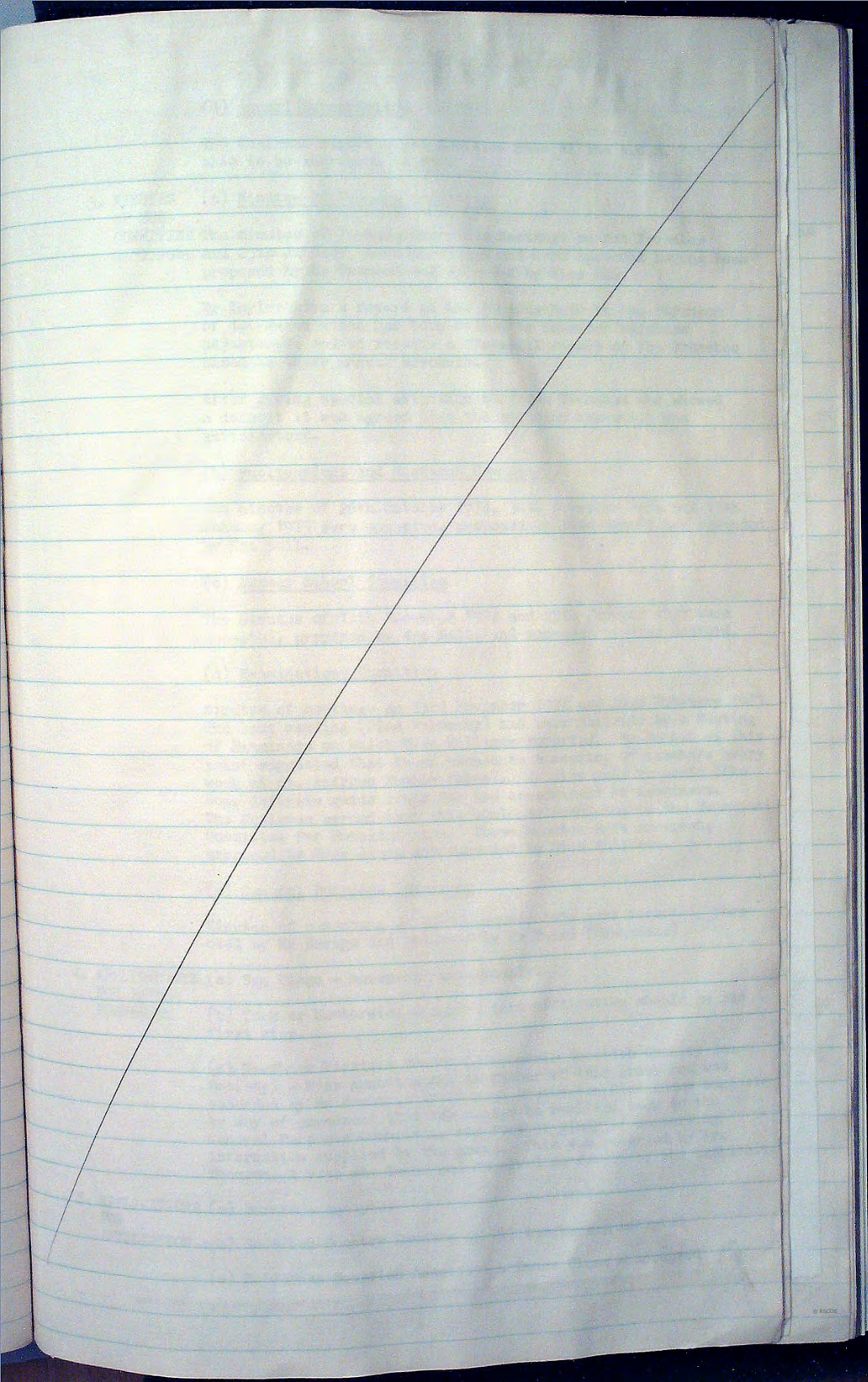
The following member was co-opted having been proposed and seconded:-

Miss M.L. Ross

2. APPLICATION TO
FORM A BRANCH:

The Chairman said that he had received a communication from Miss Milligan recommending that Hunter Valley Scottish Country Dance Liaison Group be granted permission to endeavour to form a Branch. Their application had already been before the Executive Council.

The Executive Council agreed that this permission be granted.



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL held in Guide Headquarters, 33 Melville Street, Edinburgh, on SATURDAY, 1st MARCH, 1975, at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. L.R. Currie (In the Chair)
Miss F.H. Adams, Miss A. Allan, Miss M.H. Anderson
Miss N.J. Arnott, Mrs J.B. Bain, Mr. A.I.F. Baird,
Mrs J.C. Balfour, Mrs M. Ball, Mr. C.W. Blair,
Miss M.M. Clark, Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham, Mr. T. Davidson,
Miss E. Ferguson, Mrs R. Garber, Miss F.M. Gordon,
Mr D.A. Gray Mr.A. Greenyer, Miss M.E. Grieve,
Mrs M.C. Gudger, Dr. I.M. Hall, Miss A.E. Hinchliffe,
Mrs F.C. Inglis, Mr. W.J. Ireland, Miss H.G. Jones,
Mr. J. Laurie, Miss A.C. Lee, Miss F. Martin, Mr. G.
Mechan, Mr.D. Macleod, Miss M.E. Mackenzie, Miss B.A.
Nairn, Miss H.M. Oliver, Mrs Parker, Miss D.A. Paterson,
Miss M.A. Rae, Miss I.M.F. Redford, Mrs M.A. Robertson,
Mrs M.H. Ross, Mr. T. Savage, Dr.D. Short, Mrs G.D. Smith
Mrs E.M. Stoddart, Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs J. Thomson,
Mrs W.J. Wadsworth,

Miss J.C. Milligan (Vice-President), Miss D.M. Vaughan
(Treasurer), Miss J. McColm (Secretary), Mrs M.G. Hall,
Miss C.M. Cook.

APOLOGIES: Mr. A.S. Aitkenhead, Miss M. Collie, Miss Cormack,
Mrs M. Corson, Miss J. Docherty, Miss F. Galway,
Mr T.C. Leggatt, Miss L. Martin, Mr. G.M. Meredith,
Miss I. Mundie, Miss C. McCulloch, Miss R. Quirk.

1. MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 1975,
previously circulated, were proposed by Mr Davidson,
seconded by Miss Arnott, and signed as a correct record
after Mr Mechan had requested that relative to Section 3(b)
the position regarding the acceptance of the Scottish Dance
Ensemble of Los Angeles as an Affiliated Group be made clear,
and that he was not merely opposed to the recommendation but
specifically moved its rejection.

The Minute of the meeting held on 2nd November 1975,
previously circulated was proposed by Mrs Parker, seconded
by Miss Nairn and signed as a correct record.

2. BUSINESS (a) Jubilee Brochure - Distribution of signed copies
ARISING :

Some suggestions had been received from various Branches as to
how the signed copies should be distributed. It was decided to
refer this matter to the General Purposes Committee.

(b) Paris Branch - Le Chardon d'Ecosse

The Chairman said that this group had intimated that they
did not wish to proceed with Branch formation meantime, but
to continue as an Affiliated Group.

(c) Value Added Tax

The Treasurer reported she was pursuing the matter and was
seeking official recognition from the Scottish Education
Department that the Society was an educational body.

(d) Annual Subscription

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The Chairman reported the decision made at the A.G.M. for this to be increased to 60p.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

(a) Minutes of Finance Committee

The minutes of Finance Committee Meetings on 2nd November and 25th January, were presented and were approved having been proposed by Mr Thomson and seconded by Miss Rae.

Mr Taylor gave a report on the meeting held in the forenoon of 1st March which had been called to consider salaries adjustments and to receive a financial report on the Branches based on their annual accounts.

After giving special attention to those Branches who showed a deficit it was agreed that the position currently was satisfactory.

(b) Publications and Research Committee

The minutes of 26th October 1974, 30th November 1974 and 11th January 1975 were accepted, proposed by Miss Arnott and seconded by Mrs Ball.

(c) Summer School Committee

The Minutes of 14th December 1974 and 25th January 1975 were accepted, proposed by Mrs Ball, and seconded by Miss Redford.

(d) Examinations Committee

Minutes of meetings on 23rd November 1974 and 22nd February 1975. The last meeting (22nd February) had been followed by a Meeting of Examiners on which Miss Milligan reported. Mr Mechan at this point suggested that there should be a meeting of teachers every week at St. Andrews Summer School. He also said he would like some definite guide lines for the appointment of examiners. The Chairman agreed that this would be submitted to the Examinations Committee for consideration. These minutes were accepted, proposed by Miss Adams and seconded by Miss Anderson.

(e) General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting on 7th September 1974 were accepted, proposed by Mr Savage and seconded by Mr Baird (Newcastle)

APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION

(a) San Diego - accepted unanimously.

(b) York or Humberside - agreed that affiliation should be the first step.

(c) Northern Virginia Branch (Alexandria Scottish Country Dance Society) - Miss Arnott spoke in favour of this group and was seconded by Mr Mechan. After some discussion Miss Adams suggested by way of amendment that the matter be remitted back to the General Purposes Committee, for further study of supporting information supplied by the group. This was seconded by Mr. Thomson. A vote was taken and resolved in favour of the amendment.

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

(a) Sarnia - accepted

(b) Scottish Country Dancers of Williamsburg - accepted

(c) Rotherham Scottish Association Dance Class - accepted

- (d) Condover Scottish Dancers - accepted
- (e) Pretoria Group - accepted
- (f) Vancouver Island - This decision was held over until after Miss Milligan's visit to investigate and report.
- (g) Durham and District Caledonian Society - accepted
- (h) St Andrews Church Scottish Country Dance Group - Brussels - accepted.
- (i) Mount Isa Scottish Country Dancers - Queensland - accepted

6. SUBSCRIPTION 1975/76
COPY

The Chairman said that the Subscription Copy for 1975/76 would be Book No. 27 which was now in the hands of the printers and should be ready (subject to corrections) during May. Dr Currie expressed grateful thanks to the Convenor of the Publications Committee for the hard work involved in the compilation of this book.

1976/77

It was decided that the Subscription copy for 1976/77 would be a Pocket Edition of Books 25, 26 and 27.

7. COMPLAINTS
RE LATE
START OF
A.G.M.

Letters had been received from West Dunbartonshire, Stirlingshire and Glasgow Branches in this connection. Dr. Currie explained that, as Chairman of the A.G.M., he had apologised to the meeting but as luncheon guests of the Edinburgh Town Council, his desire to speed up the civic occasion might have been regarded as impolite. However, he gave an assurance that every effort would be made that this would not occur again. The appointment of a liason steward at any future A.G.M. acting on behalf of the Host Branch was his suggestion.

8. FUND-RAISING

Mr Taylor, Convenor of the Finance Committee spoke on behalf of Fund Raising projects. These could be in the form of "Friends of the Society", Records, Christmas Cards, Ties and Badges etc.

Miss Milligan thought it would be a better idea if Life Members of long standing who still receive a free Subscription Copy annually, should be asked to give a small donation.

This of course would specifically apply to Life Members who joined when the Subscription was much less than it is now. This suggestion of course would require to be submitted to the A.G.M.

Mr Blair from Newcastle Branch reported on the success achieved by the production of a record arranged and recorded by the Branch.

Miss Rae said she thought this matter should be remitted to the Finance Committee with powers to accept or reject whatever they might consider suitable methods to raise funds for the Society. This suggestion was accepted.

9. INVITATION
FROM AYR
BRANCH - AGM
- 1977

An invitation was received from Ayr Branch for the A.G.M. to be held there in 1977. Mr Taylor, however, spoke on behalf of the Stirlingshire Branch. As it is their Jubilee Year, they would like to act as hosts that year. He asked if under these circumstances, Ayr Branch would alter their arrangements to 1976. Mrs Parker of Ayr agreed to consult the Secretary of her Branch on this issue, and it was agreed that no decision would be taken on either of the offers meantime.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Executive Council - Saturday 6th September 1975

General Purposes Committee - Saturday 26th April
(Subsequent to the meeting this was brought forward to 12th April)

Finance Committee - Saturday 2nd August (Summer School)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) The Chairman said he had received a satisfactory report from Group Captain Huxley in connection with the Memorial Fund for the late Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch. It now stood at £153.

(b) Dr Short requested guidance on fees to be paid to teachers engaged on day and weekend courses, or whether fees should be paid at all. It was decided to refer this matter to the General Purposes Committee.

(c) A request had been received at Headquarters from the International Women's Hockey Association for Scottish Country Dance demonstrations at the Commonwealth Games Stadium at Meadowbank on Saturday 30th August. It was decided to circularise all Secretaries of Scottish Branches regarding this event and if interested, to whom they should write for details.

(d) Miss Adams made a special request for photographs of interest for her exhibition at the Summer School.

(e) Miss Anderson said that she would like to thank Mr Ireland for his report from C.C.P.R. which had been circulated at the Executive Council Meeting.

(f) Miss Milligan expressed her gratitude to the Aberdeen Branch for the supply of Brochures regarding accommodation for the A.G.M. 1975.

(g) Miss Rae suggested a letter of good wishes on behalf of the Society to Mr Clement relative to his trip to Japan.

(h) The Executive Council agreed that the "Girl Guide Headquarters" had been most satisfactory as a meeting place and if permission was granted, should be used again for similar meetings.

Mrs Parker proposed a note of thanks to the Chairman

Leslie R. Burnie
6th Sept '75

MEMORANDUM
TO THE
SECRETARY
- 1975 -

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL HELD IN GUIDE HEADQUARTERS,
33 MELVILLE STREET, EDINBURGH, ON
SATURDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1975 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. L. R. Currie (In the Chair)
Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-President)
Miss F. H. Adams, Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead, Miss A. Allan,
Miss M. Anderson, Miss N. J. Arnott, Mrs. J. Bain,
Mrs. J. Balfour, Mrs. M. Ball, Mr. H. Barnes, Miss M. Clark,
Miss M. Collie, Mr. J. E. Cunningham, Miss M. T. K. Cunningham,
Mr. T. K. Davison, Mrs. J. Docherty, Mr. J. C. Gouglas,
Dr. J. Dymond, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson, Miss J. Galloway,
Miss F. Galway, Mrs. R. Garber, Miss H. Gardiner-Jones,
Miss F. Gordon, Mr. H. D. Gray, Mr. A. Greenyer, Miss M. Grieve,
Mrs. M. C. Gudger, Dr. I. Hall, Group Captain D. Huxley,
Mrs. F. C. Inglis, Mr. W. J. Ireland, Mr. J. Laurie, Miss A.C.Lee,
Mr. A. G. Lee, Mr. T. G. Leggat, Mrs. Linklater de Shirras,
Miss F. MacCormick, Miss A. Macdonald, Miss M. Mackenzie,
Mr. R. A. B. Maclaren, Miss F. Martin, Mr. G. J. D. Mechan,
Mr. G. M. Meredith, Miss W. Millar, Miss I. Mundie,
Mr. J. Murphy, Mrs. Murray-Lenthall, Miss H. M. Oliver,
Mr. P. Parks, Miss D. A. Paterson, Miss R. Quirk,
Miss J. M. F. Redford, Mrs. M. A. Robertson, Miss M. M. Ross,
Mr. T. Savage, Miss G. Smith, Mr. J. Taylor, Mrs. T. O. Thomson,
Mrs. C. Wadsworth.

ATTENDING; Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary)
Mrs. M. G. Hall (Assistant Secretary)
Miss D. M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

1. APOLOGIES Mrs. M. Corson, Mr. Forbes, Mr. R.S. Foster,
Mr. D. Macleod, Miss L. C. Martin, Mr. J. A. M. Thomson
2. MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting on 1st March were unanimously
approved with the addition to the list of apologies of
Miss M. M. Ross and Mr. Barnes.
3. BUSINESS Minute 9 of 1st March: The Chairman announced that Ayr
ARISING Branch would act as hosts for the 1976 AGM which would be
held in Troon and that Stirling Branch would be delighted to
act as hosts in 1977, their Jubilee year.
4. MINUTES (a) Finance Committee The minutes of meetings on 1st March,
OF SUB- and 7th June (previously circulated) and on 2nd August
COMMITTEE (distributed at the meeting) were considered.
MEETINGS
 - (i) Minute 4(d)(i) of 2nd August - It was unanimously
agreed to submit a resolution to the AGM recommending
that the affiliation fee be increased to £2.
 - (ii) Minute 4(d)(iii) of 2nd August - Unanimous approval
was given to the increase in the examination fee to
£1 for the Teachers' Certificate.
 - (iii) It was agreed to put forward a motion to the AGM that
life membership be abolished and replaced by Long
Term Membership. It was unanimously decided that
calculation of cost should be at date of becoming a
Long Term member. Miss Adams, seconded by
Mr. Ireland, proposed that Long Term Membership
should be for a period of fifteen years at a cost of
ten times the annual membership at date of becoming
a Long Term Member, as against twelve years recommended
by the Finance Committee.

Voting: For Miss Adam's amendment27
For Finance Committee's motion ...12
The amendment was therefore CARRIED.

It was unanimously decided to recommend that the proposal, if approved, should have immediate effect from the date of the AGM.

- (iv) After some discussion the subject Miss Milligan withdrew her offer to write to life members who had joined fifteen years or more ago and the matter was dropped.
- (v) The Chairman announced that Group Captain Huxley and himself would attend the dedication of a memorial to Mrs. Stewart of Fasnacloch; Miss Milligan was unable to be present. He expressed gratitude to Group Captain Huxley for his work in collecting the necessary funds.

With the alterations consequent on (iii) and (iv) above the Finance Committee Minutes of 1st March, 7th June and 2nd August, 1975 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Thomson seconded by Miss Paterson.

(b) Publications and Research Committee - Minutes of 12th April

The Meeting recorded its indebtedness to Mrs. Rae, Miss Carnie and Miss Inglis for the alternative tunes for the record of the music of Book 27.

The Chairman said that if the record for Book 27 proved successful endeavour would be made to produce a new book and a new record simultaneously in future. A record for Steps had not been made as demand had not warranted its production. Where there was a lack of recorded music for earlier books consideration would be given to making a record.

In response to Mrs. Murray-Lenthall's suggestion, Dr. Currie said that the question of reprinting 101 Dances and 99 Dances in Canada would be referred to the Publications Committee.

On a motion by Miss Arnott, seconded by Mr. Mechan, the Minutes were approved by a large majority.

(c) General Purposes Committee

- (i) Minutes of 12th April, 1975 - In reply to an enquiry from Mrs. Walsworth, the Chairman said that the General Purposes Committee would consider the question of keeping Headquarters open during Summer School.

On Miss Martin's motion, seconded by Miss Mackenzie, the meeting unanimously approved the Minutes of 12th April.

- (ii) Meeting on 6th September, 1975 - Dr. Currie reported on the meeting held prior to the Executive Council and read a letter conveying to the Society the Queen's thanks for the copy of the Golden Jubilee Brochure which the Society had sent to her.

The Executive Council agreed unanimously with the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee that the responsibility for staffing should be transferred in its entirety to the Finance Committee.

A further recommendation was that an ad hoc committee for Summer School was unnecessary. Most of the administration could be done by Headquarters staff and matters for decision could go before the General Purposes or the Finance Committee as appropriate.

Mr. Aitkenhead, seconded by Miss Adams, moved that there should be a specific committee for Summer School consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Director of Summer School (the Vice-President) and two others who should not be members of any other committee, and that the Director of Summer School be the Convener.

Mr. Aitkenhead's motion was CARRIED by a large majority and a proposal for a specific committee would therefore go to the AGM.

Dr. Currie's report was ACCEPTED.

(d) Examinations Committee Meeting and Meeting with Examiners on 22nd February, 1975

On a motion from Miss Adams, seconded by Miss Quirk, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

5. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

The Executive Council approved the appointment of Miss M. M. Gibson as Interim Secretary pending ratification by the Annual General Meeting.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION

- (a) York and North Humberside - Approved unanimously
- (b) West Australia - Approved unanimously
- (c) Washington D.C. - Approved unanimously
- (d) Northern Virginia - Approved unanimously
- (e) Tunbridge Wells and Crowborough - on a proposal by Mr. Mechan it was decided by a majority to refer back this application for further consideration and for a report from the nearest Branch.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

- (a) Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Group - Affiliation was not approved meantime; it was decided that a letter should be sent to Victoria Branch asking if they had any objection to the affiliation and for their comments regarding the inability of the two groups to mix.
- (b) Scottish Country Dance Society of Chicago - It was decided to continue this matter pending a reply from Chicago as to whether or not some of their members had joined the R.S.C.D.S. Affiliation would be considered if some had joined. It was suggested that the Teachers' Association of Canada might help them.
- (c) Nittany Scottish Dancers - Affiliation was not approved pending further information regarding location and membership.
- (d) Fleet Scottish Country Dance Society - Affiliation approved
- (e) Grimsby Scottish Country Dance Club - Affiliation approved with the recommendation that they get one or more of their members trained as a teacher.
- (f) Redditch and District Caledonian Society - Affiliation approved.
- (g) St. Ninians Scottish Dancers - Affiliation approved.
- (h) St. John's Scottish Dancing Club - Affiliation approved with strong recommendation that one of their members should qualify as a teacher. It was suggested that London Branch might have teachers in this area who could help.
- (i) Scottish Country Dance Club of Canberra Inc. - Affiliation approved.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

The Chairman said that he had recently received the Teachers' Association of Canada Constitution which was headed "Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Teachers' Association of Canada" implying that it was part of the R.S.C.D.S. Officially it was not but it was a group which did very good work for the Society and he felt that there should be some sort of constitutional link. The idea of Teachers' Associations, especially abroad, was one which might commend itself to the meeting. Mrs. Murray-Lenthall supported this

suggestion which would ensure that Scottish tradition and culture were maintained through close association with the R.S.C.D.S. Headquarters.

The Executive Council unanimously approved that a motion be put to the AGM that Teachers' Associations may apply to become Associations of the R.S.C.D.S., that such applications be considered by the Executive Council and that Council be given powers to grant them in the same way as Branch formations, provided that the aims and constitution of such Teachers' Associations were acceptable to the Executive Council. It was agreed that the Chairman would prepare appropriate wording for the motion.

9. REQUEST FOR DEMONSTRATION TEAM

The Chairman announced that Miss Milligan had received an invitation from the 1st Battalion Queen's Own Highlanders to send a team to Germany to take part in a Television programme in the last week in November, probably in Hannover. The party had been invited to stay in Osnabruck as guests of the QOH. Details of fees and costs involved were awaited. Dr. Currie said that Branches which could produce teams would be contacted and every endeavour made to pick a good team.

10. MOTIF

Copies of the motif had been distributed to members at the meeting. Designed by Mr. Nicholson who did the art work for our Jubilee Brochure, it was already used on the sleeve of the record. It would be discussed finally at the Annual General Meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held in Aberdeen on 1st November, 1975, immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Aitkenhead moved a vote of thanks to the Chair and the meeting closed at 4.20 p.m.

Leslie R. Currie
1st Nov 1975

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD
IN MARISCHAL COLLEGE, ABERDEEN, ON 1ST NOVEMBER,
1975 AT 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. L. R. Currie (in the Chair)
Office Bearers: Miss Milligan (Vice-President), Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman)
Elected Members: Miss F. H. Adams, Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead, Miss M. H. Anderson,
Mrs. M. Corson, Dr. A. MacFadyen, Dr. I. M. Hall.
Branch Representatives: Miss F. M. Gordon, Mr. G. Mehan, Mrs. M. Parker,
Mrs. J. Bain, Miss F. Galway, Miss B. N. Fawdry, Mr. R. D. Gray, Mrs. A. Murphy,
Mrs. M. A. Robertson, Mr. P. B. Park, Mrs. J. O. Thomson, Miss R. Quirk,
Mrs. E. Gilroy, Mr. R. A. B. McLaren, Mr. T. M. Fraser-Holland, Miss M. M. Ross,
Mrs. C. P. Wadsworth, Miss D. A. Paterson, Mr. J. E. Cunningham,
Mrs. M. I. Linklater-Shirras, Miss A. Allan, Miss N. J. Arnott, Mrs. J. Hamilton,
Gp. Capt. Huxley, Mr. J. Rae, Mr. J. Laurie, Mr. J. C. Douglas, Miss B. A. Nairn,
Miss M. Collie, Mrs. J. Balfour, Mrs. M. C. Gudger, Miss M. Grieve,
Mr. T. G. Leggat, Mr. J. Taylor, Miss F. Martin, Miss M. Y. K. Cunningham,
Mr. A. Greenyer, Miss R. J. McKie, Mrs. G. D. Smith

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M. G. Hall (Assistant Secretary),
Miss D. M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

1. APOLOGIES Miss M. E. MacKenzie, Mrs. M. Ball, Mr. T. K. Davison,
Miss I. M. F. Redford, Mrs. F. Inglis, Miss Clavering,
Miss Gardiner-Jones, Miss I. Mundie, Miss Clark, Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Baird.
2. MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting on 6th September were unanimously
approved with the addition to those present of Mr. D. A. Gray
and Miss B. A. Nairn.
3. BUSINESS ARISING There was no business arising from the Minutes and not
included elsewhere in the Agenda.
4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1975/76 The Chairman considered that having an Executive Council Meeting
immediately after the AGM was not satisfactory and it was
unanimously agreed to refer the matter to the General Purposes
Committee for their consideration and advice on a better method
of selecting committees and for their suggestion regarding a
timetable.

(a) Finance Committee

Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman), Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman),
Miss Milligan (Vice-President) and the following members
who were elected, having been duly proposed and seconded:

Mr. A. I. K. Baird	(N. W. Ayrshire)
Miss F. Galway	(Belfast)
Mrs. M. Parker	(Ayr)
Miss D. A. Paterson	(Glasgow)
Miss M. A. Rae	(Duns & Dist)
Miss M. M. Ross	(Forres)
Mr. J. Taylor	(Stirlingshire)

Mr. Taylor was duly elected Convener

(b) General Purposes Committee

Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman) and Convener,
Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman), Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-
President), Mr. J. Taylor (Convener, Finance Committee) and
the following members who were elected having been duly
proposed and seconded:

Miss N. J. Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Miss M. Collie	(Peterhead)
Mr. J. E. Cunningham	(Hamilton & Clydesdale)
Mr. J. C. Douglas	(Newcastle-upon-Tyne & Dist)
Miss F. M. Gordon	(Aberdeen)
Dr. I. M. Hall	(Elected Member)
Miss F. Martin	(East Stirlingshire)
Miss B. A. Nairn	(Perth)
Mrs. J. O. Thomson	(Clackmannanshire)

(c) Examinations Committee

Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman), Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman)
Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-President) and the following
members who were elected having been duly proposed and
seconded:

Miss F. H. Adams	(Elected Member)
Miss M. H. Anderson	(Elected Member)
Mrs. M. Corson	(Elected Member)
Mr. G. Mehan	(Arbroath)
Mrs. C. P. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse-of-Fleet)

Miss J. C. Milligan was elected Convener.

(d) Publications and Research Committee

Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman), Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman)
Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-President) and the following
members who were elected having been duly proposed and
seconded:

Miss M. Clark	(Dunfermline)
Mrs. M. C. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Mr. J. Laurie	(London)
Dr. A. MacFadyen	(Elected Member)
Miss R. Quirk	(Croydon & Dist)

Miss J. C. Milligan was elected Convener and the Executive's
power to co-opt members was delegated to the Committee to
exercise as they considered necessary.

(e) Summer School Committee

Miss J. C. Milligan (Vice-President, Director of Summer
School and Convener), Dr. L. R. Currie (Chairman),
Mr. D. Macleod (Vice-Chairman) and the following members
who were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:

Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead	(Elected Member)
Gp. Capt. J. D. S. Huxley	(Leamington Spa)
Mr. T. G. Leggat	(South Wales)
Miss I. Redford	(St. Andrews)

5. TIMETABLE
FOR
MEETINGS

Dates for Committee Meetings were agreed as follows:-

Executive Council 3rd April (Edinburgh), 14th August.
The venue of the meeting on 14th August and the date and venue
of the next meeting thereafter were left for the Executive
Council to discuss at the April meeting.

Finance Committee 2.30 p.m. 7th February (Edinburgh),
1st May (Edinburgh), 31st July (St.Andrews); the date
of a further meeting before the AGM was left to the
Committee itself to decide.

General Purposes Committee 10.30 a.m. 7th February (Edinburgh)
and 1st May (Edinburgh)

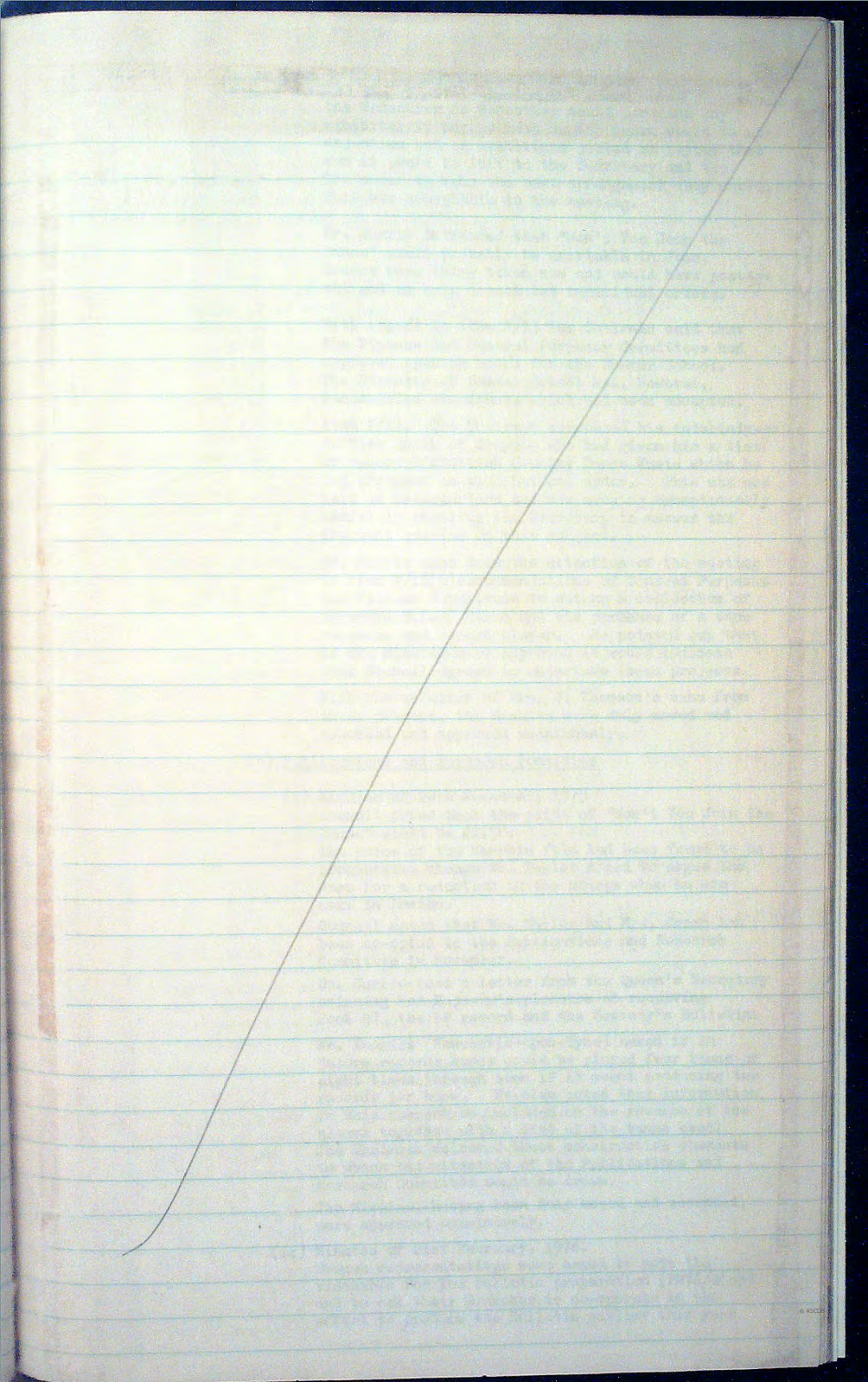
Publications Committee 29th November (Edinburgh). Ensuing
meetings to be arranged by the Convener.

Examinations and Summer School Committees usually met only
once in the year and it was left to the Convener to arrange
dates, time and venue of meetings in consultation with the
Secretary.

A.G.M. 30th October (Troon)

6. APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION
- (a) The Atlanta Scottish Country Dance Society, Georgia - Approved unanimously.
 - (b) Tunbridge Wells & Crowborough - Remitted to the General Purposes Committee for further consideration.
7. APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION
- (a) Medicine Hat Scottish Country Dancers
 - (b) Nittany Scottish Dancers
 - (c) Ashton-on-Mersey Scottish Country Dance Group
 - (d) The Solent Scottish Dance Club
 - (e) The Scottish Country Dance Society of Jamaica
- } Approved unanimously
8. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
- General Purposes Committee - The Minutes of the Meeting on 6th September were approved.
9. NEXT MEETING 3rd April 1976 in Edinburgh at 2.00 p.m.

Leslie R. Currie



THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD AT 33 MELVILLE STREET, EDINBURGH, ON SATURDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Dr. L. R. Currie (in the Chair)
Mr. D. Macleod, Miss F. H. Adams, Miss M. H. Anderson,
Dr. A. MacFadyen, Dr. I. M. Hall, Miss F. M. Gordon,
Mr. G. Mechan, Mrs. M. Parker, Mr. A.I.K. Baird,
Mr. E. Barnes, Miss F. Galway, Dr. E.J. Forbes, Mr. D.A. Gray,
Mrs. A. Murphy, Mrs. M.A. Robertson, Mr. P.B. Park,
Mrs. J.O. Thomson, Miss E.M.C. Ferguson, Mr. J.D.L. Gregor,
Miss D.H. Nicoll, Miss M. Clark, Miss M.A. Rae, Mrs. E. Gilroy,
Mr. R.A.B. McLaren, Miss M. Ross, Mrs. C.P. Wadsworth,
Miss D.A. Paterson, Mrs. F.C. Inglis, Mrs. M.J. Linklater-Shirras,
Miss A. Allan, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. E. Stoddart,
Gp. Capt. Huxley, Mrs. R.S. Foster, Mr. J. Laurie, Miss A. Macdonald,
Mr. J.C. Douglas, Miss I. Mundie, Miss B.A. Nairn, Mrs. J. Balfour,
Mrs. M.C. Gudger, Miss M. Grieve, Mr. T. Davison, Miss I. Redford,
Mrs. M. Ball, Mr. Leggat, Miss F. Martin, Miss M.Y.K. Cunningham,
Mr. A. Greenyer, Mrs. H. Brown, Mrs. R. Garber, Mrs. G. Smith

ATTENDING: Miss M.M. Gibson (Secretary) - Mrs. M.G. Hall (Assistant Secretary) - Miss D.M. Vaughan (Treasurer)

EC/76/1 APOLOGIES Miss Milligan, Mrs. Corson, Miss Gardiner-Jones, Miss Quirk, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Moore, Miss Collie, Miss MacCormick, Miss Mackenzie, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Patient, Miss Arnott, Mr. Aitkenhead, Miss Oliver, Miss Lee, Mrs. Docherty.

EC/76/2 MINUTES With the addition of Miss Rae, Mr. Gregor, Miss Nicoll and Miss Ferguson to the list of those present and with Mrs. Garber's name added to the apologies, the Minutes of 1st November were approved (moved and seconded by Miss Rae and Mrs. Parker respectively).

EC/76/3 BUSINESS ARISING There was no business arising.

EC/76/4 MINUTES OF (a) Finance Committee
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(i) Minutes of meeting of 1st November, 1975
The Chairman drew the attention of representatives to the revised rates of subsistence allowance and to the need to consult Miss Vaughan, the Treasurer, should Branches receive demands for payment of tax.
The Minutes, having been duly moved and seconded were unanimously approved.
(ii) Minutes of Meeting of 7th February, 1976
It was noted that Summer School fees had been increased, the chief reason being that the University had put up their charges for residence.

Under item F/5(b) (charges for exhibitors at Summer School) the Chairman suggested to the Committee that the matter should be left that if the Treasurer or Secretary could persuade any exhibitor to pay as much as £65 there would be no objection but if exhibitors jibbed at paying that sum it would be left to the Secretary and the Treasurer to make the best arrangement they could. This was acceptable to the meeting.

Dr. Currie intimated that "Won't You Join the Dance" would probably be available in June. Orders were being taken now and would have postage charged on both Branch and individual orders.

With regard to item F/13 the Chairman said that the Finance and General Purposes Committees had approved opening hours for the Summer School. The Director of Summer School had, however, recommended amendments which had been accepted.

Item F/14. The Chairman expressed his indebtedness to Miss Quirk of Croydon who had given him a list of recorded Scottish Country Dance Music which he had arranged in alphabetical order. This was now held at headquarters and was proving exceptionally useful in enabling the Secretary to answer the frequent queries on this subject.

Dr. Currie also drew the attention of the meeting to item F/14(b) recommendations of General Purposes and Finance Committees to set up a collection of recorded S.C.D.^m music and the purchase of a tape recorder and record player. He pointed out that if the Minutes were approved it would indicate that Council agreed to undertake these projects.

With the deletion of Mrs. J. Thomson's name from those present, the Minutes were duly moved and seconded and approved unanimously.

(b) Publications and Research Committee

(i) Minutes of 29th November, 1975

Council noted that the price of "Won't You Join the Dance" would be £1.50.

The price of the Menuhin film had been found to be prohibitive though Mr. Taylor hoped to argue the case for a reduction in the charge when he was next in London.

Council noted that Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Cramb had been co-opted to the Publications and Research Committee in November.

Dr. Currie read a letter from the Queen's Secretary evincing her Majesty's pleasure at receiving Book 27, the LP record and the Society's Bulletin.

Mr. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) asked if in future records tunes could be played four times or eight times through even if it meant producing two records per book. He also asked that information in this respect be included on the reverse of the sleeve together with a list of the tunes used. The Chairman welcomed these constructive comments to which the attention of the Publications and Research Committee would be drawn.

The Minutes, having been duly moved and seconded, were approved unanimously.

(ii) Minutes of 21st February, 1976.

Branch representatives were asked to note the timetable for the Bulletin preparation (PR76/4(a)) and to ask their Branches to co-operate in the effort to produce the Bulletin earlier this year.

Council noted that it had been decided to co-operate with EF Publishing with the production of a book on Scottish Country Dancing in their 'Know the Game' series; the book would be an introduction to Scottish Country Dancing for complete beginners and would go on sale in bookshops.

The Chairman informed Council that since the meeting of the Publications and Research Committee, Collins had intimated that they did not intend to republish the three books - 101 S.C.D., 99 More S.C.D. and Introducing S.C. Dancing and the copyright had reverted to the Society. The Publications and Research Committee would therefore be considering the question of republishing these books at their next meeting.

Council approved the recommendation regarding the Motif - that both the crown of dancing shoes and the small dancing figures would be used as appropriate.

Certain traditional dances had been suggested for consideration for the 1977 publication and Miss Adams pointed out that 'Glasgow Assembly' was not a traditional dance.

In addition Dr. Currie said that in response to requests it was proposed to produce a pamphlet of three modern dances for sale at Summer School this year. Various dances had been submitted and because they were required for this Summer he hoped that no one would feel aggrieved that no general request for submissions had gone out to Branches. The Chairman agreed to put to the Publications Committee a suggestion that the leaflet might be available as an alternative subscription copy.

Adoption of the Minutes having been moved and seconded they were unanimously approved.

(c) Summer School Committee - Minutes of 10th January

The Committee had recommended the retention of the telephone in the corridor at St. Andrews but it had since been intimated by the Post Office that this was not to be permitted and owing to delay on the part of the Post Office the number could not be sent out with notice of acceptance as had also been recommended by the Summer School Committee.

The Chairman confirmed that there would be no additional charge for the use of irons, etc. to students this year, payment being made from the Summer School Account.

The Chairman intimated that the Summer School Committee would be most grateful if Branches would send to Headquarters the names of their experienced teachers and pianists whom they would recommend as Summer School staff, together with any relevant details.

Council approved the increase of fees as stated in the Minutes.

The Minutes were duly moved, seconded and approved.

(d) General Purposes Committee - Minutes of 7th February.

The Chairman drew the attention of Council to Minute GP76/4 stating that if the meeting approved of the suggestion therein a draft amendment to the Constitution would be prepared for the next Executive Council Meeting so that it might be considered and put on the Agenda for the AGM. The principle outlined in the minute - i.e. that a provisional agenda be sent to

Branches and that they be given the opportunity of submitting amendments which would be included in the final agenda - was approved by Council.

GP76/5(b) Executive Meetings: It was unanimously agreed that there should be three Executive Council Meetings per year, the first being two to three weeks after the AGM, the second in April and the third in August.

GP76/10 Council accepted the invitation of Stirling Branch to hold the AGM in Stirling on 4/5th November 1977 and to accept the invitation of Glasgow Branch to hold the AGM there on 3/4th November, 1978.

The difficulty of some overseas Branches in meeting the Constitutional requirement that on disbandment assets would revert to the Society was discussed.

Miss Vaughan outlined the difficulties and suggested it might be possible to solve the problem by transferring assets to another Branch of the Society in the same country. She said there were three things to be taken into consideration -

- (i) was it agreeable to the Society?
- (ii) was it agreeable to the people in the Branch concerned?
- (iii) would our Inland Revenue Authorities accept this?

The Chairman noted that while the problem had arisen in the North Virginia Branch, the Los Angeles Branch seemed to have overcome it and in their constitution had included payment of assets on dissolution to the RSCDS. As there were certain technical and legal points to be taken into consideration it was agreed to leave it to the Treasurer to find a solution to the difficulty.

GP76/6 - The Chairman informed Council that he and the Secretary would attend a meeting of Arbroath Branch on 8th April with the hope of rejuvenating it.

Adoption of the Minutes was agreed unanimously.

EC/76/5 APPLICATIONS FOR BRANCH FORMATION

- (a) Gothenburg Branch, Sweden ✓
- (b) Twin Cities Branch, USA ✓
- (c) Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch, Kent ✓
- (d) Stockholm Branch, Sweden ✓
- (e) Kitchener-Waterloo Branch* ✓

Did not plan until much later
Approved unanimously

*Subject to comments being obtained from Hamilton Branch, Ontario.

EC/76/6 APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

- (a) Bergvliet S.C. Dance Club, Capetown
- (b) Tadley S.C. Dancing Club, Tadley, England
- (c) Vancouver Island S.C. Dance Group, Canada
- (d) Tokyo and Yokohama S.C. Dancers
- (e) Milton Keynes S.C. Dance Society
- (f) Lae Scottish Dancing Group, Papua, New Guinea
- (g) S.C. Dance Society of Dallas, USA
- (h) S.C. Dancing Group, Middletown, Conn. USA
- (i) East London Caledonian Society S.C. Dancing Club, South Africa
- (j) New Orleans Caledonian Society
- (k) West Japan Scottish Country Dance Society
- (l) Glencoe S.C. Dance Club, Ontario, Canada
- (m) St. Andrews University Celtic Society

All the above applications for affiliation were approved unanimously.

EC/76/7 BRANCH
CONSTITUTIONS
FOR APPROVAL

It was decided to remit, with powers, to the General Purposes Committee consideration of approval of the following Branch Constitutions -

- (a) Hunter Valley Branch
 - (b) Washington D.C. Branch
 - (c) Calgary Branch
 - (d) Los Angeles Branch
 - (e) Leeds Branch
- } new
} amended

EC/76/8 BULLETINS

The Executive Council unanimously resolved that "in view of the fact that every member, through his or her Branch delegate, has the right to approve query or reject the Annual Report and Financial Statement at the Society A.G.M., the Bulletins containing these particulars should be distributed to the Branches at least two weeks before the date of the aforementioned Annual General Meeting."

It was also agreed that should there be any likely delay in the preparation of the Bulletin, the Agenda and Statement of Accounts should be despatched earlier to Branches.

The method of delivery to Branches of Bulletins would also be considered by the General Purposes Committee

EC/76/9 OTHER
BUSINESS

- (a) The Chairman announced that the Scottish Tourist Board was organising a Grand Gathering of the Clans in 1977 and that the opening ceremony would be at Meadowbank. The organiser had asked Headquarters if it would be possible to arrange for 200 or more dancers to take part in the opening ceremony. Mr. McLaren (Edinburgh) said his Branch had been asked by the Scottish Tourist Board to put on a demonstration of 160 dancers. He would confirm to Headquarters whether or not Edinburgh Branch would be able to do so.
- (b) Mrs. Linklater-Shirras (Inverness) complained of the unsatisfactory packaging of subscription copies last year. The Secretary undertook to raise the matter with the printers who had despatched the books.
- (c) Mr. McLaren (Edinburgh) claimed that the four delegates of Edinburgh Branch at the AGM had the impression that Life Membership was to continue. It was confirmed by the Executive Council that this was not so and that it had been replaced by Long Term Membership. The Chairman said that confusion might have arisen because it had been emphasised at the AGM that the position of those already Life Members of the Society would remain unchanged.
- (d) Mr. Mechan asked if there was any indication of when the Examination Committee would meet. The Chairman agreed to remind Miss Milligan that a meeting should be held before Summer School this year.

EC/76/10 FUTURE
MEETINGS

- (a) It had already been agreed that the next meeting would take place on 14th August. The venue was to be St. Andrews or Edinburgh. Voting was:
For St. Andrews26
For Edinburgh24

The Secretary was asked to ascertain if there was any accommodation in St. Andrews University for members attending the meeting.

(b) It was decided that the first meeting of Council after the AGM would be on 20th November, 1976, in Edinburgh.

(c) Mr. Douglas (Newcastle-upon-Tyne) suggested that in the interests of economy the AGM might be held in the morning and the first meeting of Council in the afternoon. As this might also affect the Saturday morning class he put the proposal forward for discussion. The Chairman accepted the suggestion for discussion by the General Purposes Committee.

The meeting closed at 16.40.

Leslie R. Burne

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD
AT UNIVERSITY HALL, ST. ANDREWS, ON SATURDAY,
14TH AUGUST, 1976 AT 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. L. R. Currie (in the Chair)
Miss J. C. Milligan, Mr. D. Macleod, Mr. J. Taylor, Miss F.H. Adams,
Mr. A. S. Aitkenhead, Miss M. H. Anderson, Mrs. M. Corson, Dr. I. M. Hall,
Miss F. M. Gordon, Mrs. J. Docherty, Mrs. Lisk, Mrs. M. Parker,
Mrs. D. Johnstone, Mr. H. Barnes, Miss F. Galway, Mr. D. A. Gray,
Mrs. M. A. Robertson, Mrs. A. Houston, Miss R. Quirk, Mr. J. D. L. Gregor,
Miss D. H. Nicoll, Miss M. Clark, Miss M. A. Rae, Mr. R. A. B. McLaren,
Miss F. MacCormick, Mrs. C. P. Wadsworth, Miss D. A. Paterson,
Mrs. M. J. Linklater-Shirras, Miss A. Allan, Miss N. J. Arnott,
Mrs. J. Hamilton, Group Capt. J. D. S. Huxley, Miss E. R. Shaw,
Mr. P. Littlemore, Mr. J. Laurie, Mr. J. C. Douglas, Mrs. G.M. Garratt,
Miss I. Mundie, Miss B. A. Nairn, Mrs. J. Balfour, Mrs. M. C. Gudger,
Miss M. Grieve, Miss I. Redford, Mrs. M. Ball, Mr. T. G. Leggat,
Miss F. Martin, Miss M. Y. K. Cunningham, Miss H. Gardiner Jones,
Mrs. C. B. Greenyer, Mrs. Dubovsky, Mrs. Goldstein, Mrs. E. Sharp,
Mrs. S. Lapiner, Mr. C. Lindeberg.

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

EC76/11 APOLOGIES

Dr. A. MacFadyen, Miss M. M. Ross, Mr. T. K. Davison, Mrs. S. Staples,
Miss A. Macdonald, Miss M. Collie, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. F. Inglis, Miss A. Lee,
Mr. Forbes, Mr. A. G. Lee, Mr. Dymond, Mr. A.I.K. Baird.

EC76/12 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting on 3rd April were approved unanimously.

EC76/13 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

EC76/14 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) Finance Committee

(i) Minutes of meeting on 1st May, 1976.

With the deletion of Mrs. Thomson's name from those present,
the Minutes were approved.

(ii) Minutes of meeting on 31st July, 1976.

✓ Mr. Macleod's name was added to the list of those present.

The Chairman intimated that eight records and £74.82 had been
received to date towards the Library of Recorded Music.

Miss Vaughan reported that the audit of accounts was almost
complete and presented a Statement of Accounts for the year
ended 30th June and Balance Sheet as at that date. The
Executive Council congratulated the financial staff on ending
the year with a surplus.

The meeting approved the recommendation that Branches should
receive discount of 10% on all items, this to be effective from
1st October, 1976, and decided that the sale or return scheme
should be wound up.

The Minutes were approved.

Miss Milligan, seconded by Mrs. Wadsworth, proposed that the
Society should not have an official car sticker and the meeting
was in general agreement

(b) General Purposes Committee

Minutes of 1st May, 1976.

The Executive Council noted the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee that Council meetings should remain as previously agreed by Council - i.e. two to three weeks after the Annual General Meeting, a second in May and a third in August.

The General Purposes Committee had recommended the use of the 'Tartan Arrow' road service for delivery of Bulletins to Branches but as this firm was no longer in existence the Chairman said that Bulletins would be delivered by the best means available, probably by road.

Referring to Minute GP76/18, the Chairman said that the Teachers' Association of Canada did not wish to affiliate with the Society and that something nearer Branch status was desired. The matter was remitted for further consideration to the General Purposes Committee.

Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Douglas, moved, and the meeting unanimously approved, that the amendments to the Constitution set out in Minute GP76/20 should be placed on the Annual General Meeting Agenda in the name of the Executive Council, viz:

"Constitution and Rules.

- (a) Editorial amendments consequent on decision at AGM 1975 to abolish further Life Membership -
 - (i) Constitution, Section III, para 6
Delete 'Life' substitute 'Long Term'
 - (ii) Rules - Section I, para 2, line 1
Delete 'Life' substitute 'Long Term'
 - (iii) Rules - Section III (5)
After 'Life Members' insert ", of Long Term Members,"
 - (iv) Rules, Section III (6)(a), second line and (b) first line
Delete 'Life' substitute 'Long Term'

(b) Section VII

Delete paragraph 7 and substitute:

"A Branch wishing to have a matter discussed at the Annual General Meeting shall send to the Secretary a copy of the motion relating to such matter, passed either at a Branch General Meeting or a Branch Committee Meeting, such copy to be in the hands of the Secretary four months prior to the A.G.M.

The Secretary shall issue a provisional Agenda to Branches not later than three months prior to the Annual General Meeting.

A Branch wishing to amend a motion must send such amendment to be in the hands of the Secretary at least eight weeks before the A.G.M.

The final Agenda shall be issued to Branches and delegates at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting."

The Executive Council approved the Minutes.

(c) Publications and Research Committee

- (i) Minutes of Meeting on 24th April, 1976.

With reference to Minute PR76/19 Miss Milligan said that the TAC Teaching Notes was an extremely good publication; a representative of the TAC had brought it to her at Summer School and had gone over it with her. Council approved the Teaching Notes but asked that any amendments to the document now approved should be sent to the Publications Committee for approval.

The Minutes were accepted.

- (ii) The Minutes of Meeting on 5th June, 1976, were approved.

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(d) Examination Committee

Minutes of Meeting on 31st July.

Council unanimously agreed with the recommendation that a person must have had experience in preparing candidates for the Teachers' Certificate Examination before becoming an Examiner.

Approval was given to the appointment of Mr. Kevin Connolly as an examiner and to be responsible for examinations in Australia.

In respect of Minute EX76/4(d) Guide Lines, Miss Anderson said that it was not she, but Dr. Currie, who had suggested the addendum dealing with the organisation of Examinations. With this amendment the Minutes were approved.

EC76/15 APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION

Copenhagen Branch - approved unanimously.

But NOT formed - see subsequent minute

Miss Milligan said that the Society owed a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Yarker for her work in Denmark and Sweden. The Council recorded their appreciation and instructed the Secretary to write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Yarker.

EC76/16 APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

- ✓ (a) Gold Coast Scottish Society Country Dancers (Australia) - Approved
- ✓ (b) Newark Scottish Country Dance Society - Approved
- (c) Dunedin Dancers (Edinburgh) - Approved subject to confirmation of support from Edinburgh Branch *Have not sent off fee*
- (d) Bellville Scottish Country Dance Club - Approved subject to confirmation of support from Cape Town Branch
- (e) University of Salford Scottish Country Dance Society - Approved subject to confirmation of support from Manchester Branch
- (f) Phoenix Scottish Country Dancers - Approved to be advised to get some RSCDS members.
- (g) Abergavenny Group (title not definitely settled) - Approved
- ✓ (h) Polycarp International Folklore - to be informed that a Branch is being formed in Copenhagen and that when formed the Group's application should be resubmitted.

In general, it was agreed that, if an application for affiliation claimed the support of a Branch, a letter to that effect from the Branch must be submitted along with the application.

EC76/17 CONSTITUTIONS

- (a) Royal Tunbridge Wells Branch - approved.
- (b) Amendment to Constitution of Victoria Branch, Canada (April 1976) - approved.
- (c) Amendment to Bournemouth Branch Constitution dated 21st May, 1976 - approved.

EC76/18 OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Junior Associates Mrs. Linklater-Shirras raised the question of how junior associates might be recognised as such. Miss Milligan said some Branches have a definite, small subscription from their associates. The Chairman pointed out that while under the RSCDS Constitution junior associates could not have an adult membership card, there was nothing to prevent a Branch producing a special card (and notifying HQ of what they were doing). Any subscriptions from juniors should be retained in the Branch. Miss Mundie said that in Nottingham a card giving the dates of social events, etc. had 'junior member' stamped over it and this was issued to junior associates who were told that when old enough they would receive a full membership card.
- (b) Men's Dress Mrs. Hamilton (Kirkcudbright) suggested that a short talk on the subject of dress should be given to the men at Summer School. Miss Milligan noted the suggestion.

- (c) Cuts in Local Authority Spending Mrs. Thomson (Clackmannanshire) voiced concern that cuts in local authority spending would adversely affect Scottish Country Dancing classes. After some discussion it was decided to remit the matter to the General Purposes Committee with a view to taking up the question with the Scottish Education Department. At the same time the Chairman advised Branches to take up the matter with their own Education Departments.
- (d) Eastern Regional Sports Council Mr. Barnes had been asked to represent the Society on this organisation and asked if there was anything he should put forward. The Chairman asked him to stress that the Society's priority was a need for accommodation for classes.
- (e) Aims of Society In relation to (c) and (d) above, Miss Milligan felt that many people were not aware of the aims of the Society and agreed, at the Chairman's suggestion, to prepare a paper on this subject.

EC76/19 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 20th November, 1976, in the Lansdowne Room, Grosvenor Hotel, Edinburgh.

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

Duncan MacLeod.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE GROSVENOR HOTEL, EDINBURGH, ON
20TH NOVEMBER, 1976, AT 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. D. Macleod (in the Chair)
Miss J. C. Milligan, Dr. L. R. Currie, Mr. J. Taylor, Dr. A. MacFadyen,
Miss L. C. Martin, Miss J. F. Reid, Mr. J. Hair, Mrs. A. J. Young,
Mrs. M. G. Parker, Mr. A. I. K. Baird, Mrs. J. Bain, Mr. H. Barnes,
Miss F. I. Galway, Dr. E. J. Forbes, Mr. D. A. Gray, Mrs. A. Wass,
Mrs. J. O. Thomson, Miss R. Quirk, Mr. J. D. L. Gregor, Miss D. H. Nicoll,
Miss M. Clark, Miss A. W. Miller, Mrs. H. Lisk, Mrs. E. Gilroy,
Mr. R. A. B. McLaren, Miss F. MacCormick, Miss M. Ross, Mrs. W. J. Wadsworth,
Miss D. A. Paterson, Mr. H. van Zon, Mr. J. E. Cunningham, Mrs. F.C. Inglis,
Miss A. Allan, Miss N. J. Arnott, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. E. Stoddart,
Gp. Capt. J. D. S. Huxley, Mrs. G. B. Walker, Mr. J. Laurie,
Mr. J. C. Douglas, Miss I. Mundie, Miss B. A. Nairn, Mrs. J. Balfour,
Mr. A. G. Lee, Mrs. M. C. Gudger, Miss M. Grieve, Mr. J. Scahill,
Miss I. Redford, Mrs. M. Ball, Miss J. C. G. Bowie, Miss F. Martin,
Miss M. Y. K. Cunningham, Miss H. Gardiner Jones, Mr. A. Greenyer.

Miss F. Gordon

ATTENDING: Miss M. M. Gibson (Secretary), Mrs. M. G. Hall (Assistant Secretary)
Miss D. M. Vaughan (Treasurer).

EC76/20 APOLOGIES

Dr. I. M. Hall, Mr. W. J. Ireland, Miss D. Leurs, Miss A. C. Lee,
Mrs. M. Robertson, Miss M. E. Mackenzie, Miss E. M. C. Ferguson,
Mrs. M. Linklater-Shirras, Miss H. Oliver, Miss M. Collie, Mr. T.G. Leggat,
Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. H. Brown.

EC76/21 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Macleod welcomed delegates to the first meeting of the Executive Council in the new Society year. He invited Miss Milligan as the new President to address the meeting.

Miss Milligan, acknowledging the honour the Society had done her in appointing her their President stressed that she was a 'caretaker' President only. She felt the Society did not make enough use of the Honorary Officials and thought they would be interested to attend a Ball or a special meeting. She asked members to write to her if they knew of anyone suitable to take honorary office and also reported that she had received a letter from Col. Colin Mitchell thanking the Society for re-appointing him an Honorary Vice-President.

EC76/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council on 14th August were unanimously approved with the following amendments -
Mrs. G. M. Garrett's name to be deleted from those present.
EC76/14(a)(ii) last paragraph: 'Mrs. Wadhurst' should read 'Mrs. Wadsworth'

EC76/23 BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) EC76/14(b) The Chairman reported that Bulletins had been despatched by post this year with the exception of three large consignments to Newcastle, Birmingham and London which had gone by Atlas Carrier. In spite of secure wrapping two parcels going by post had burst in transit. Dr. Forbes (Birmingham) said that despatch by Securicor was both quick and cheap and the Secretary undertook to look into this.
- (b) EC76/16(c), (d), and (e) - Confirmation of support for affiliations had now been received for the groups named.
- (c) EC76/18(c) - Mr. Macleod said this matter was still pending until the General Purposes Committee met and considered the matter of an approach to the Scottish Education Department.

The Finance Committee Minutes of 16th October were approved unanimously.

EC76/25 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1976/77

(a) General Purposes Committee

Miss J. C. Milligan (President), Mr. D. Macleod (Chairman and Convener), Mr. J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman and subsequently elected Finance Convener), Dr. L. R. Currie (Immediate Past Chairman), and the following members who were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:

Mr. J. E. Cunningham	(Hamilton & Clydesdale)
Miss M. Y. K. Cunningham	(West Lothian)
Mr. J. C. Douglas	(Newcastle upon Tyne)
Miss F. M. Gordon	(Aberdeen)
Mr. J. D. L. Gregor	(Dunbartonshire West)
Dr. I. Hall	(Elected Member/Manchester)
Miss D. Leurs	(Elected Member)
Miss F. Martin	(East Stirlingshire)
Miss B. A. Nairn	(Perth & Perthshire)
Mrs. J. O. Thomson	(Clackmannanshire)

(b) Finance Committee

Miss J. C. Milligan (President), Mr. D. Macleod (Chairman), Mr. J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Dr. L. R. Currie (Immediate Past Chairman) and the following members who were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:

Mr. A. I. K. Baird	(Ayrshire North-West)
Miss F. I. Galway	(Belfast)
Gp. Capt. G.D.S. Huxley	(Leamington Spa)
Miss W. Miller	(Duns)
Mrs. M. G. Parker	(Ayr)
Miss D. A. Paterson	(Glasgow)
Miss M. M. Ross	(Forres)

Mr. J. Taylor was duly elected Convener

(c) Examinations Committee

Miss J. C. Milligan (President), Mr. D. Macleod (Chairman), Mr. J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Dr. L. R. Currie (Immediate Past Chairman) and the following members who were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:

Miss N. J. Arnott	(Kirkcaldy)
Mr. D. A. Gray	(Bournemouth)
Mr. W. J. Ireland	(Elected Member)
Miss L. C. Martin	(Elected Member)
Mrs. C. P. Wadsworth	(Gatehouse of Fleet)

Miss Milligan was duly elected Convener.

(d) Publications and Research Committee

Miss J. C. Milligan (President), Mr. D. Macleod (Chairman), Mr. J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman), Dr. L. R. Currie (Immediate Past Chairman) and the following members who were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:

Miss M. Clark	(Dunfermline)
Mrs. M. C. Gudger	(Rochdale)
Mrs. J. Hamilton	(Kirkcudbright)
Dr. A. MacFadyen	(Elected Member)
Miss J. F. Reid	(Elected Member)

Miss Milligan was duly elected Convener.

(e) Summer School Committee

Miss J. C. Milligan (President, Director of Summer School and Convener
Mr. D. Macleod (Chairman), Mr. J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman),
Dr. L. R. Currie (Immediate Past Chairman) and the following members
who were elected having been duly proposed and seconded:

Miss M. Grieve	(Roxburgh and Selkirk)
Miss I. Redford	(St. Andrews)
Miss R. Quirk	(Croydon and District)
Mrs. F. C. Inglis	(Hereford)

EC76/26 TIMETABLE FOR MEETINGS

- (a) Executive Council: After discussing various suggestions Council decided unanimously to fix set times of the year for meetings of the Executive Council in order to allow members to plan ahead. These fixtures were:

First meeting	-	Two weeks after the A.G.M.	(Edinburgh)
Second meeting	-	Second Saturday in May	(Edinburgh)
Third meeting	-	Last Saturday of Summer School	(St. Andrews)

In accordance with this principle, dates for 1977 were fixed as follows:

14th May - 13th August - 19th November.

It was further, and unanimously, decided to start Executive Council meetings at 2.00 p.m.

- (b) General Purposes Committee : At 10.30 a.m.
5th February (Edinburgh) - 7th May (Edinburgh) - 30th July (St. Andrews)
- (c) Finance Committee: At 2.00 p.m.
5th February (Edinburgh), 7th May (Edinburgh), 30th July (St. Andrews),
and 22nd October (Edinburgh)
- (d) Publications and Research Committee: At 11.00 a.m.
First meeting to be held on 15th January 1977 (Edinburgh) and thereafter as required.
- (e) Examinations Committee: At 11.00 a.m.
19th February (Edinburgh)
- (f) Summer School Committee : At 11.00 a.m.
27th November, 1976 (Edinburgh)
- (g) Annual General Meeting
5th November, 1977, Stirling, at 2.30 p.m.

EC76/27 CONSTITUTIONS

- (a) Western Australia Branch Constitution was approved subject to the acceptance by the Branch of certain minor amendments.
- (b) Glasgow Branch - As there was a point of difference between the Branch Constitution and the Society Constitution the matter was carried forward until the issue was resolved.

EC76/28 APPLICATIONS FOR GROUP AFFILIATIONS

The following applications for affiliation were approved unanimously:

- (a) Cork Scottish Country Dance Society, Eire
(b) The Thistle Society, Wigan, Lancashire
(c) Houston Scottish Country Dancers, Texas, USA
(d) Ruthin St. Andrew Society, Clwyd, Wales
(e) Sacramento Scottish Country Dance Society, California, USA
(f) Spokane Scottish Country Dancers, Washington, USA
(g) Gleneagles Scottish Country Dance Club, Vancouver

EC76/29 APPLICATION FOR BRANCH FORMATION

New Haven Scottish Country Dance Society, Connecticut, U.S.A.
- approved unanimously

EC76/30 APPLICATION FOR TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION TO JOIN THE SOCIETY

- (a) The application of the Teachers' Association (Canada) to join the Society was considered and the Chairman outlined the excellent work which the Association was doing for the Society in North America. He also emphasised that each application from a Teachers' Association would be decided on the merits of the individual case and the decision of this meeting would not necessarily be taken as a precedent. Mr. Macleod passed the text of his statement to the Secretary for record purposes. *

The application of the Teachers' Association (Canada) to join the Society was unanimously approved by the Executive Council.

- (b) Constitution of Teachers' Association (Canada)

The Constitution was unanimously approved subject to a minor amendment being agreed by the TAC.

EC76/31 OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Mr. Baird (Ayrshire NW) asked if the Society was contemplating any particular event to celebrate the Queen's 25th anniversary of accession. The matter was remitted to the General Purposes Committee.
- (b) Mr. McLaren (Edinburgh) said that there had been no allowance for Any Other Business at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman pointed out that there had been no such item since the introduction of the new constitution. Mr. McLaren then asked that an open forum be re-introduced. The Chairman stated that any Branch wishing to re-introduce the open forum should write to the Secretary to request that the matter be put on an Executive Council Agenda for discussion.
- (c) Mr. Gregor (Dunbartonshire West) voiced appreciation of the 1976 Bulletin which was endorsed generally and Mrs. Wadsworth considered that the list of Branch representatives on Council was a helpful innovation.

EC76/32 NEXT MEETING

14th May, at 2.00 p.m. in Edinburgh

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m. with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman.

* See two subsequent pages.

Duncan Macleod.

*Mr. Macleod's Statement to Executive Council
on 20.11.76.*

AFFILIATION OF TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

Under our Rules, such affiliation is permissible, but you as the Executive Council have the power to accept or reject.

Before asking for your decision, I would like to say that this is the first Teachers Association ever to apply for affiliation, and therefore feel that I should make it quite clear to all present that this type of Association is vastly different from the normal group applying.

FIRSTLY all the members are already members of the R.S.C.D.S. and have a Teachers or Preliminary Test Certificate. This means they have been members of the Society for a minimum period of 2 years, and already working in the field for us.

SECONDLY the members are drawn from several Branches in Canada and part of the U.S.A.. They hold regular meetings and workshops; have in the past made arrangements for visiting teachers to Canada and the U.S.A., as well as arrangements for examinations etc..

They are I assure you a very organised and knowledgeable group of people who can be of great service to the R.S.C.D.S.. This being the case I feel we might perhaps consider granting them some "Special Status", *S.G.* permit them, if they so desire, to have ONE representative on our Executive Council, and such member be eligible to speak and vote, on the understanding that we as a Society would not be liable for the travelling expenses etc.. It may be argued that as Branch members they already have a vote, but how many of our Canadian and American Branches are able to attend our meetings - very few. It would therefore follow that such a representative of the Teachers Association could present first hand information and knowledge to us and similarly take back first hand information to be relayed to their own members. They would also receive direct from Headquarters copies of all minutes etc. of our various committees.

In my estimation such "Special Status" would be a worth while venture in this particular case, but I would like to have it fully understood that this would not apply automatically to every Teachers Association which may be formed in the future. Each case would require to be considered on merit by you as members of the Executive Council.

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Chairman R.S.C.D.S.

