

Lower Hutt Scottish Country Dance Club



MINUTES OF THE 68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD AT EPUNI COMMUNITY HALL, LOWER HUTT ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2022, COMMENCING AT 9PM

PRESENT: The meeting began at 9pm with a welcome from the Club President Janice Henson, who presided over the meeting. It was attended by 20 financial members and 1 nonmember.

APOLOGIES: were received from Angelica Edgley, Alastair McCarthy, Andrea Wells, Malcolm Ferguson, Catherine McCutcheon, Penny Hunt and Chris Connolly.

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

M/S Diane Bradshaw/Jason Morris

Carried

MINUTES of the 67th Annual General Meeting, having previously been circulated, were taken as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted.

M/S Damon Collin/Maggie Adam

Carried

MATTERS ARISING: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: had been previously circulated and was presented by Janice Henson. Thanks was conveyed to Damon and Gaye for their contribution to the club over the last three years and to dancing in NZ as well as worldwide.

A big thank you to Maggie who arrives early each week to help set up.

The Monday Knights who played in May should also include Terry Bradshaw.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted

M/S Janice Henson/Diane Bradshaw

Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT (from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022)

Summary

The effect of the COVID pandemic has lingered on during 2022, affecting club activities again this year. In particular numbers attending club nights have been lower than before the pandemic, and attendance at our Annual Dance was lower than in the past.

The attached table summarises transactions by expenditure type and activity type for the financial year to 30 September 2022. The net cash position for the year is a loss of **-\$1,473**, a significant amount. The Available Funds have also reduced by **\$1,473** to **\$6,382**.

It is clear that the financial position of the club has deteriorated markedly this year. Hopefully next year the pandemic will be behind us and the numbers attending club will recover. If not, consideration will have to be given to increasing subscriptions and/or door charges.

The points below are worth noting:

- 1. Cash position.** The bank balance on 30th September was **\$13,090**, i.e., **\$1,473** less than at the beginning of the financial year.
- 2. Financial members.** The number of financial members has reduced slightly to **37**, including three life members and three junior members.
- 3. Insurance Reserve.** The second-hand laptop purchased last year to provide a second source of sound, primarily for use by the beginners class in the supper room, cost **\$292** and was funded from the equipment reserve. Because of the poor financial performance this financial year the reserve has not been replenished and remains at **\$6,708**, i.e. less than the target amount of \$7,000.
- 4. Childrens Account.** The Childrens account stands at **\$1,264**. *[NOTE: Subscriptions of \$160 are expected from the children who have been dancing this year, charged at \$2 per night]*
- 5. Annual Dance.** The Annual Dance for 2022 was held on 3rd September. The number attending was well down on past years, resulting in a loss of **\$436**. Note that the figures reported in the transaction summary show a loss of only **\$190**. This is because a cash float of **\$246** held for the cancelled 2021 Annual Dance, was returned to the Club bank early in the 2021/22 financial year.
- 6. General Account.** The General Account shows a loss of **\$463**, indicating that our normal club activities are not being covered by subs and door charges.
- 7. RSCDS Members.** The club has 27 RSCDS members, two less than last year.
- 8. Recommendations:**

Based on the above report the following recommendations are made:

1. The annual club membership subscription should remain **\$20**.
2. The door charges for club nights should remain at **\$4** for members and **\$5** for non-members.
3. The hourly rate for tutors should remain at **\$13**.
4. Officer's expenses should remain unchanged at:
 - President **\$50**
 - Secretary **\$150**
 - Treasurer **\$100**
 - Web Master **\$100**

The Children's class has now an extra \$20 as the adults dancing with the class wanted to pay as well \$160 to \$180 for subscriptions as mentioned above.

Janice mentioned that if we were to make a loss again then we would need to consider increasing the membership fee or the nightly door charge. Maybe the membership would increase from \$20 to \$25 and the nightly door charge from \$4 to \$6

Club membership: It is optional to be a member of the club but something we need to think about is encouraging people to join.

Motion that the Financial Report be accepted

M/S Janice Henson on behalf of Alastair/ Lesley Campbell

Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE

	Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded By
President	Janice Henson	Elizabeth Ferguson	Penny Hunt
Vice President	Bruce Chapman	Catherine McCutcheon	Andrea Wells
Secretary	Elizabeth Ferguson	Janice Henson	Paul Selwyn-Smith
Treasurer	Alastair McCarthy	Elizabeth Ferguson	Janice Henson
Tutors	Andrea Wells	Janice Henson	Elizabeth Ferguson
	Chris Totton	Elizabeth Ferguson	Janice Henson
Committee	Judith Perrin	Janice Henson	Chris Connolly
	Anna Verhaegh	Janice Henson	Chris Totton
	Chris Connolly	Janice Henson	Judith Perrin

Janice asked if anyone else would like to come onto the committee and the following members were nominated

Sharon Williams	Gaye Collin	Damon Collin
Liz Debney	Sharon Williams	Judith Perrin

Susanna van der Gulik is willing to tutor the JAMS again next year.

The above nominees were duly elected.

General Business: Diane asked if we were going to run a Beginners course next year. Janice mentioned how it had been mentioned at the last committee meeting and plans were to be formalized.

Diane is available to contact Shirley re hiring St David's Hall, Naenae if we wish to use it.

Liz thanked all the tutors she had over the past two years. Sharon also thanked the assistance she had received this year and how she had been made welcome.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

The 2023 AGM will be held on the 6th November 2023.