

# Princes Street Gardens Scottish Country Dancers

## Minutes of Annual Meeting Held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016, 7pm at Stockbridge House, Cheyne Street, Edinburgh

**Present:** Margaret Burns (Chairperson), Rae Ballantyne (Treasurer), Margaret Harris, Rosemary Wylie, Yvonne Munro (Minute Taker), Agnes Reed, Helen Corsie  
(All Committee members)

1. **Apologies:** Brian Harry, Elizabeth Harry, Graham Davie, Sylvia Davie, Mary Black, Joyce Boyd, Linda Watson, Thelma Hope, Margo Lyall,
2. **Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015.**

There were no comments on the minutes and these were approved by Shiona Clark and seconded by Pauline McGillivray.

### 3. **Matters Arising**

Nothing was discussed as most items were covered on the Agenda.

### 4. **Chairperson's Report**

As Read out and the following points were highlighted:

- a. The new floor which should have been laid by the beginning of the season, was eventually laid by the last evening of the season.
- b. Bob Harwood, who does an excellent job on the website, carried out his website duties despite being ill and a vote of thanks was given to him for his hard work.
- c. **Indoor Dancing Programmes** –This will be discussed further at the next Committee Meeting.  
**ACTION: Committee**

### 5. **Treasurer's Report**

As shown on Statement of Accounts, the Treasurer explained there had been a shortfall of £235 per week and also the musicians had a pay increase this year. Thanks went to everyone who gave donations. The accounts were approved by Irene' MacRae and seconded by Irene Palmer.

### 6. **Secretary's Report**

Brian Harry had given his apologies and his report was read out by Margaret Harris: the emphasis was to promote Scottish Country Dancing.

### 7. **Election of Office Bearers and Committee**

Due to Helen Corsie resigning from the Committee we need to fill this position. Unfortunately this position was not filled at this point; but Chris Lyons asked what was required and said she would think it over.

### 8. **Bands**

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MB commented it was good to have a new band, Phil Jones, this year and we will continue the good work.

## 9. Programmes

This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. A few comments were noted and are highlighted below:

- a. Some groups are submitting programmes but do not provide support on their programme date.
- b. It was suggested that the committee produce the programmes but this would involve quite a lot of extra work. Should we just ask those groups, who provide support, to continue providing programmes for PSG?
- c. The final decision will be discussed with the Committee.

**ACTION: Committee**

## 10. Dates for 2017

### Provisional dates for 2017:

Annual Meeting	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Princes Street Gardens	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July (10 nights)
Hall	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August (10 nights)
August	Monday 7/14/21/28 August

**These dates are subject to change of night for August depending on Hall availability**

## 11. Dress Code for Demonstration Teams

The general opinion of the Meeting was that Dress Code is important to identify the Demonstration Team. Comments were made that the dress code lacked uniformity. Whilst there isn't a national dress, visitors come from all over the world to watch the Demonstration Team dance, and as we are representing Scotland and Scottish Country Dancing, the dress should be of a certain standard of uniformity. This will be noted to Groups when invited to supply programmes and a Demonstration Team for 2017.

**ACTION: Committee**

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## 12. Any Other Competent Business

- a. John Nuttall commented that the fees / charges need a thorough review and it was suggested to put a donation box out. It was explained we would lose more money and there was a high possibility the 'donations' would not cover the costs each evening. The Chair reported the Committee would review the costs / charges for 2017.

**ACTION: Committee**

- b. **Web Site** – the website needs to be made more inviting and Bob Harwood suggested that if there was someone with more knowledge and expertise in this field, perhaps that person could take over this role. The Chair (MB) advised the Committee will discuss the website at the next committee meeting.

**ACTION: Committee**

## 13. Date of Next Meeting

**4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Margaret Burns closed the Annual Meeting at 7.50pm, thanking everyone who attended and supported to Group.