

Gardens Scottish Country Dancers

Annual Meeting Minutes  
Stockbridge House, Cheyne Street, Edinburgh  
7.30pm, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Present:** Margaret Burns, Margaret Harris, Yvonne Munro, Rae Ballantyne, Chris Lyon, Agnes Reed

1. The Chair welcomed everyone **(26)** and **Apologies (8)** were received from Rosemary Wylie, Jonathan Jamal, Joyce Boyd, Robin Edward, Helen Corsie, Fiona Beveridge, Moira Lynch, Sandra Cumming.

2. **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017.**

There were no comments and the Minutes were approved by Graham Davie and Seconded by Ann St Clair.

3. **Matters Arising**

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

4. **Chairperson's Report**

MB read her Report and a copy is available if required.

- There were no outside dancing cancelled due to bad weather
- **Inside Dancing**, we used 2 venues, Fairmilehead and Stockbridge House, and both venues proved to be popular
- **MB** had produced and distributed a Survey Questionnaire to dancers and is still waiting on responses to complete the survey
- **MB** thanked the Committee for their support throughout the year

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Rae Ballantyne, the Treasurer, delivered a provisional Statement of Accounts as at 28.8.18. These were proposed by Shiona Clark and seconded by Irene Palmer.

- The numbers were lower this year, however the Council gave us 2 nights free rental because of a Council booking error
- Deficit of £121.72 instead of £408.80
- Insurance has been reduced, no specific reason given
- RB advised donations have been received and this is very much appreciated

6. **Election of Office Bearers**

The Committee have agreed to stand for another year. We are still looking for another member to give support to the Committee during the summer months in Princes Street Gardens. This was left open at the moment.

7. **Bands**

The Bands used were the same as last year and have been very good. We have had good reports on the Bands and the cost is £310 per night and £75.00 per musician, venues are difficult to get especially while the Festival is on.

8. **Programmes**

All Clubs are asked to provide programmes, especially easier dances to cater for all ages on Outdoor Dancing.

- Graham Davie asked if 2 easier dances could be added to the Outdoor Dancing programme, and if time permits, they can be danced. The Meeting was in favour of this action.
- Sylvia Davie suggested that more challenging dances be proposed in programmes for Indoor dancing. SD also asked if we can indicate dances to be walked through. MB advised all dances will be walked through.
- Alison Nelson asked why we used 2 venues. MB advised this was a trial period this year. Fairmilehead is slightly cheaper than Stockbridge House and has proved to be popular.
- Graham Davie advised that Fairmilehead is available from May to August 2019.
- Valma Easson enquired about the situation of the Ross Band Stand; MB advised we have been asked to book our dates for next year, 2019.

9. **Dates for 2019**

Dancing will be from 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

10. **Any Other Competent Business**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> August 2019, venue to be agreed