

Minutes of John Muir Branch RSCDS/
Madison Scottish Country Dancers Annual General Meeting
July 12, 2015

The meeting, at WilMar Center, was called to order by President Nancy McClements. Thirteen members were present.

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were reviewed. Janice Lacock moved to approve; Lynn Litterer seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Carol Buelow. The Ball was very successful--87 people ate dinner and the concert made money also. We did pay Arboretum Cohousing for piano tuning plus a donation for space use. We also paid for the musician's travel from New York and Chicago. The new sound system was the major expense of the year but we got a good deal at Full Compass Systems. A question was raised about whether we have too much money at this time; Carol reminded us that some years the Ball loses money and we expect large expenses for our 40th Ball (2017). Chuck Snowdon moved acceptance of the report and Rick Nelson seconded.

The Annual Report submitted to RSCDS was reviewed to remind us of the accomplishments of the past year. Goals from last year were to recruit and retain membership which Gill Robertson has been addressing. We have been averaging 17 dancers on Sunday nights. Another goal was to encourage member participation at the Ball and the Midwest weekend. We are strengthening our ties with the local Celtic community. Teachers are working to improve our dancing style through a step class. We have paid for some young musicians to attend workshops. Another goal was to replace the sound system. A flyer to advertise our activity was reprinted and the website is updated regularly.

The proposed Executive Committee slate of officers was presented:

Chair	Nancy McClements
Vice-chair	Scott Weiss
Secretary	M. J. Wiseman
Treasurer	Carol Buelow
Member-at-large, publicity	Priscilla Arsove
Member-at-large, membership	Gill Robertson
Teacher (Ad hoc)	Janice Lacock

There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was accepted by acclamation.

Several items of new business were presented.

Goals for the upcoming year include:

Celebrate Norma's contributions to MSCD

Multiple dates are being considered as well as locations.

Donate money in her name to Pinewoods

Explore special activities for 40th Anniversary Ruby Ball in 2017

Big name musicians, special activities, perhaps a fiddle workshop with the high schools. Possible money from Dane County Arts Council

Recruit & retain membership
Engage all members in Sunday classes and non-class events
Foster communication with the Celtic community
 UW Celtic Studies program will be our new sponsor on campus
Improve dancing with step classes
Encourage and further develop our musicians
Train and retain new children's class members
We took time to affirm Chuck for his teaching as he had not been present at our
 teacher appreciation event earlier in the year.

Various announcements were made

 Summer pool party at Chuck Snowdon and Ann Lindsey's, probably the last Saturday in
 August.

 Ice Cream Social, with Lynn's great ice cream will be August 9th.

 Demos dates are not set yet but will happen at the Dane County Farmer's Market and
 Olin Park Barn. Lynn Litterer is working on this.

 Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas are playing a concert at the Memorial Union on October
 18 and we will not be dancing that evening.

 November 18 at the Stoughton Opera House Natalie MacMaster is playing.

 Winter Dance party will be Dec 12 at Wilmar

 Burns Night party will be Jan. 24

 Ball Weekend will be Mar 11 - 13 at Memorial Union. Since it is our 39th, someone
 suggested our theme should be the Jack Benny Ball.

Adjournment happened at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by M.J. Wiseman, Secretary

Approved by consensus July 17, 2016 at the 2016 Annual General Meeting