



# RSCDS Saskatchewan Branch Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Called by:** George Ogilvie, President

**Location:** All Saints Anglican Church Hall  
1801 Lorne Ave., Saskatoon

**Date:** Saturday, May 14, 2011

**Recorded by:** Bob McNaughton, Secretary

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Call to Order was delayed until 2:20 p.m., as a quorum was not present. President, George Ogilvie called the Meeting to Order once it was agreed to proceed with the agenda in the anticipation of the arrival of more members. By 2:35 p.m., sufficient members had arrived to form a quorum and the meeting continued.

1.2. Accept the agenda.

*Motion: That the agenda be accepted as amended to include the Olive Ogilvie Fund (3.1), Ball Programmes (3.2) and the Teachers' Report (5.7)*

*Moved – Ron McLean and Bill Pollock*

*Carried*

1.3. With the agreement of those present, President George Ogilvie established the time of adjournment as 4:00 p.m.

## 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1. Minutes of the May 15, 2010 Annual General Meeting.

*Motion: To accept the Minutes of the May 15, 2010 Annual General Meeting as circulated*

*Moved Bob McNaughton and Mike Blanchard*

*Carried*

## 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1. Olive Ogilvie Fund.

A brief report (attached) from Bev Will was read, indicating that she and Anna Schmidt (Ceol Mor) were preparing the applicable criteria and templates. A fund-raising raffle would be held during the evening dance.

3.2. **Ball Programmes**

A concern was raised about the consistency of programmes from one event to the next. The Meeting was reminded that a motion addressing that consistency had been defeated at the previous AGM. It was suggested that a core of dances be developed and taught throughout the Branch. If a selection these dances would be included in each programme, there would be less last-minute teaching and more people feeling confident about attending and participating in the events.

*Motion: That the Branch establish a core of thirty dances to be taught to all Branch dancers."*

*Moved Lynne Higgins and Kathy Morrell*

*Carried*

It was recommended that the list include the level of difficulty of the dance and its most difficult figure. The responsibility to develop the list was given to the Branch teachers.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

4.1. Sympathy cards had been sent to Murray Kyle and the family of Edie Williams.

4.2. Request had been received, from Mike Blanchard, for financial assistance.

4.3. Some communication had been received from the Society's Headquarters in Edinburgh.

5. **REPORTS**

5.1. **TREASURER** attached

*Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.*

*Moved – Eva Gillard and Ron McLean Carried*

5.1.1. Arrange a "Notice to the Reader Report"

Eva confirmed that it is not necessary to re-affirm this arrangement at each AGM.

5.1.2. Results of the Special General Meeting

As a result of the decision of the May 15, 2010 Special General Meeting, the financial report presented at this Meeting covers only the period April 1 to December 31, 2010. Since this represents only nine months, no "year-over-year" comparison was included.

5.2. **PRESIDENT**

George expressed his disappointment at not being able to dance this past year. He has worked with the Moose Jaw dancers. He is happy to have been President this past term and looks forward to another successful year

5.3. **VICE PRESIDENT**

Ron reported that, "other than the usual grumbling", for him, this term has been quiet.

5.4. **MEMBERSHIP** attached

5.5. **SECRETARY** attached

5.6. **TEACHERS** attached

5.7. **WORKSHOPS**

5.7.1. 2010 attached

5.7.2. 2011 attached

5.8. GROUP REPORTS

5.8.1. Ceol Mor attached

5.8.2. Saskatoon attached

5.8.3. Tayside

George informed us that Heather Berriault has been keeping the Group straight, that the Tayside dancers have been working with Mike Blanchard as he prepares for summer school in St. Andrew's and that the Group has performed at a few dance-outs. The major fund-raiser for the Regina groups; Mosaic, is coming up in June. Some of the proceeds will help Betsy Brydon and Mike with expenses as they work towards their teacher certification.

Tayside is happy to have the numbers they have had out considering the weather. The weather has hampered efforts to get out to support the Moose Jaw dancers.

5.8.4. Yorkton attached

*Motion: That the remaining Executive and Group reports be accepted as presented.*

*Moved – Claude Hutton and Kathleen Pollock*

*Carried*

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Branch fees

*Motion: That the Branch fees for the 2011-2012 membership year remain the same as for the 2010-2011 membership year including the subsidy.*

*Moved – Ron McLean and Barb McEwen*

*Carried*

6.2. Election of Executive Officers

Regrets were received, from Past President, Lynne Brown, for not being able to present the report of the Nominating Committee (attached) in person. She had asked previous Past President, Claude Hutton, to present the report and conduct the election. Bev Risser acted as scutineer.

Claude presented the slate of Officers, as prepared by the Nominating Committee, in which all current Executive members were standing for re-election. There were no nominations from the floor.

*Motion: That nominations cease.*

*Moved – Allison Kydd and Dave Houston*

*Carried*

The Executive for 2011-2012 is:

Past President – Lynne Brown (Ceol Mor)

President – George Ogilvie (Tayside)

Vice President – Ron McLean (Saskatoon)

Treasurer – Eva Gillard (Yorkton)

Secretary – Bob McNaughton (Saskatoon) and

Membership – Chris Mitchell (Ceol Mor).

The Teacher Representative will be chosen by the teachers.

6.3. Quorum at General Meetings

The difficulty in ensuring a quorum at general meetings generated a discussion about eliminating the current requirement for a specific number of members to establish a quorum. It was suggested that, for General Meetings called in accordance with the Bylaws, no specific number of members need be required.

*Notice of Motion: That the Bylaws be revised to remove the minimum attendance requirement for a quorum at General Meetings but maintain the quorum of the Executive.*

*Moved – Ron McLean and Mike Blanchard*

**6.4. Responsibilities of each Group**

Discussions during the Meeting generated the question of the responsibilities that each Constituent Group of the Branch ought to be required to fulfil.

*Notice of Motion: That each Constituent Group of the Branch have the responsibility to host, in turn, the Annual Branch Workshop and the Branch Annual General Meeting.*

*Moved – Chris Mitchell and Allison Kydd*

**7. GOOD AND WELFARE**

7.1. Acknowledge outgoing Executive members.

There were no outgoing Executive members.

7.2. Acknowledge the AGM Host Committee.

George expressed the appreciation of the Branch to the Saskatoon Group for hosting a successful meeting.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

8.1. Date:

May 12 is the second Saturday in May 2012. This was suggested as the date for the next AGM.

8.2. Host Group:

Eva agreed to ask the Yorkton Group to accept the responsibility of hosting the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Time:

President George Ogilvie adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.