

RSCDS LONDON BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.45 p.m. 14th June 2025

Upper Hall, St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London, SW1X 0BD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Attendance in person

Pamela Beach
Paddy Black
Maureen Campbell
Margaret Catchick
Richard D Clarke
Cecil Cox
Cathy Daldry
Pat Davoll
Pamela Ellam
Tony Ellam
James Fairbairn
Alan Ip
Rowena Jackson
Andrew Kellett
Joanne Lawrence
Willie Lawrence
Colin McEwen
Wendy Morris
Lena Robinson
Sarah Shaw
Margaret Shaw
Hamish Todd
Simon Wales

Attendance online

Elizabeth Bennett
Catriona Bennett
Jacmel Dent
Christine Hastie
Fiona Olsen
Mel Rowland

Apologies for Absence

Jim Cook
Elaine Davies
Jenny Greene
Rita Marlow
Danielle Reinstein
Lindsey Jane Rousseau
Rosemary Tilden
Alison

1. Approval of the Minutes of 8th June 2024

The minutes of the general meeting on 8 June 2024 were approved

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

No significant matters arose from the minutes not addressed on the agenda for the meeting

3. Report on the Charity Activities 2024-2025

Richard Clarke reported on the activities during the year stating the objectives had been

- Continuing to widen the appeal to new members
- Supporting the classes to provide a progression from beginners via improvers to refining techniques
- Creating opportunities for advanced dancers
- Supporting musicians and teachers

He gave a summary of the classes and dances held emphasizing the importance of social interaction and a briefing on the communication and publicity routes used.

4. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts

Simon Wales reported on the financial outcome for the year with an explanation of the most important aspects. The accounts were approved by the members.

5. Confirmation/Appointment of Honorary President and Honorary Vice Presidents

Andrew Kellett was confirmed in his role as Honorary President as were the Vice Presidents - Mary Barker, Margaret Catchick, Jim Cook, Jenny Greene, Rita Marlow, Danielle Reinstein and Lindsey Jane Rousseau

6. Appointment of Officers and Committee of Management

Richard Clarke (Chair), Simon Wales (Treasurer), Fiona Olson (Secretary), Elaine Davies, Joanne Lawrence, Wendy Morris, Thelma Jane Robb and Margaret Shaw were all voted to continue as members of the committee

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Helen Ives was reappointed as the Independent Examiner

8. Appointment of Branch proxy delegates to the Society AGM

It was agreed to allow the Committee to determine the Delegates from the London Branch which who could vote at the AGM of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society once the arrangements from the AGM were known.

9. Motions – Constitution, Subscriptions

An explanation of the changes in the new constitution was given. These had been made to update the document for changes made by the model RSCDS document, deal with certain anomalies and inconsistencies and align it more closely with the current operation in London, The new constitution was adopted.

It was agreed to change the membership fees for London to £7.50 for those who received a paper copy of the Reel and £5 for those who received an electronic copy.

10. Any Other Business

The committee was thanked for its work during the past year.