

# **ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY - BRISTOL**

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## **MINUTES OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Bristol  
Held at Oatley Hall, St Monica Trust, Cote Ln, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS9 3UN**

**On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Present:** Rosamund Rawlings – Chairman, Clive Robinson – Chairman Elect, Alan Pinder – Honorary Treasurer, Ruth Davies - Honorary Secretary, Lynn Robinson – Membership Secretary and 22 members

**The meeting began at 8.15pm**

- 1. Apologies:** These were received from Tina Attwood, Tacey Bain, Matthew Clements, Alan & Lesley Cottle, John & Caroline Dunn, Jane Dunning, Pat Fish, Keith Henry, Mike & Sara Jackson, Peter Lunt, Brian & Trish Machin, Mavis Monaghan, Patsy Patterson, Jean Peacock, Angela Smith, Graham Tough, Helen Watkins, Julie Westgarth.
- 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 17th November 2022:**  
The minutes had been circulated. Proposed by Margaret Pinder, Seconded by Graham Coles, accepted by the meeting on a show of hands.
- 3. Matters arising not on the Agenda:** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Honorary Secretary's Report:** This had been previously circulated. There were no queries, and it was accepted. During the year there were a total of 71 members of whom 8 were Bristol only, 3 Young Adult and 3 Life Members.
- 5. Honorary Treasurer's Report:** The accounts had previously been circulated and some hard copies were available. Alan clarified that "Notes" were printed immediately beneath the Income and Expenditure account but there were no other queries. Fiona Grant proposed, and Cheryl seconded the accounts, accepted by the meeting on a show of hands.

Alan recorded his thanks to our volunteer accounts examiner Ed Newsom and recommended that we ask him to examine the accounts again next year. Proposed Clive, seconded Heather Acornly, accepted by the meeting on a show of hands.

**6. Motion 1**

Alan explained that errors had occurred with on-line banking due to the length of the name of the bank account. The motion was:-

To amend the Constitution to

Article 1 NAME

Replace:

The name of the Local Association shall be "ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY – BRISTOL" (hereinafter called "the Local Association")

With:

The name of the Local Association shall be "RSCDS Bristol" (hereinafter called "the Local Association")

Margaret Pinder proposed and Lynn seconded the motion. All present voted in favour, there were no votes against and no abstentions.

**7. Thanks to retiring Office-Bearers and Committee members.**

Ros thanked Alan Pinder, the retiring treasurer; Maggie, the retiring Dance Secretary and Julie retiring publicity secretary for all their hard work and commitment. They were presented with gifts (Julie was absent and will receive her gift in due course).

**8. Election / Appointment of Office-Bearers and Committee**

Ros explained that, as is allowed, some Committee members had been asked to continue for a further year to improve continuity in the committee. Clive had previously been elected as Chair Elect so, barring any resignation, automatically became Chair.

As there was only one nomination for each post no election was necessary.

The following were therefore duly confirmed in appointment and welcomed to the committee –

- 8.1 Honorary Treasurer: John Dunn proposed by Alan Pinder and seconded by Lynn, accepted by the meeting on a show of hands. He was also unanimously approved to have access to the bank account.
- 8.2 Committee Member (3rd year term) Membership Secretary – Lynn Robinson, proposed by Barbara and seconded by Andrew, accepted by the meeting on a show of hands
- 8.3 Committee Member Dance Secretary: Graham Coles proposed by Clive and seconded by Maggie, accepted by the meeting on a show of hands.
- 8.4.1 Committee Member (3rd year term) Ticket Secretary – Margaret Chambers, proposed by Alison Edmonds and seconded by Heather Acornly, accepted by the meeting on a show of hands.

All other office-bearers and committee members are mid-term.

**9. Handover of the meeting to the incoming Chair**

Ros thanked all the Members and handed over the chain of office to Clive.

**10. RSCDS HQ AGM held in Glasgow on 4th November 2023**

Fiona Grant had attended and reported there were dances with 350+ dancers on Friday and Saturday night. 200 people attended classes on Saturday morning but Fiona went to a “Meet the Board” session. The AGM was in the afternoon, the details are on the website. Fiona was concerned that the make-up of the Management Board and committees is not clear. It was however, an enjoyable weekend.

**11. Any Other Business**

Alan was concerned that our payment systems should be more modern, in particular we should have the facility for people to pay by debit or credit card at class and via the website for dances etc. A show of hands proved that many would be interested in using these facilities. Alan was asked to investigate.

Clive concluded the meeting by thanking Ros for all she had done as chair of the branch.

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.33 p.m.**

**Date for next meeting – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Clive Robinson**  
Chair

**Ruth Davies**  
Honorary Secretary

