

Minutes of John Muir Branch RSCDS/Madison Scottish Country Dancers AGM
June 22, 2014

The meeting, at WilMar Center, was called to order by President Nancy McClements. 12 members were present.

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were reviewed. Phyllis Hasbrouck moved to approve; Laura Gladstone seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Rick Nelson. There is a net gain of approximately \$500 in the operating fund and \$650 in the investment fund. A donation was made to WilMar to support their children's summer programming. The Ball almost broke even with the Contra Dance and Silent Auction helping the bottom line. Money was lost on the Winter Dance party, but not much. There were no major additional expenses this year. We are a non-stock corporation registered with the State of Wisconsin; we pay a filing fee each year. Rick was thanked for his 5 years of service as Treasurer. Phyllis Hasbrouck moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Carol Buelow.

The Annual Report submitted to RSCDS was reviewed to remind us of the accomplishments of the past year. Suggestions were to include teaching/demo events with the Madison Boy choir and a Girl Scout troop.

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
Ball chair	Ann Lindsey

There were no nominations from the floor. Lois Bernbeck moved acceptance of the slate, James Horton seconded. Motion passed.

Several items of new business were presented.

Goals for the upcoming year include:

- Recruit & retain membership
- Engage all members in Sunday classes and social events
- Foster communication with the local Celtic community
- Improve dancing with step (foot work) classes in the fall
- Encourage and further develop our musicians by paying for workshop attendance
- Improve band's sound system
- Train and retain new children's class members
- Investigate additional publicity venues

This feels like a lot, but still attainable. The email list also helps build community.

Another possible donation to WilMar Neighborhood Center for their summer camp program received general approval.
A special welcome was extended to Sky and Anusha

Various announcements were made

Summer pool party at Chuck Snowdon and Ann Lindsey's. There will be a Doodle poll to set the actual date, with Saturdays preferred as we want to be able to dance on Sundays. The event will include a potluck supper.

Tentative dates for Demos are

East Side Farmer's Market - Aug 26

Dane County Farmer's Market - Sept 27

Olin Park Barn - Sept 23

Lynn Litterer and Kate Deck will firm up these dates and prepare the dancers

Winter Dance party will be Dec 13 at Wilmar

Burns Night party will be Jan. 25 and feature something special

Ball Weekend will be Mar 20 - 22 at Memorial Union. Musicians possibly will be Susie Petrov and Paul Woodiel. Other events are being explored.

Perhaps a group will attend *Brigadoon* at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago.

There was a question about a possible ice cream social. Lynn Litterer, who makes homemade ice cream, is willing to do this. A July date would be nice if the pool party is in August.

A motion to adjourn and return to dancing was made by Lois Bernbeck, seconded by Phyllis Hasbrouck . Happily passed.