

Gardens Scottish Country Dancers

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 29th August 2023
at Fairmilehead Church Hall, Frogston Road West, Edinburgh

Present: Margaret Burns (Chairperson), Ishbel Clark (Treasurer) Margaret Harris,
Yvonne Munro and Connie Brenner (all Committee Members)

Welcome

The Chair welcomed 17 dancers and apologies were received from Claire East, Lynn Lymer, Joan Joan Pammenter, Agnes Reed, Rosemary Wylie, Melvin Greig and Sandra Cummings.

Minutes and Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 30th August 2022.

No particular matters were discussed in full but comments were received on how much people had had enjoyed the dancing with excellent callers and bands.

Chairperson's Report

The Chair reported that the numbers attending were good with 5 or 6 sets every week and a record record number of visitors joining us every week from all over the world.

Programmes this year had been made up by the Committee rather than ask the clubs but we could go back to asking the clubs next year. Dancers said they had enjoyed the programmes.

In the absence of our website John Nuttall did provide a temporary site to access the programmes and cribs but we hope to have a new one up and running for next season.

The Chair thanked her Committee for their work over the year and intimated that Margaret Harris had decided to retire after 21 years and Yvonne wanted to step down from Secretary but would remain on the Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Ishbel provided her first Statement of Accounts saying that we had made a good profit. This was due to the regularly good attendances and the fact that we had got the hall for a very favourable rent which is expected to rise for next year.

The report was approved by Joan Tyler and seconded by Sheena Gillespie

Election of Office Bearers

The Chair asked for nominations or someone to volunteer to take on the role of Secretary but this fell on deaf ears. She stressed the need to fill the position and outlined some of the duties they would be required to do.

As we could not fill the position it was left for dancers to think it over and hopefully, someone might come back to offer their services.

Website

The temporary website provided by John Nuttall proved useful to access programmes and cribs but we intend to proceed with our own website for next year.

Programmes

The programmes were well received but we will approach the clubs to submit programmes for next year as this gives the clubs a chance to dance some of their favourites.

Any Other Business

There were no items were raised.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Annual Meeting was fixed for Tuesday 27th August 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.