



Bridport Scottish Dancers

Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Bridport Scottish Dancers held at Church House, Bridport, on Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 8.25pm

Present: Chairman: Tony Meadley, Vice-Chair Jeanne Townsend, Treasurer Peter Higginson, Secretary Petronella Byrde, Linda Wood, Ann Prior, Pete Watson and 31 members.

1. Apologies for absence: Robert Smith, Roger Smith, Caroline Temple, Mark Tozer, Lesley Wilson, Peter and Elaine Colbert.
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone and remarked on the good turnout. Minutes of the last AGM were available to members. They were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising: The Chairman noted the suggestion that BSD do their contribution for the Bridport Folk Festival in a public place. For various reasons it is not practical to do a workshop in the open air, but the need for better publicity this year is noted.
4. The Chairman gave a report – attached. There was applause to thank Ann and Andrew White for their planning and calling throughout the year; and to Philip for continuing to look after the website and the club's stock of CDs; also for sorting out technical glitches.
5. The Treasurer had circulated in advance his audited summary of the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018. At 31 March, the account has a balance of £1939, a net loss of £190 over the year. The Treasurer remarked that we are not aiming to make a profit – there had been more free or subsidised events during the year. Attendance had been down about 10%. The Accounts were accepted unanimously. Peter was thanked for attending each week, in spite of an injury precluding dancing.
6. Elections for 2018/19: The Chairman said that three Committee members were standing down, being at the limit of their terms (Petronella, Ann and Linda). Caroline M-S had agreed to be Secretary, and Gill Hunt and Anne Loades Committee members. They were elected unanimously. The Chairman said that Ann Prior had not missed a single class in the life of the Club and proposed that she be installed as our first Honorary Life President. All agreed and applauded.
7. Any Other Business: No matters had been put forward by Members. The Committee had two items:
 - a) compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation coming into force on 25 May. A suggested amendment to the Constitution/Rules had been circulated in advance, together with a form for members to sign about keeping of their details. The Chairman said that there needed to be a policy in place in case anyone asks. He said that the best place to keep details for computer work is on a separate memory stick. Personal information would not be put on a website. Paper records would be kept safely and not be left around. Personal information would not be kept if members cease to attend for a year. All present indicated they are happy for the proposed paragraph to be inserted into the Rules.
 - b) The Chairman said that the Teaching sub-committee proposed to add two dance evenings on Wednesdays 4 July and 1 August to practise new or unusual dances. They would be at Shipton Gorge VH at 7.30pm and open to all. The Club would subsidise.
8. There being no other business, the Chairman thanked all members for attending and the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Dancing resumed.