

Management Board Highlights

11 July 2020

The Board held an emergency meeting on 11 July to continue managing the Society's response to the social and financial challenges of COVID-19. All participants attended remotely.

- With regret the Board decided to cancel the Autumn Gathering 2020. We will hold a remote AGM, hosted from 12 Coates Crescent, on 7 November 2020. A formal notification will be sent to branches and delegates shortly.
- For branches and groups thinking about a resumption of dancing, some points for consideration are being published on the RSCDS website to help organisers plan events that are safe for dancers and musicians. These points have been prepared with input from medical experts and emphasise that branches and groups must adhere to local rules and regulations.
- The Board again thanked the team behind *Dance Scottish At Home*. The magazine, *Scottish Country Dancer*, will be published as usual in October and will be distributed digitally where possible. This will result in a significant financial saving. A survey is being prepared asking members for their views on Society communications in future.
- Further plans for reducing expenditure were discussed. Appreciation was expressed to the members who have sent donations to the Society.
- The Board was updated on plans for *A Summer Celebration* 27 – 31 July and the Virtual Festival in October. We hope to hold Winter School 2021 as planned and more information will be available in October.
- The Scottish Schools Working Group reported that its Business Plan has been written. It is maintaining contact with Education Scotland and preparing to approach potential funders with a view to starting the project when schools re-open fully.
- The Board will meet again on 15 August.