

**THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC**  
**115<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 AT 2PM**

**To be held at the Hall, corner Edgeware and Caledonian Roads, Christchurch**

**AGENDA AND REPORTS**

1. Welcome by Chief Graeme Matheson.
2. Apologies.
3. Lament and Piping selection
4. Confirmation of the minutes of the 114<sup>th</sup> AGM held Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016
5. Chief's report
6. Financial report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016
7. Subgroup reports
8. Election of Officers

**Chief** Mr Graeme Matheson  
**Secretary** Mrs Margaret Birse  
**Treasurer** Mrs Chris Seaton

**Councillors For a two year term.**

Mrs Cushla Piesse  
Mr Derek Benfield  
Mr Geoff Tyson

**Councillors In the middle of a two year term**

Mr Stu Gordon  
Mrs Kathy Gordon  
Mrs J B Anderson  
Mrs Kim Eagle

**Financial Reviewer**  
**Official Piper**

9. General Business.

Margaret Birse Secretary

**THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC.  
MINUTES OF THE 114TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE HALL ON 1ST MAY 2016 AT 2PM.**

**Welcome.** The Chief, Graeme Matheson, welcomed 29 members to the meeting starting at 2pm.

**Apologies.** Alison and Irvine Kinraid, Bob Salton, Norma McKay, Rachael Aspinall. It was moved, K Gordon/Birse, that the apologies be accepted. Carried.

**Memoriam.** Chief Matheson asked members to stand in memory of members who had passed away in the last year. The Official Piper Mr. Nick Eagle played a Lament and a pipers selection.

**Confirmation of Minutes of the 2015 AGM.** A correction to the minutes was that Mr. Peter Aitken was at the meeting. With this alteration it was moved, Mcrae/P. Aitken, that the Minutes of the 114<sup>th</sup> AGM be confirmed. Carried.

**The Chiefs Report.** Chief Matheson asked that since his report was published in the Annual Report sent to all members, it be taken as read. This was agreed. It was agreed that his report be accepted.

**Financial Report.** The Treasurer, Chris Seaton, presented her report on the accounts as published in the Annual Report. Some highlights in her report gave a healthy overview of the Society's accounts. There was a small operating loss. We had paid \$8000 for an engineers report early in 2015. The term deposit held on behalf of the Highland Pipe Band had been transferred to the Band. The main change to funds had been the changes to the outside of the Hall. We were able to do this by the existing insurance payout and the Earthquake Trust payout of \$182,000 in December 2015. Aspects of the profit and loss accounts and the balance sheet were explained. Chris then moved that the annual accounts present be received. Seconded, K. Gordon. Carried. Chris then asked for any questions and discussion. Mr P. Aitken commented that he was very pleased to see the transfer of the Band fund going back to the Pipe Band. He asked what number of subscriptions were with the Society. Mr. R. Fraser, who holds the membership register, advised there were 19 ordinary members. Subgroup membership is the strength of the Society. Commenting on the low return of subscriptions this year, it was suggested that a separate notice of account be sent out to members. This will be followed up. It was noted that with a view of saving quite a bit of money that the Newsletter is available by email. The cost of postage going up to \$1 in July, that savings of emailing the newsletter and the annual report would be a good saving. It was suggested the Society buy current Kiwi stamps before the price went up. With no further discussion on the Annual Accounts, Chris moved that the Annual Accounts be approved. Seconded, Margaret Birse. Carried.

**Subgroup Reports.** While these were printed in the Annual Report additional comments were made.

**Highland Dancers.** Shriley Aitken asked the Secretary why the Highland Dancing annual accounts were not in the Annual Report. She pointed out that subgroup accounts should be in the Annual report and that the subgroups are required to have their annual accounts to the Society by February. As members of subgroups are Society members they are entitled to have the accounts in the annual report. The Secretary advised that subgroup accounts were not in the Society annual report as advised by a past auditor. It was suggested that these returns be in the Annual report in future.

**Scottish Country Dance Club.** Their report as published was accepted.

**Highland Pipe Band.** The report was not in the Annual report. Their President, Stu Gordon advised that the Band report had been sent to the Secretary. (It arrived after the report had gone to print.) Stu

reported that the Band is in very good heart. They had had a very busy season, well managed throughout the year, and members had worked hard to achieve success in their grade. Throughout the year the Band had won all the Grade 4 competitions. They had attended the Palmerston North day. At the Nationals they won the Grade 4 National competitions which now promoted the Band into Grade 3. The Band thanked the Society for the strong support given to the Band which had contributed to the Bands success. It was agreed that the Band report be accepted.

**Election of Officers.** The Secretary, Geoff Tyson, took the chair for the election of the Chief. With no need for a ballot, he declared Mr Graeme Matheson Chief for the coming year. Geoff then passed the chair back to the Chief. Chief Matheson told the meeting no ballot was needed and declared those on the agenda as elected, namely: Secretary, Mr. Geoff Tyson, Treasurer, Mrs. Chris Seaton, Councillors, Mr. Ross Fraser, Mrs Rosalind Reece, Mr. Stu Gordon, Mrs. J.B. Anderson. The Chief asked if any others would like to come onto Council. It was moved, S. Gordon/K. Gordon that Mrs. Kim Eagle be a Councillor. Carried. It was moved Seaton/P.Aitken, that Mr. Alister Nash be Financial Reviewer. Mr. Nick Eagle was appointed Official Piper.

**General Business.** Mr. Ross Fraser told the meeting that as Membership Registrar, he would send a separate account for subscriptions. This could be emailed. Ross was thanked for his work on the newsletter. Mr. Peter Aitken gave congratulations to the Pipe Band for their successes this year. Mrs. Shirley Aitken congratulated the Council for the upgrading of the building. The Highland Dancers were offering to help with working bees and fundraising to help with professional upgrading of the interior. Chief Matheson advised that we were in progress for refurbishing and upgrading the interior, along with improving Band acoustics and acknowledged with thanks for the offer of support. With no further business, Chief Matheson closed the meeting at 2.45pm and invited members to afternoon tea.

## Annual Report from the Chief 2016

The year began with a very successful Burns Supper enjoyed by some 90 enthusiasts of Robbie Burns and some new faces in our midst.

I then had the honour of being Chief for the day at the Canterbury Scottish Cultural Festival at the Deans Homestead at Riccarton Bush .This was a wonderful day celebrating our Scottish heritage with highland dancing , Pipe Bands , country dancing as well as the traditional haggis to be shared with all comers. Ellen and I had the privilege of being the guests of Visit Scotland at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Wellington. What a great spectacle.

My congratulations to the band in winning the Royal New Zealand Pipe Bands championships grade 4a section, scooping the pool after a very successful 2015/2016 season. The band was elevated to Grade 3 and at the end of 2016 had performed very creditably.

Our thanks go to Stu Gordon and his great staff at Maiden Group in finishing the hall exterior, what an improvement. There have been many complimentary remarks on the work done. We have finally overcome some sewage problems caused by the sewer line which runs out to Colombo Street, through the old vicarage which was being rebuilt through much of 2016.

The death of one of our chieftains Ross Fraser later in the year was a shock and gave the Council a wakeup call on where the Society's information was held so the Council has engaged a webmaster to electronically store these details. Ross was responsible for the newsletter, membership and Heritage Council along with other fields. He is sorely missed as his contribution to the Scottish Society was immense and it was always done with good humour and imagination. A wake at the Scottish Society Hall provided a fitting farewell.

The Society along with the many clans where represented at the Hororata Highland Games. This is an excellent event that has cemented its place in the annual calendar of many Cantabrians and competitors from as far afield as Australia.

My thanks go to all our councillors for their support through the year, along with other members who have given advice and encouragement through the year.

Geoff Tyson has retired as secretary after 10 years of commitment our grateful thanks go to Geoff. As we review our finances and face big increases in insurance, postage, rates and maintenance outgoings there will have to be an increase in our subscriptions. Also the Council are reviewing hall hire charges. We must bear in mind that many small community groups and our sub groups are the main users of the hall.

Yours aye

Chief Graeme

# Profit & Loss

## The Scottish Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the 12 months ended 31 December 2016

	Dec-16	Dec-15
<b>Income</b>		
Burns Song Contest	-	783
Burns Supper	1,565	1,450
Ceillidhs	-	630
Clan Campbell	1,384	-
Donations Received	763	1,423
Hall Hire	13,640	14,309
Subscriptions	1,613	1,074
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,966</b>	<b>19,669</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>18,966</b>	<b>19,669</b>
<b>Less Operating Expenses</b>		
Accountancy & Professional Fees	1,948	1,145
Bank Fees & Charges	10	-
Burns Song Contest Prizes and Expenses	-	617
Burns Supper Expenses	792	820
Cleaning	476	1,297
Contractors - Cleaners	2,180	1,740
Contractors - Officers	2,250	2,500
Depreciation	1,134	1,202
General Expenses	-	1,985
Insurance	2,295	2,295
Light, Heat & Power	4,831	4,725
Marketing Expenses	280	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	-	284
PO Box Renew	76	-
Printing & Stationery	1,624	547
Rates	2,414	2,278
Repairs & Maintenance	544	2,231
Scottish Cultural Festival	174	-
Security Expenses	142	34
Sponsorships	486	150
Telephone & Tolls	527	518
Valuation Fees	750	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>22,931</b>	<b>24,369</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(3,966)</b>	<b>(4,699)</b>
<b>Non-operating Income</b>		
Interest Received	1,087	4,449
<b>Total Non-operating Income</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>4,449</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>(2,878)</b>	<b>(251)</b>

# Balance Sheet

## The Scottish Society of New Zealand Incorporated As at 31 December 2016

	31 Dec 2016	31 Dec 2015
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash Float	20	20
GST	6,342	8,173
SBS 00 Account	5	4,529
SBS 15 Account	14,626	-
Sundry Debtors	370	840
Term Deposit - SBS	13,073	12,604
Westpac Business Cheque Account	9,483	72,525
Withholding Tax Paid	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>44,920</b>	<b>99,691</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Buildings	103,500	103,500
Freehold Land	328,500	328,500
Plant & Equipment	48,410	47,852
Plant & Equipment - Accumulated Depreciation	(38,286)	(37,152)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>442,124</b>	<b>442,700</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>487,043</b>	<b>542,391</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Sundry Creditors	291	160
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Provision for Future Repair	20,105	72,705
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>20,105</b>	<b>72,705</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>20,395</b>	<b>72,865</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>466,648</b>	<b>469,526</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	(2,878)	(251)
<b>Members' Funds</b>		
General Reserve	274,007	274,007
Members' Drawings	(353)	(353)
Retained Income	231,868	232,119
Transfer To Highland Pipe Band	(35,996)	(35,996)
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>	<b>469,526</b>	<b>469,777</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>466,648</b>	<b>469,526</b>

## **Scottish Society Scottish Country Dance Club Annual Report 2016**

I have pleasure in presenting the President's Report for the year 2016.

Our final night for 2015 was held on 24 November. We extended an invitation to other Scottish Dance Clubs in Christchurch to join with us for our last night's dancing. Club members joined together on the 2 December at the Thaibhan Restaurant, Stanmore Road for a Christmas Celebration.

We commenced for the year on 2 February 2016. Our Tutors Shirley Butterfield and Margaret McMurtrie, alternating each month. It was pleasing to see all our members join again with us. The nights have been fun along with some seriousness, smiling and looking at our partners was most important, not that we did it all the time!

The Club's Open Night was held on 2 April, commencing at 7.30pm, with approximately six sets, Margaret and Shirley sharing MC duties. The Club Members once again provided a lovely supper which was enjoyed by all present. We are grateful to the Sweet Adeline ladies who come and prepare the supper for us, so that Club members can continue dancing. Jill and Ann again transformed the hall with their lovely floral decorations.

Tam O'Shanter were invited to join our Club night on 24 May 2016, and a good night of dancing was enjoyed by all. Our mid winter get together took the form of a special supper on the 26 July supplied by the Committee/Club. Club Members were invited to Tam O'Shanter's Club night in August, with most of our members attending. Invitations to other Clubs Open Nights were received and it was pleasing to see our members attending these. We also hosted Tam O'Shanter on 18 October when their hall was unavailable with both Shirley and Graeme taking the evening.

Our final night for this year will be on 29 November. An invitation will be extended to all Clubs to join us on this night.

To those generous members who have willingly helped organize supper on Club nights, thank you on behalf of all members. A special thanks to Margaret, Ted, and Alison, for assisting with supper, and to those members who have helped after supper.

I thank the small group for their support for the few meetings held. A special thank you to our wonderful Secretary Ann, who had to retire early, and to our Treasurer Doreen, for the great job they perform for the Club. Ann kindly handed over the Secretary's position to Margaret during the year, and a big thank you also goes to Margaret for stepping in and taking on this work for us. I thank all members who have contributed to the raffle prizes, especially Ann McAlister who provides us with great vegetables. We are all happy to go home with lovely produce.

For those members who have had health issues over this past year, we trust that 2017 will be a better year for you. I thank everyone for their support throughout the year, and the Club looks forward to this continuing as we commence on 7 February 2017.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and holiday.

President.

**SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC.**  
**COUNTRY DANCE CLUB.**  
**FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE STATEMENT**  
For the year ended 31st December 2016.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Door fees	2,106.10	1,655.20
Open Night	692.00	690.00
Subscriptions	190.00	170.00
Raffles	567.10	544.00
Society Subscriptions	320.00	300.00
Sundry Income	2.78	0.00
Dance Scottish from Branch	150.00	0.00
Trans.from Dance Scottish Acc.	2,065.92	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 6,093.90</b>	<b>\$ 3,359.20</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Suppers	170.99	127.34
Open Night	321.71	415.04
Stationery & Postages	210.16	223.36
Gifts	163.58	103.81
Raffle Prizes	201.76	212.69
Tutors expenses	820.00	820.00
Society Subscriptions	320.00	300.00
Society Donation	500.00	500.00
RSCDS subscription	72.00	81.00
General	0.00	0.00
Dance Scottish	150.00	0.00
Dance Scottish-shared profit.	1,721.60	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$ 4,651.80</b>	<b>\$ 2,783.24</b>
<b>Surplus/-Deficit for the year</b>	<b>\$ 1,442.10</b>	<b>\$ 575.96</b>

NOTE: To be read in conjunction with the attached statement and notes.

**SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND**

**COUNTRY DANCE CLUB**

**EQUITY MOVEMENT STATEMENT**

For the year ended 31st December 2016.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
<b>BALANCE FWD.....</b>	3,335.48	2,759.52
Surplus/ - Deficit for the year.	1442.10	575.96
<b>Balance at 31/12/15</b>	<b>\$4,777.58</b>	<b>\$3,335.48</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**

As at 31st December 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	\$	\$
Equity	\$4,777.58	\$ 3,335.48
<b>REPRESENTED BY:-</b>		
Cheque Account	\$4,777.58	\$ 3,335.48
Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,777.58</b>	<b>\$ 3,335.48</b>

**NOTE: To be read in conjunction with the attached statement and notes.**

**HIGHLAND DANCING CLASS REPORT**  
**As at 31 December 2016**

The dancing class had another good year both financially and by the participation of the pupils and their parents. Saturday mornings are a very happy time for one and all and to reward the hard work put in by the dancers many were given Scholarships to the Summer School and Sponsorships to attend major competitions totally in all \$1000.00. We had a great group of qualified Tutors and Senior girls who assisted and these were rewarded by payments totally \$900.00.

The competition day held in August was well attended and showed a profit of \$1173.00. All this was made possible by the generosity of our parents with sponsorship money, raffle prizes and provisions for the morning teas each Saturday. Without this help we would find it very difficult to give financial encouragement to our dancers.

2017 the National Championships will be held in Christchurch and it is anticipated that a good number of our dancers will be competing so we will be providing Sponsorships once again as well as Sponsorships of major classes and so keep the name of the Scottish Society of New Zealand Inc. in the public eye.

**THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)**

**HIGHLAND DANCING CLASS**

**PERFORMANCE STATEMENT**

For the year ended 31 December 2016

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	\$	\$
Lesson Charges	795.50	622.40
Raffles	313.00	143.10
Donations	64.40	2.20
Door takings/raffle Break-up	265.10	225.90
Competitions	2,476.00	1,986.30
Interest	13.44	17.22
	<u>3,927.44</u>	<u>2,997.12</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Morning Teas	65.72	73.90
Break-up	33.70	37.30
Raffle Prizes	10.90	
Sundry Expenses	171.38	114.50
Tutors Travelling Expenses	900.00	1,225.00
Competitions	1,302.95	838.53
Scholarships	275.00	
Sponsorships	725.00	195.00
Scottish Society Donation	300.00	300.00
	<u>3,784.65</u>	<u>2784.23</u>
Surplus/-Deficit for the Year	<u>142.79</u>	<u>212.89</u>

**FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT**

As at 31 December 2016

<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	\$	\$
Balance forward	5492.04	5279.15
Plus/Less Surplus/-Deficit for the Year	<u>142.79</u>	<u>212.89</u>
Balance - 31st December	<u>5634.83</u>	<u>5492.04</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
Cash	48.60	65.70
Bank	<u>5,586.23</u>	<u>5426.34</u>
	<u>5,634.83</u>	<u>5492.04</u>