Royal Scottish Country Dance Society
Vancouver Branch
LADY ABERDEEN TEA DANCE GUIDELINES

Objective

To hold an annual afternoon tea dance on Remembrance Day for the enjoyment of all Scottish Country Dancers, continuing the traditions of the Lady Aberdeen Club which had been organizing this dance since 1938. The net revenue from the dance will be donated to charity.

Sponsorship

Commencing in 2009, the dance will be sponsored by the RSCDS Vancouver Branch but will be hosted on a rotation basis by volunteer Lower Mainland Clubs.

Branch Responsibilities

- To book the Caledonian Ballroom and the kitchen at the Scottish Cultural Centre at least 12 months in advance
- To invite, at least 12 months in advance, expressions of interest from Lower Mainland clubs to host the event in the following year
- To select the host club for the following year before November 11, so that club representatives can observe the traditions of the Lady Aberdeen Dance
- To provide the sound system
- The Branch Treasurer will:
    - Out of the revenue from this dance, pay for the hall rental and other incidental expenses directly associated with the event.
    - Out of the revenue, reimburse the host club for all reasonable out of pocket expenses
    - Donate all net proceeds to a registered charity or charities, selected by the Board in consultation with the host club.

Host Club Responsibilities

- To advertise the dance in the White Cockade
- To select a program of dances consistent with the traditions of the event (see attached Dance Programs)
- To brief the dances
- To give recognition to the Lady Aberdeen Club, the founder of the event
- To sell tickets
- To hold a raffle, if desired
- To provide refreshments for the tea
- To provide wall signs outlining the dance program
- To collect all revenue and pass it to the Branch Treasurer.

Attachments

A number of articles on the history of Lady Aberdeen the Lady Aberdeen Club and the Reel of the 51st Division are attached for reference.

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