

This has been a very worrying time for all of us, you may have been furloughed, you may have been shielding yourself or your family, and you will all have stopped dancing I am sure like me, you are missing the exercise, the friendship and the enjoyment of our favourite pastime.

There have been some very pessimistic views expressed about the future and when we might get back to dancing. Some may have an opposite view that we can dance now. The reality may lie somewhere in the middle.

The Welsh government has said that Dance classes, line dancing, ball room dancing, or Disco dancing can start up again, but these dance classes are different to Scottish dance classes, where we cannot practice social distancing.

Your committee have held a couple of meetings to identify what we can do, and at present that is "stay apart to stay safe". We continue to watch the announcements from the Governments, and RSCDS Headquarters to see what advice they are giving.

You will have noted that we cancelled the Ball this year, and also the festival. We postponed the Branch AGM in June, as travelling to the meeting and staying safe would not have been possible. This week we decided to postpone the delayed AGM that was due in September, until next year, therefore the current committee members have agreed to continue until then! If you would like to join the committee when we start dancing again, we will be able to co-opt you until the next AGM. We will be sending out the accounts and some actions we intend to carry out.

We, as a committee, have meetings planned to monitor the situation. At the meeting in January we will be considering the Ball in 2021, some considerations will we be

1) will we be able to dance?

2) Will we have enough people who wish to attend the ball to allow us to at least break even?

If you have any views on the current dancing situation, please contact members of the committee to share your thoughts.

If we have any further news, we will let you know as soon as possible to let you know what is happening

Stay Safe



Conor

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