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Mr. Esson read the financial statement for the year 1953 to the members.

MOVED by Mr. G. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. D. MacLeod that the financial statement be adopted as read and with a vote of thanks to the Secretary-Treasurer.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mr. G. Allan and seconded by Mr. D. Murray that the President write to Donald MacLeod and find out if he was definitely opposed to travelling by air and would insist on a sea voyage.

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The President announced that he had arranged to have the Seaforth Armoury available to our Association for the Indoor Meet.

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Mr. Esson reported that he had booked the Auditorium for May 1st.

The President then vacated the Chair to Mr. Walter Douglas and the election of officers for the year was held.

MOVED by H.A. Mumford and seconded by J. Hearn that E. Esson be nominated for President.

MOVED by D. MacLeod and seconded by D. MacKenzie that nomination be closed
CARRIED

Mr. E. Esson was declared elected as President for the year 1954.

MOVED by D. MacLeod and seconded by H.A. Mumford that G. Sinclair be nominated as Vice President.

MOVED by Mr. Douglas and seconded by H.A. Mumford that nominations be closed.

CARRIED

Mr. G. Sinclair was declared elected as Vice President for the year 1954.

MOVED by H.A. Mumford and seconded by G. Sinclair that D. Urquhart be nominated for Secretary.

MOVED by D. MacKenzie and seconded by F.J. McIvor that nominations be closed.

D. Urquhart was declared elected as Secretary for the year 1954.

MOVED by R. MacVicar and seconded by W. Douglas that D. Urquhart be nominated for Treasurer.

MOVED by G. Sinclair seconded by that nominations be closed

D. Urquhart was declared elected for Treasurer for the year 1954.

The following members were chosen for the committee for the year 1954.

H. Aird, D. Murray, F.J. McIvor, D. MacLeod, R. MacVicar, W.A. MacAdie, A. Baillie, M. Nicholson, George Allan.

Auditors for the year: A. Baillie and W.A. MacAdie.

Mr. G. Sinclair suggested that in view of the size of the Association and the amount of money on hand that a Board of Trustees be appointed to look after the finances.

There was considerable discussion as to who would be eligible to act as trustees and this matter was left for the Executive to consider.

MOVED by Mr. Mumford and seconded by R. MacVicar that ~~##~~ three trustees be appointed to handle the finances of the Association
CARRIED

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The Secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Gordon Sinclair and ask him to attend this meeting.

The Secretary read a letter from Kathleen Morrison the singer who submitted a fee of \$50 plus expenses of around \$150 for an appearance here.

The President wrote to Donald MacLean who accepted the invitation of our Association to come to Vancouver and also Hobbe MacLeod has accepted. There is also a good possibility of an Army Air Left for them.

MOVED by H.A. Mumford and seconded by Mr. Muckart that the fee of the singer Kathleen Morrison be accepted.

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The President said that Mrs. Bingham offered to supply a country Dancing number for our concert and would also secure the co-operation of the School Board in publicising our concert.

Mary Isdale also offered to put on a number something similar to last years.

At the Indoor Meet it was suggested that the mike of the public Address system have a long cord.

Committees for the Indoor Meet:

Announcer	Rod MacVicar who also offered to arrange the P.A. system.
Doormen	Charlie MacKensie and W.A. MacAdie
Scorers	Alistair Baillie and Georgina MacPhail
Entries	H.A. Mumford
Prizes	D. MacDonald, Rod MacVicar and Secretary
Floor Committee	F.J. Melvor & Mr. Knowles
Roundup	Red MacIsaac
Timers	Macolm Nicholson and

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The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Ironside and Alastair MacRae and tell them that we would allow our guests to come to Seattle for a nominal sum to cover expenses.

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Mr. MacVicar said that he had arrangements to have a P.A. system for our Indoor Meet for a price of \$22 against a price of \$35. last year.

It was decided that the Dancing Event for this year would be Professional Sword Dance.

The lineup of the competitions will be similar to last year except that the Old Highland Airs would be in the evening instead of the afternoon.

Judges for the Amateur events were selected as follows:

George Allan, Hugh Aird and A. Muckart.

It was suggested that competitors draw for position.

Mr. W.A. MacAdie agreed to bring two cash boxes for the money.

The Secretary will round up the trophies.

Alistair Baillie agreed to place ads for the Indoor Meet in Coming Events in the Daily Papers.

It was decided that an Armoured car should be hired to take care of the cash receipts.

CONCERT

MOVED by Rod MacVicar and seconded by F.J. McIvor that our publicity for the concert be handled by L.C. Way/.

CARRIED

The Secretary was instructed to write to Kathleen Morrison for pictures.

The President will talk to L.C. Way and arrange for the publicity.

MOVED by D. MacLeod and seconded by F.J. MacIvor that an amount of \$3. per ticket be charged for the banquet.

CARRIED

The Secretary was instructed to have 100 numbered tickets printed and the place to be printed on the ticket as English Bay Sports Pavilion, adjoining English Bay Bowling Green.

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The President read the financial statements of the Concert, Indoor Meet and Banquet.

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A long discussion followed the reading of this letter.

MOVED by F.J. McIvor and seconded by G. Sinclair that the President request an amount of \$250 from Winnipeg similar to what Edmonton paid.

CARRIED

The Secretary was instructed to write and request this amount giving a full explanation as to the reason for setting \$250 as a fair fee for the services of our guests.

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MOVED by Mr. Rod MacIsaac and seconded by Mr. H. Mumford that Seumas MacNeill contacted in regard to a co-operative tour with each city paying its proportional share of the expenses and the number of artists either one, two, three.

CARRIED

MOVED by Mr. George Allan and seconded by Mr. H. Mumford that Donald MacLeod be brought to Vancouver by our Association and if possible by a military pass.

CARRIED

The President said it would be necessary to set up the tour before the end of the year in order to avoid last minute complications.

MOVED by G. Sinclair and seconded by H. Mumford that Mr. Robert Wilson be approached in regard to publishing our book of tunes.

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The Secretary being absent the minutes were written by Mr. H' Mumford.

The President read a letter from Mr. Seumas MacNeill regarding a proposed tour of several pipers under his sponsorship and also his reply to that letter.

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CARRIED

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CARRIED

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CARRIED

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