

R.S.C.D.S. Vancouver Branch  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
September 14, 2007. Scottish Cultural Centre

Present:

Stuart Somerville, John Lang, Laurie Lang, Cathie Devlin, Isobel Van Wart, Art Van Wart, Hellen Stephen, Maureen Lyon, Richard Beattie, Rebecca Blackhall Peters, John Toomer, Stewart Cunningham, Gillian Beattie, Rita Gillies, Derek Bisset, Mary Murray, Sandy Caruth, Fran Caruth, Stuart Honeyman, Duncan MacKenzie, Elizabeth Peerless, Margaret MacKenzie, Dave Mackie, Margaret Berard, Rosemary Coupe, Jean Mullard, Maureen Hood, Ed Wagstaff, Cathrine Conings, Brian Corbould, Claudia Deiter, Jean Wagstaff, Beth Armour, Bob Armour, Louise MacKintosh, Bill MacKintosh.

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7.55pm.  
 The Chair welcomed those members present.  
 36 Members were in attendance and the Chair declared a quorum.

2. Agenda  
 Item 11c 'other ' was added.

**Moved by Richard Beattie, seconded by Stuart Honeyman, that the agenda be accepted as amended.**

**CARRIED**

3. Approval of minutes of AGM held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Moved by Duncan MacKenzie, seconded by Richard Beattie, that the Minutes of September 14 2006 be approved with the reference to the previous A.G.M. Minutes be amended to read September 2005.**

**CARRIED**

4. Business arising from the Minutes  
 None

5. Treasurer's Report

Stuart Honeyman presented the Financial Report as reviewed by John Toomer

**Moved by Stuart Honeyman, seconded by Cathrine Conings, that the Financial Report for the year ending May 31, 2007 be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

6. Reports from Appointments and Standing Committees

- a) Teacher Co-ordinator's report presented by Fran Caruth  
 Reported on the plans for the Demonstration Team and the success of the Teacher Candidates  
 She noted the need to solicit younger dancers as teacher candidates.
- b) Children's Committee report presented by Maureen Hood  
 Brian Corbould adding notes on Sandra Crosbie's 3 classes
- c) Funds Committee report by John Toomer  
 Reduction in requests this year. May be due to the changes in the Pearl Holberg fund criteria.

- d) Demonstration Team report covered under item a)
- e) Newsletter report by Rosemary Coupe  
Thanks given to Al and Helen Hughes for fifteen years assistance in its distribution.

**Moved by Fran Caruth, seconded by Rosemary Coupe, that the reports from Appointments and Standing Committees be accepted**

**CARRIED**

7. Reports from the Board of Directors
- a) Membership Report presented by Sandy Caruth  
Membership numbers are steady. Only four clubs make R.S.C.D.S. membership obligatory.
  - b) Publicity-Website report by Stuart Somerville  
Information can be sent to the website any time for updating.  
A web page available for any club –refer to ‘Fort Langley Voyageurs’ page for example
  - c) Corresponding secretary
  - d) Social and Events report by Margaret MacKenzie
  - e) Vice Chair report from Ed Wagstaff
  - f) Report from Chair by Elizabeth  
(printed in the October Newsletter)

**Moved by Richard Beattie, seconded by Jean Wagstaff, that the Board Reports be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

8. Reports received from representatives of the following clubs and events.
- a) Glenayre
  - b) Gleneagles
  - c) Fort Langley Voyageurs
  - d) Burnaby
  - e) West End
  - f) West End Seniors
  - g) White Rock
  - h) Youth Weekend West
  - i) Ceilidhs
  - j) USCS
  - k) Highland Games

9 . Nominating Committee Report

Jean Wagstaff presented the Committee report  
The following Board members were elected

Chair - Elizabeth Peerless  
Vice-C - Ed Wagstaff  
Recording Secretary.- Derek Bisset  
Corresponding Secretary.- Stuart Somerville  
Treasurer - Richard Beattie

Members at Large:  
Rebecca Blackhall Peters  
Fran Caruth  
Pat Hollingdale  
Fran Hillier  
Diane Coulombe

10. Appointment of reviewer of Books

**Moved by Stuart Honeyman, seconded Art Van Wart, that the appointment of an auditor be waived and that John Toomer be appointed reviewer of the books.**

**CARRIED**

11. New Business

a) 2008 Thistle Ball

Report on plans from Sandy Caruth. Keith Errington has taken over chair of the steering committee.

b) Pearl Holmberg Workshop

Fran Caruth has taken over responsibility. The Committee will meet in September to continue planning for 2008

c) Other – Presentation and thanks

The Chair thanked the outgoing Board members, Stuart Honeyman, Sandy Caruth, Margaret MacKenzie, Barbara Moritz and Heather Graham and also to Fran Caruth (Teacher Coordinator) and Rosemary Coupe (Newsletter) for their continuing contributions to the Branch.

12. Forum

a) Discussion about the need for a review of the Constitution. A new look needed.

b) Publicity and promotions. Ideas re how to increase publicity.

c) A plea to support the Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra by using it in more local events.

13. Move to adjourn at 9.50 pm