

RSCDS VANCOUVER BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2019, SCC Celtic Room

MINUTES

Recorded by: Sally Marshall

1. **Call to Order :** 7.00pm by the President Heather Hankin

A package of materials was posted on the Vancouver Branch Website prior to the meeting including the agenda and reports from the following: Board of Directors, Appointees and Committees, Area Clubs, The Independent Financial Statements, the Demonstration Team, and the Nominating Committee.

2. **Confirmation of Quorum:**

There being more than 24 members present, a quorum was declared by the Chair. There were 43 attendees.

3. **Safety Announcement:**

Gillian Beattie provided the safety announcement including all exits and the emergency assembly point by the coffee shop diagonally across from the SCC. She reported that there are 2 AEDs on the floor above us, 2 fire alarms on this floor plus a fire extinguisher. There is a phone in the caretaker's office. In case of an emergency Heather Hankin will be responsible for calling 911. Heather reported that Gillian has worked very hard on updating the Safety Guidelines and they are now posted on the website.

4. **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was included in the information package posted on the website.

Motion: *to approve the agenda.* Doug Nelson, Jean Wagstaff **Carried**

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 14, 2018 AGM:**

The minutes of last year's AGM were included in the information package posted on the website.

Motion: *to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2018 AGM.* Fran Hillier, Jennifer Shearman. **Carried**

6. **Business Arising From the Minutes of the September 14, 2018 AGM:**

None

7. **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report was included in the information package posted on the website. Stewart went over the Treasurer's report and highlighted the following: the contributions to the Vancouver Branch from Pearl Holmburg and Mary Wattum, the \$6430.00 loss, the 13 month fiscal year. He stressed that the Branch is financially very secure.

8. **Independent Inspection of 2018/2019 Financial Statements:**

The Independent Inspection of the Financial Statements by Telford and Associates was posted on the website.

Motion: *to accept the 2018/2019 Financial Statements.* Stewart Cunningham, Richard Hankin **Carried**

9. **Appointment of Inspector of 2019/20 Financial Statements:**

Motion: *to retain the services of Telford and Associates to prepare the financial statements for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.* Fran Caruth, Brian Corbould. **Carried.**

10. **Reports From The Board of Directors:**

The Reports from the Board of Directors were included in the information package posted on the Website. Heather Hankin thanked everyone for attending the AGM. She addressed some highlights from the past year. This is the first year under the new bylaws and she encouraged feedback. We currently have 180 RSCDS members and

Heather hopes to match or beat last year's total of 235 members. The Recruitment and Retention Committee was appointed this last year and Heather thanked Janet Mason, Donna Main and Vicki Downey for their hard work. They had 2 very good brain storming meetings with the Club Presidents and another meeting will take place later this Fall. She encouraged everyone to present their thoughts and ideas on how to recruit new dancers especially the younger generation. The Website and internet provider are working much better thanks to Darrell McLeod according to the Membership database. She also thanked Paul Lowe who assists with our membership database. Heather asked the teachers to stand up to be acknowledged. She encouraged recruiting future teachers especially our younger dancers. We had a good DITP season and next year will be our 70th anniversary. Fran Caruth and Alison Moen are already working on this. Heather introduced the Board Members and asked them to stand up to be acknowledged. She also thanked all the members.

11. Reports From Appointees and Committees:

The Reports from the Appointees and Committees were included in the information package posted on the Website. Heather acknowledged a poster that Janet Mason of the Recruitment and Retention Committee had produced. Heather felt that this should be posted on the Website for anyone to download and distribute. She also informed us of an "elevator speech" written by Janet Mason and has been sent to club presidents. This speech gives suggestions on how to raise the subject of Scottish Country Dancing when talking to someone you are meeting for the first time.

12. Reports From Area Clubs:

The Reports from the Area Clubs were included in the information package posted on the Website.

13. Report of the Nominating Committee:

The list of Nominees and returning Board Members was included in the Nominating Committee Report. The report was included in the information package posted on the website. Heather thanked the Nominating Committee of Cathrine Conings (Chair), Patsy Jamieson, Hugh Aspinall, Susan Stensgaard, and Gerry Stensgaard. Gerry displayed a sheet of Nominated Board Members and their terms of office.

14. Election of Directors and Officers for 2019/2020:

Gerry Stensgaard read out the following bylaws and proposals:

Bylaw 4.6 requires that "... no Director may be a Director for more than six consecutive years. The Members at an Annual General Meeting may vote to waive this rule for a specific Member, but such waiver is only effective until the Annual General Meeting at the end of the term of the Director, at which time the waiver must be voted on again." Heather Hankin has served six consecutive years as a Director - three years as Event Coordinator, two years as Vice-Chair, and one year as President for a total of six consecutive years. She has one more year in her two-year term as President.

Motion: *that the Members at this Annual General Meeting waive the six-consecutive-year rule for Heather Hankin and allow her to serve the second year of her two-year term as President.* Gerry Stensgaard, Stewart Cunningham. **Carried**

Gerry Stensgaard reported that the Nominating Committee had a full slate. He read the list of nominated and returning Directors and Officers for 2019/2020. Gerry asked 3 times if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, he declared the slate elected by acclamation.

Bylaw 4.14 states that, "If there are no more nominations for Executive Directors and Directors-at-large, other than those necessary to fill the positions becoming vacant, the elections are by acclamation."

Motion: *that the slate of Directors, as submitted by the Nominating Committee, be elected by acclamation.* Gerry Stensgaard, Kay Sutherland. **Carried.**

Motion: *that the Executive Directors as submitted by the Nominating Committee then also be elected by acclamation. (Two votes are required).* Gerry Stensgaard, Brian Corbould. **Carried**

15. Appreciation to Outgoing Directors and All Committee Members:

Heather expressed thanks to Fran Caruth and Sue Biddle for agreeing to stand as Board Members in their positions. She expressed appreciation to the outgoing Board Members, Sally Marshall (Recording Secretary) and Peter Richards (Past President). Heather presented them with gifts. She also gave thanks to the Committee Chairs.

16. Presentation:

No awards were presented but Heather Hankin reported that an announcement will be made in the future.

17. New Business – Items From The Floor:

Hamish Jackson from the Deep Cove Club suggested that out of the 10 favourite dances chosen by the members; maybe 4 dances could be incorporated into every public dance event. He asked that each Committee Chair consider this. Fran Caruth replied that having a set of core dances has already been discussed at a teacher's meeting. She reminded us that the Branch does not have any influence over club programming. She felt that we have to tread the line between boring and fun.

Brian Corbould thanked Heather Hankin for her dedication during her term.

18. News of Members:

Doug Nelson, the President of the Gleneagles Club, reported that Simon Scott had a mild stroke and was discharged from the hospital. He is physically fine.

Isobel Hyde had a stroke and Jennifer Shearman reported that she is making progress.

Kerry and Mary Ann McDevitt had to travel to Victoria for a family emergency.

19. Adjournment:

Motion: *to adjourn* Sandy Caruth. **Carried.** Time 7.45

Attachments:

The above-mentioned information package posted on the website which includes the various reports
The Telford and Associates independent financial statement.