



RSCDS Vancouver Branch Board Meeting
9:30 am Saturday October 5, 2019
SCC Library
MINUTES

Present: Heather Hankin, Vicki Downey, Tereza Cabral, Gillian Beattie, Sally Marshall, Barbara Kisilevsky, Sandra Anderson, Susan Biddle, Janet Mason, Fran Caruth

Regrets: Donna Main, Stewart Cunningham, Christine Cardinal

Recorded by: Susan Biddle

Call to Order by: Heather Hankin, 9:30 A.M.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda: Barbara King, seconded by Gillian Beattie - Carried

Addition to discussion: Heather Hankin added two items to the Agenda:

- 1) That volunteers be recognized in a column in the White Cockade
- 2) Events: Discuss ticket pricing

Approval of Minutes August 31, 2019: Sally asked to change some wording in the minutes. The section Events, Highland Games, should read Donna proposed that the Vancouver Branch consider purchasing its own tent for future Highland Games.

Motion to approve Minutes: Gillian, second Barbara -Carried

Motion to approve the August 31 in camera minutes: Barbara, second Janet -Carried

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting (AGM):

- 1) AGM attendees: Ask Sally for the list created by Barbara to get number of attendees.

Action: Sue

Business arising from previous meeting:

- 1) The Board agreed that the Branch could let go of the kitchen cupboard and transfer the items there to the hall cupboard to reduce costs. The SCC recently decided to charge \$100 for each cupboard per year. Keep the cupboard under the stairs as it is secure. Let go of the stage cupboard or discuss a different sharing arrangement with the Sons of Scotland. The Board could ask Darryl if there are other cupboards that would be better.

Action: Teresa

2) Director at Large Title and Responsibilities: Fran Caruth will be given the title of Dancing Coordinator. Gillian, Janet seconded. Fran will document her Job Description. **Action: Fran**

3) Archivist – Anne is retiring. Any suggestions for new Archivist. Christine Cardinal's name was put forward. Sandra will talk to Christine.

Action: Sandra

4) The Board agreed on holding a two hour dance after the AGM on September 18, 2020 . This date would not conflict with a Ceilidh.

Branch Administration:

Vice President's report: Vicki attached a calendar of proposed meetings and events until 2023.

Board Meetings to be changed: August 1, 2020 cancelled, August 29 added and Sept 5, 2020 cancelled. Jan. 2, 2021 moved to Jan 9. April 3, 2021 moved to April 10, 2021. July 3, 2021 moved to July 17 2021.

Sandra will confirm date of Heather Ball to be either March 27, 2021 or March 20, 2021 depending on the availability of the musicians.

Corresponding Secretary's report: Gillian Beattie reported that Stewart Cunningham recommends that all printed material and website material include our full name as specified by our license. We should have RSCDS Vancouver Branch on all material.

Most people on the board are from the Vancouver classes. The Board should advise the Nominating Committee to look at other club members to be on the Board.

Gillian sent get well cards to Isobel Hyde and Simon Scott, and a welcome card to Sue Biddle. Gillian sent a welcome card to Fran Caruth.

Membership:

Barbara Kisilevsky reported 199 members, 171 renewing, plus 15 life members, and 13 new members of the Vancouver Branch. The Vancouver Branch includes all of BC., Bellingham and Whitehorse. Barbara gives out membership packages to the new members. Barbara will provide a breakdown of each club membership.

Action: Barbara

Attachment 7

Recruitment and Retention:

Janet Mason believes word of mouth is the best way to recruit new members. RSCDS had almost a full page and a picture in the Celtic Connection newspaper.

We are using Meet Up to attract new members. Some of the Meet Up recruits came to the introductory class on August 26th. It was suggested that the pictures used for

advertising contain both dancers in Scottish attire and dancers in casual wear. It was suggested that attachment #1a 'What would happen if the branch disappeared' be printed in the White Cockade.

Attachment 1 & 1a

Archives:

Peter to update on website.

Fran Hillier has prepared some cd's of oral interviews to send to Edinburgh.

Publicity:

The Branch is changing name-tags so that they will include the new logo.

Website: Darryl McLeod has changed the homepage. He has added link buttons and the Board can choose where the links should go. Janet suggested two: News, and Clubs and Classes.

Ticket Pricing: prices have increased for Burns Supper and Heather Ball for non-members of the Branch.

Facebook: We are looking for a young person to take over the Vancouver Branch site on Facebook.

Dem Team: St. Andrew's Ball on October 19 was cancelled due to an employee's strike at the hotel.

White Cockade: deadline for submissions to the White Cockade is October 10th.

Equipment: Tereza has itemized and included photos of the items in the cupboard. Tereza will send the attachments to all board members.

Attachment 4,5,6

Dancing and Teacher Development report: Dancing Coordinator, Fran Caruth reported the following:

Betwixt and Between is organized.

Love to Dance teachers will be Heather Graham from Bellingham, and Richard Bennett from Saltspring Island.

Sue Biddle will be Registrar for Love to Dance.

Dancing in the Park: We need the name of the Parks Board Person to help us with our 70th anniversary celebration of Dancing in the Park. Tricia Barker is to supply the name.

Kay is organizing step dancing.

Events:



- A) Burns Supper - see Attachment 2
- B) Heather Ball – need to determine the band
- C) Heather Ball 2021 change of date
- D) Dancing in the Park – 70th anniversary
- E) Love to Dance

News of Members:

Isobel Hyde is recovering in hospital. Simon Scott is recovering at home.

SCCS: see Attachment 3

Additional Business:

1) Gillian will be in charge of sending proxy forms for the RSCDS annual general meeting in Perth, Scotland in November.

Action: Gillian

2) Legacy Fund:

Two previous members (Pearl Holmberg and Mary Wattum) left legacy funds to help subsidize the Vancouver Branch. These funds have decreased significantly and the branch is looking for more funds. Should we encourage our members to set up legacy funds with the Branch as a beneficiary? Barbara said that we have to ensure that our non-profit status would allow us to set up a Legacy Fund. Heather will ask Stewart to investigate.

Action: Heather

3) Heather Ball: Heather suggested we billet band members instead of paying for their hotel bills. We could also have volunteer drivers for the band and find cheaper airfare for the band.

In Camera:

Motion to go in camera: Gillian, second Barbara – Carried

Motion to come out of camera: Carried

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn from Gillian at 12:30 p.m.

Attachment 1	Promotional Committee Report
Attachment 1a	What Would Happen
Attachment 2	Burns Supper
Attachment 3	SCCS
Attachment 4,5,6	Equipment Inventory
Attachment 7	Membership



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