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**RSCDS VANCOUVER BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**  
BY ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL  
**MINUTES**

**Recorded by:** Sue Biddle

- 1. Call to Order:** Heather Hankin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. 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 eleven members attending the Zoom meeting, a quorum was declared by the Chair. There were approximately 70 members attending.*
- 3. Approval of Agenda:**  
Heather uploaded the Agenda to the screen. It was also included in the information package posted on the website. Frances Caruth made a motion to approve the Agenda; Gail Urquhart seconded the motion. **Carried.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2019, AGM:**  
Heather uploaded the Minutes to the screen. The minutes were also included in the information package posted on the website. Dorothy Hargreaves made a motion to approve the Minutes; Sue Sochasky seconded the motion. **Carried.**
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the September 27, 2019, AGM:**  
None
- 6. Treasurer's Report:**  
Heather uploaded the Treasurer's report to the screen. The report was also included in the information package posted on the website. Stewart Cunningham went over the Treasurer's Report and highlighted the following: The Statement of Operations should read Amount allocated from Funds. This amount should be a positive amount. The net result is the same. There was a loss of \$600 this year, but because of the contributions from the Pearl Holmburg and Mary Wattum funds the Branch showed a profit of \$2,262. Stewart reported that even though many events had to be cancelled this year because of the Covid-19 virus, the Branch remains in a financially secure position.



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### **7. Report of the Independent Inspection of 2019-2020 Financial Statements**

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

**Motion:** *to accept the 2019/2020 Financial Statements.* Stewart Cunningham, Duncan McKenzie  
**Carried.**

### **8. Appointment of the Inspector of 2020-2021 Financial Statements:**

**Motion:** *to retain the services of Telford and Associates to prepare the financial statements for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.* Stewart Cunningham, Gillian Beattie. **Carried**

### **9. Reports from 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 noted that this was an extraordinary year because of the Covid-19 virus, which caused the cancellation of the 2020 spring and fall events. In 2018 the RSCDS membership was 235 and in 2019 the membership increased to 248. Heather thanked Janet Mason and the Recruitment and Retention Committee for all their hard work. She is extremely pleased that, given the current circumstances, 115 members have renewed their memberships. Heather thanked Darrell McLeod for all his work upgrading the website. She also thanked Paul Lowe for all his help with the membership database and the Zoom AGM meeting. There are over 60 attendees to this Zoom AGM and Heather hopes that we can continue using Zoom for those who cannot physically attend future AGMs. Heather also spoke of a pilot for a Zoom Variety Show.

Heather thanked all the Teachers, Past Presidents, the Board and the Directors at Large, and the Members for all their hard work and support.

Stewart thanked Heather for all the years of service she has put in as Committee Member and Director and President.

### **10. Reports from Appointees and Committees:**

The Reports from the Appointees and Committees were included in the information package posted on the Website.

### **11. Reports from Area Clubs:**

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



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### 12. 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. The members of the Nominating Committee are Barbara Fancy, Mike Nichols, and Jill Anderson.

### 13. Election of Directors and Officers for 2020-2021:

Heather uploaded the Nominating Committee report. Barbara Fancy cited bylaw 4.6 which 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 two years as President for a total of seven consecutive years. She will hold the position of Past President next year.

### 13. **Motion:** *that the Members at this Annual General Meeting waive the six-consecutive-year rule for Heather Hankin and allow her to serve another year as Past President.* Barbara Fancy, Drummond Cavers. **Carried**

Barbara Fancy reported that the Nominating Committee had a full slate. Heather uploaded the list of nominated and returning Directors and Officers for 2020-2021 and Barbara read the list. The bylaw states that there should be a maximum of six directors retiring in a year. That would not happen with the current slate. It was decided that the bylaw should be re-visited at a later date.

Barbara asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none she declared the slate elected by acclamation, according to bylaw 4.14.

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

**Motion:** *that the Executive Directors as submitted by the Nominating Committee then also be elected by acclamation.* Barbara Fancy, Stewart Cunningham. **Carried**

### 14. Appreciation to Outgoing Directors and All Committee Members:

Heather welcomed Fran Hillier, Arden Williams, and Cathrine Conings and thanked them for agreeing to stand on the Board. Heather thanked Barbara Fancy (Chair of the Nominating Committee), and assistants Mike Nichols, and Jill Anderson. Heather announced her pleasure in handing the gavel to the new president Vicki Downey. Vicki thanked the members for supporting the RSCDS and their branch. Vicki expressed appreciation to the outgoing Board Members, Gillian Beattie (Corresponding Secretary for 5 years), and Janet Mason (Publicity Director for 5 years and Recruitment and Retention Committee). Vicki thanked Heather Hankin for standing on the Board for 7 years and for serving an 8<sup>th</sup> year as Past President. Gifts of thanks will be delivered to each of these members. Vicki thanked all the Board Directors and Committee Members.



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### 15. Presentations:

Marian Heath was presented with the Vancouver Branch Award in October 2019. Marian joined the Bellingham Scottish Country Dance group in 1988. She taught the Bellingham group, danced on their Demonstration Team and served on the Board of the Bellingham Highland Games.

### 16. Announcements:

Long time members, Isobel Hyde and Nel Bird, are in long-term care homes. Both have been able to connect with the membership through Zoom conference calling.

Mary Ann McDevitt will organize a new Board photo, which will be posted on the Website.

Vicki thanked Mary Ann for her work on the Website and the White Cockade.

Fran Caruth announced that the Highland Games Committee will be putting on a Virtual show at the Scottish Cultural Centre on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 17. New Business including items from the Attendees:

Vicki asked if there was any new business from the floor. Drummond Cavers asked if the Covid-19 Pandemic situation would affect our insurance. Stewart replied that all events have been cancelled at this point so it is not a consideration. It will be a consideration when dancing resumes. When dancing resumes the Branch will have to comply with all regulations.

### 18. Adjournment:

**Motion:** *to adjourn* Alison Moen. **Carried.** Time 8:45

### Attachments:

The above-mentioned information package posted on the website which includes the various reports.

The Telford and Associates independent financial statement.