

## **VICTORIA BALLROOM DANCE SOCIETY**

**Board of Directors meeting – Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.**

**By MS Teams**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Directors in attendance: Lynne Jordon (Chair), Diane Duruisseau, Lawrence Gower, Brian Mason, Jay Schmidt, Maria Heron. Regrets: Richard Pigeon

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:31 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Lynne to approve the agenda as amended to include additional items. CARRIED

#### 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

#### 4. Appointment of Timekeeper

Maria agreed to be the timekeeper.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Diane to approve the June 13 minutes. CARRIED

#### 6. Business arising from the minutes

None

#### 7. Vice-president's report

Diane noted that we are discontinuing the use of Royal Oak Women's Hall for the fall as we do not expect to have an instructor on that night.

Diane recommended continuing with 30 minutes of line dancing at the beginning of Wed practices as participation is very good (18 people participated in last week's practice.) Participants noted the following: it's a good warm-up, good cardio, allows members to work on figures on their own, promotes an atmosphere of collaboration and fun, and attracts individual dancers without dance partners.

30<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance – detailed floor plan is ready for volunteers; the budget has been updated. Documents are available to directors in Sync. 70 tickets have been sold thus far. Diane recommended we spend \$35 on a FB ad. Lynne also said we should promote to other members as well. We will provide some posters and flyers to give to other instructors and to post at CUC.

Keith Honeyman Award nominations have closed. Neil will chair the committee.

8. Treasurer's report - No report as Richard was away. Written reports will be provided.

9. Committee reports

a) Community Outreach: No report.

b) Dance: We need a chair for this committee. Next regular dance after the anniversary dance will be third week in October.

c) Finance: No report

d) Governance: Lynne to talk to committee members Lynne Young and Bob Adams about addressing changes to Societies Act.

e) Marketing and Promotions: Brian reported that Dancing in the Square is going very well and is well attended. Victoria Buzz will promote the last Dancing in the Square event.

f) Membership: Lawrence reported that we have 162 regular members, 208 non-members (these dancers sign up for a non-member account to take VBDS classes as non-members). We have 9 members who are students/dancers with a disability.

g) Standards and Classes: This committee is in process of meeting and approaching instructors for the fall term and arranging venues and schedules. Directors noted that although international ballroom dancing is our focus, from time to time, VBDS offers other dance styles to keep members engaged and offer a variety of dance classes.

10. New business:

a) Lynne tendered her resignation (regretfully) from the VBDS board as of August, 31, 2023.

11. Bring forward

a) AGM dates – A date for the 2022-23 AGM should be selected soon. Suggested dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 15 or 22. Directors should canvas for nominations and establish a nominating committee.

b) Honorary members – At the September meeting, the board awards our honorary memberships. Lynne suggested that we widen our honorary memberships this year to instructors from the past such as Bob Gibb and Donna Lawrence, Roman Yu, Zuzana Macknight, Wanda Kivitt, etc.

12. Board correspondence

a) Confidential email from Elizabeth Smailes dated July 24, 2023, re: decision not to instruct for VBDS in the fall 2023.

b) Reply from VBDS to Elizabeth Smailes dated July 29, 2023.

13. Next Meeting – Sept. 12, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

14. Adjournment

MOVED by Lynne to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. CARRIED