

VICTORIA BALLROOM DANCE SOCIETY

Board of Directors meeting – Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

By MS Teams

Meeting Minutes

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Brian to approve the agenda. 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 Sept. 19 minutes as amended. CARRIED

6. Business arising from the minutes

None

7. Vice-president's report

Diane noted she has received positive feedback from the community regarding VBDS activities. She also noted instructor Gaétan Rouette from Nanaimo is keen to do workshops for VBDS in Victoria.

8. Treasurer's report - No report as Richard was away.

9. Committee reports

a) Community Outreach: Maria reported that she has reached out to The Bay Centre several times regarding ballroom demonstrations. Maria will follow up with Michael regarding this. Lawrence noted he received a request from a middle school to teach a dance class. We will pass this request to Victor.

b) Dance: Maria reported that we have volunteers for the October 21 dance. We still need a chair for this committee. Maria suggested reaching out to the newcomers.

c) Finance: No report

d) Governance: Diane noted that Bob Adams and Thomas Webber will be on the

Governance committee. Thomas will chair the committee.

e) Marketing and Promotions: No report.

f) Membership: Lawrence reported that we have 88 regular members and 3 members who are students or dancers with a disability. We had 13 non-members between Sept. 1 and Oct. 10, 2023. (as of Sept. 1, 2023, non-members can only take workshops, not classes).

g) Standards and Classes: no report

10. New business:

- a) Honorary members. MOVED by Diane, by email on Sept. 29, 2023, that in accordance with VBDS By-Law Part 2, Section 4 (d), the following individuals be appointed as VBDS honorary members for the membership year 2023/2024: Victor Golubkov, Adam Hanna, John de Pfyffer, Roman and Rennie Yue, Elizabeth and Ron Smailes, CARRIED by email vote.

11. Bring forward

- a) AGM planning – on schedule with preparations.

b) Nominations committee – will be created one month before the AGM. Thomas, Michael and Raymond have agreed to form the committee.

12. Board correspondence

- a) Email from John de Pfyffer regarding dance pavilion at Centennial Square. Covered in latest newsletter.

13. Next Meeting – Nov.14, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

14. Adjournment

MOVED by Diane to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 p.m. CARRIED