

## **VICTORIA BALLROOM DANCE SOCIETY**

**Board of Directors meeting – Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024 at 5 p.m.**

### **By MS Teams**

### **Meeting Minutes**

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

#### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Diane to approve the agenda. CARRIED

#### 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

#### 4. Appointment of Timekeeper

Lawrence agreed to be the timekeeper.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Diane to approve the Jan. 11, 2024 minutes. CARRIED

#### 6. Business arising from the minutes

- a) Re-branding initiative – Diane confirmed she met with Bob Adams and Thomas Webber (Governance Committee) to confirm there were no legal concerns with our soft rebranding approach to update our logos and banners. Bob suggested that once we have the new designs that we present them to a segment of our membership to get their feedback.

#### 7. President's report

Diane noted that we received a generous \$300 donation from member Patricia Weekes for music equipment.

Diane noted we had a request from a dance teacher about the possibility of teaching private lessons during the occasionally sparsely attended silver+ practice on Sundays. As per board meeting of Dec, 8, 2021, directors had already discussed this and approved a motion that private lessons could not take place during practices.

#### 8. Treasurer's report – No report

#### 9. Committee reports

- a) Community Outreach: Diane noted that we have a new chair, Rolands Muiznieks. She also noted that she and Thomas will do a demo and Samba line dance at Cook St Village

Wellness Centre. She noted we had a request to do a demo on March 19, 2024 at the 55+ Lifestyle Show. Since we don't have to staff a table, we have agreed to participate and perform 2 demos. We will put out a call to members to volunteer. In addition, Michael and Diane will meet with Mayfair Mall regarding a VBDS demo. Diane also noted that the City of Victoria announced there would be a new location for dancing in the square: the Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park.

b) Dance: Maria Heron has provided pricing for beverage dispensers and pitchers: \$117.

MOVED by Diane to provide the dance committee \$117 for the purchase of beverage dispensers and pitchers. CARRIED

MOVED by Gerry to provide the dance committee \$60 for prizes at the upcoming Mardi Gras dance. CARRIED

Diane reported the cost for the February dance will be: \$375.26 (not including \$60 for prizes). The January dance brought in \$506.

c) Finance: Directors reviewed the financial review of classes provided by Michael. The Intro to ballroom and higher level workshops bring in good revenue. We will now look to add back in pre-bonze and bronze classes.

d) Governance: Diane noted that the VBDS storage unit has a number of old financial documents. She has reached out to the governance committee to enquire about proper review and disposal of old VBDS documents and will report back.

e) Marketing and Promotions: No report.

f) Membership: Lawrence reported that we have 125 regular members and 6 members who are students or dancers with a disability.

g) Standards and Classes:

Diane reported she has reached out to John de Pfyffer about teaching a 3-week workshop.

Diane thinks a competition prep series would be useful to encourage newer members to compete. Promoting competition is part of our mission statement. She and Victor have discussed. He would teach 8 classes at the newcomer level with the goal of competing at Nanaimo's Island Fantasy Ball in June.

Music committee – No report.

10. New business:

n/a

11. Bring forward

n/a

12. Board correspondence

n/a

13. Next Meeting – March 14, 2024 at 5 p.m.

14. Adjournment

MOVED by Diane to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. CARRIED