THE NANAIMO BALLROOM DANCE SOCIETY

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held September 19, 1999 (New Business)

President – Keith Wilson
Vice-President – Nelson Wong
Secretary – Deborah Oke
Treasurer – Winnie Hull
Past President – John Maher

Directors:
Dianne Spearing
Ed Sargent
Maureen Rumney
Sara Treutler
Jim Beaman

Other committee members:
Door/Tables: Ed and Willow Sargent (co-chairs)
Music, Entertainment and Decorating: John Maher (chair), Ingrid Perry
IFB: Dianne Spearing, Louise Severn
Demos: Winnie Hull
Newsletter: Keni Lorette
Phoning: Sara Treutler (chair), Jean Pennington, Judy Pereira, Ingrid Perry, Cynthia Palin
Webmaster: Doug Darby
Database Manager: Keith Wilson
Librarian: Marilyn Metcalf
Bar: Chester Scott
Food: Ed Hong, Irene Scott, Maureen Rumney (chair)

The new President, Keith Wilson, thanked the new Board Members and said he was pleased to be a member of such a strong team.
NEW BUSINESS:

1. **IFB 2000**

   - **RESOLUTION:** John Maher moved that we hold the IFB next year and commit the same level of financial backing, being the $5,000 bond. Keni Lorette seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.
   - Dianne Spearing will telephone some of the Society members in order to call a meeting to begin organizing the IFB. Dianne will advise of the time for the meeting.

2. **ALTERNATIVES TO VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

   - Chester Scott: suggested cutting out the August dances;
   - Minnie Beaman: said there should be a standard menu for food;
   - John Maher: agreed with Chester. The number of people during the summer months was very good. We need more people to man the bar. Approach Malaspina for bar, hire someone for the door and we may have to add an additional charge to the admittance fee to dances. Keep bar and food, but eliminate the break;
   - Louise Severn: each committee member could be responsible for their proportionate amount of work. One of the committee members could call the phoning chairman and find out who has volunteered in the past, and what they volunteered for;
   - Mike Brierley: was not aware of the problems we have been having in getting volunteers to sign up. Suggested that we have a fallback list to cover these jobs;
   - Jim Burrell: cut back on the workshops so we don’t have to get someone to do tables so early in the evenings;
   - Keith Wilson: see if Bowen personnel will set up the tables as part of hall rental;
   - Nelson Wong: make each member aware that it is compulsory to volunteer for a job;
   - Jim Beaman: cut out bar, have snacks only;
   - Della Burrell: each person bring their own lunch and they would also be responsible for clearing it away. The club would provide pop, tea and coffee;
   - Deborah Oke: have potluck once a month;
• Marilyn Metcalf: make it clear to new members that they are to sign up for a job when joining the club and also provide an information package;
• Penny Butterfield: agreed that we should provide an information package to new members;
• Sara Treutler: check the member list for colour coding. This will indicate who has volunteered for what particular job;
• Dianne Spearing: the chart could be presented to each table and ask people if they would sign up for something.

These issues will be brought forward at the next executive meeting.

3. AWARDS NIGHT PROPOSAL

• Dave Lorette suggested that at future anniversary dances that certain club members be recognized for their exceptional contributions or achievements;
• Mike Brierley, Louise Severn and Chester Scott spoke against this suggestion, since it would involve someone’s judgment, which may not be generally accepted;
• John Maher indicated it may be worth pursuing for those volunteers whose contributions can be easily measured;
• Jim Burrell said we could recognize directors and executive from previous years.

This will be brought back to the executive meeting.

4. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

• This class of membership recognizes extraordinary contributions made over the years by various members. Currently honorary life members are exempt from paying the annual membership fee.

• RESOLUTION: John Maher moved that the privileges of honorary life members should be extended to include exemption from the admission fee to the regular dances. This would include any existing honorary member. Louise Severn seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

• RESOLUTION: John Maher moved that Alf and Peggy Craythorne should become honorary life members on the recognition of their significant role in
promoting ballroom dancing in Nanaimo, which lead to the formation of the NBDS. Carried unanimously.

- **RESOLUTION:** Ed Sargent moved that we extend the privileges of honorary life membership to include all ticketed dances, such as the Anniversary Dance, Christmas Dance. John Maher seconded the motion. Motion defeated.

5. **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

- Due to the difficulty in getting sufficient volunteers to cover the regular dances, Penny Butterfield asked if there is another time of the year when we could have a break in the regular monthly dances. Chester Scott indicated that August would be the most appropriate month as dance classes are held from September to June. During these months, dance students would be able to practice what they have been taught at the NBDS dances.
- Also, it was suggested that if we have a live band again, that it be held on a regular Friday dance night. However, due to the lack of attendance in previous years, live band dances do not appear to generate enough interest.
- Next executive meeting to be held October 2nd, 7:00 p.m. at Keith and Deborah’s home.
- Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.