

The Silver Slipper

A Publication of the Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society



2011 AGM Recap (held September 18/11)

AGM Minutes in a Nutshell

Held September 18, 2011 at Bowen Park; 43 members in attendance. Committee chairs read out detailed and informative reports. New executive elected for 2012. To read each full version, visit the NBDS website. Here's a summary of the chair reports:

President's Report – John Maher

The 2010/11 year was challenging for NBDS. Three main issues:

- Plans by the City to replace the hardwood floor at Beban Park by August 2012 endanger Island Fantasy Ball;
- Rent increases for Bowen auditorium to rise to \$596 starting January 2012;
- Recruiting and retaining new members.

However, there's good news:

- NBDS continues to hold workshops, regular dances and dinner dances.
- IFB a spectacular success.
- New NBDS Strategic Plan
- Increased participation and membership from regions outside Nanaimo. New ballroom dances in Comox.
- Active volunteer base.

Let's build on our success. Sincere thanks to the countless volunteers who stepped forward to work for the club at the Board and committee level.

IFB Report – Vicki Linfitt

Record ticket sales for the IFB - 1,044 in total! More ticket sales needed on Sunday. Ticket prices will go up slightly in 2012 to ensure NBDS can continue to bring a quality, 'Go-To' Ballroom event to Nanaimo. Next IFB at Beban Park, May 5-6, 2012. Members will receive a discount when purchasing a two-day pass.

Bowen venue report – Vicki Linfitt

Thanks to Tina Maher for arranging most of the volunteers, to Andy Mundy for the DJ's and workshop instructors, to all the food and door volunteers, and to a core group of people who consistently help set up and clean up after dances.

Positive changes are helping the dances run smoothly:

- a 'cheat sheet' to help future DJ's with music glitches;
- 'how-to' instructions for food and door volunteers;
- storage cubby cleaned and organized;
- An inventory of decorations underway.

Door volunteers – Barbara Yee

Tina Maher helped Barbara recruit volunteers for both dance venues, Bowen and Nanoose. Busiest months at NBDS dances seem to be October, November, December and January. Third volunteer needed to help with door duties for these busy months while membership renewals are taking place.

DanceSport Committee – Nelson Wong

Since mid-July this year, we experienced difficulties at Nanoose due to wax applied to the floor by curlers which made the floor treacherous for dancers. The problem is being addressed and we hope to resume practices and dances soon. * Note: The October 22nd dance is tentative. Watch for an email update, check the website or ask Stephen Gower for more details.

Treasurers Report - Stephen Gower

For the year ending June 30, 2011, an operating surplus of \$544 was achieved. All NBDS events returned a slight profit, except for practice sessions at the Nanoose Place hall.

Preliminary budget for fiscal 2011/2012 estimated at just over \$ 100,000, expenses & revenues.

DJs & Workshops - Andy Mundy

Wilma Rosas has joined the dedicated group of instructors, and Brian Hicks and Harald Moeller have volunteered to serve as DJs. In 2011, NBDS held nine ballroom workshops, seven Latin workshops and three others (two west coast swing and lindy hop).

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**'Dance first,
think later.
It's the
natural order.'**

Samuel Beckett

October 2011

**Editors:
Marilyn Assaf
Mark Pearce**

Fall 2011 Events

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| <u>Nanoose Dance</u> 7:30 Waltz Workshop 8:30 Dance (tentative*) | Oct 22* |
| <u>Bowen Dance</u> 7:30 Catherine Waltz Sequence Workshop 8:30 Dance | Nov 4 |
| <u>Nanoose Dance</u> 7:30 Rumba workshop 8:30 Dance | Nov 12 |
| <u>Bowen Dance</u> 7:30 Cha Cha workshop 8:30 Dance | Dec 2 |
| <u>Christmas Gala Dinner & Dance</u> 4 p.m. – Midnight | Dec 16 |

Introducing Your 2012 NBDS Executive:

President Brian Gaines
Vice President Vicki Linfitt
Treasurer Stephen Gower
Secretary Andy Mundy
Past President: John Maher
**Directors: Mike Linfitt,
Brenda Stewart,
Keith Wilson, Barbara Yee**

For a full list of event coordinators etc. see the NBDS website.



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Bar Services

Steve Linfitt has been our bartender for most of the Bowen dances in 2011. Bar services generated a surplus overall.

Dance Camps – John Maher

The last Dance Camp was held on Gabriola Island on July 16 to 18, 2010, as reported at the last AGM. This year, dance camps at both Gabriola Island and Newcastle Island were cancelled due to low registrations.

Reservations are in place for a dance camp on Newcastle on August 4, 2012. We have an enthusiastic group headed by Gwen Spinks ready to hold a dance camp on Gabriola on June 22 to 24, 2012 and registration is already available.

Strategic Plan Endorsement

Motion by Brian Gaines to accept the NBDS Strategic Plan as a document by which to guide the executive in providing direction to the NBDS in 2012. Members voted in favour.

Thoughts from the new Silver Slipper Editors (Mark Pearce and Marilyn Assaf):

This edition of the ‘Silver Slipper’, the first in two years, captures the energy and excitement of a new era starting for the NBDS. Our recently elected executive has already met with great ideas resulting. A Communications team has been struck to explore fresh ways to communicate with both members and the wider community. A common desire exists to take action on a much-needed strategic plan that was thoughtfully created in mid-2011. Plus, we’re kicking off our 31st year with a gala Christmas event to enjoy with our members and the greater community.

As your new Silver Slipper editors, we are definitely pleased to be part of this excitement. This first new ‘Silver Slipper’ issue is brief but we will expand the publication in future to cover many aspects of this great activity, both local and from further afield. We will be looking for input from all members.

Marilyn and I bring to the NBDS a good deal of experience in writing, communications, publishing and business in general. In terms of our direct dance experience however, we are still beginners. Attending weekly dance lessons, workshops and a variety of dances throughout our first year has definitely helped us feel more comfortable on the floor wherever we dance. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know the dance community, the intricacies of each dance and developing a whole new social network.

Recruiting and encouraging new dancers is important. We can often lose them in the difficult learning process if they go unsupported. Recent strategic plan initiatives focused on membership recruitment and retention show that we have identified this trend and that we need to recruit and retain members in our organization so that we can all kick up our heels into the future.

Update on the Floor Issue

Good News...dances might be back at Nanoose! Stay tuned. If all is well, dances resume October 22nd (see Fall Events).

The Beban floor issue remains unsolved. The City has not abandoned its plan to change the floor to vinyl by August 2012. We continue to work on a proposal to save the floor.

Be sure to check out our NBDS website at:

ballroomnanaimo.ca

Help NBDS celebrate its 30th year with a:

***Christmas Reunion Banquet
and Ballroom Dance***



Dec 16, 2011

Beban Park Social Centre, Nanaimo

4:00 p.m. Reunion cocktail party; meet old dancing friends from past years and make new friends!

6:00 p.m. Gourmet buffet dinner by Spice of Life

4:00 p.m. to midnight— Continuous ballroom dancing and dance demonstrations. Bring friends who might like to dance, to watch or just have a great Christmas party.

4:00 p.m. to midnight—Silent auction and draws.

Tickets are \$50 per person and will be available for sale at future dances. Contact Deborah Wilson or Tina Maher for more information. We are hoping for 350 attendees—let’s make this a great party!

We certainly need volunteers!

It takes a team of people to make dance events successful. Please step up to volunteer. Key areas where we need assistance:

Bar Coordinator for Bowen Dances—contact John Maher

Door and Food Volunteers—contact Barbara Yee (door) and Char Anderson (food)

DJ’s and Workshop Instructors—contact Andy Mundy

Setup and Clean up crews—contact Russ Thompson (Bowen) or Stephen Gower (Nanoose)

IFB Volunteers—contact Vicki Linfitt

