

NANAIMO BALLROOM DANCE SOCIETY 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2.00 pm Sunday September 19th, 2021
Room 1, Beban Park Rec. Centre, Nanaimo

MINUTES

1. Call to order @ 1:50pm by President Carol Fleming
Determination of quorum (minimum 10% (12) of voting members).
13 members present.

2. Officers' reports:

President – Carol Fleming

Treasurer – Stephen Gower

Presentation of financial reports – Nelson Wong. Delie Lawley prepared the financial statements. Nelson available to interpret reports if any questions come up.

3. Committee reports

IFB Report by Vicki Linfitt. First IFB 2022 meeting is scheduled for Oct 17. Sara T and Lesley have retired- we thank them for their hard work during all these years.

Dance Workshops & DJ's by Elaine Thompson (read by Stephen Gower).

Nanaimo Dance Committees by Carol Fleming.

Librarian Report by Bruce Joiner (read by Marilyn Metcalf).

Membership Report by Keith Wilson (read by Carol Fleming, graphs displayed by Nelson Wong).

Dancesport & Equipment Reports by Nelson Wong. Thank you Brian H for always helping with set up.

e-News Report by Sarah Au-Yeung. Focusing on advertising on social media channels. Thank you Barb for phoning members without email. Question from Barb about partner matching database. There are dancers at every workshop & practice who have found their partners via the database so we will continue to offer this service.

4. **Coffee Break @ 2:10pm**

5. 2:25pm: Election of new NBDS Board – Nominating committee by Marilyn Metcalf.
Election of board as follows:

President- Sarah Au-Yeung- acclaimed.

Vice-President- Carol Fleming- acclaimed.

Secretary- TBD

Treasurer- Stephen Gower- acclaimed.

Directors (between 4-6)- Vicki Linfitt- acclaimed.

Elaine Thompson- acclaimed.

Andrew Croll- acclaimed.

Nelson Wong- acclaimed.

Russ Thomson- acclaimed.

Glen Stedham- acclaimed.

6. Other business.

Nelson Wong made a motion to thank Carol Fleming for her leadership through these last few years.

John Maher inquired how the board will fill the secretary position. Carol responded the board can appoint a secretary and the board will resolve this internally.

Russ Thomson asked about IFB sponsors. Stephen stated the City of Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Hospitality Association were very generous to let IFB keep the funds despite IFB being cancelled due to the pandemic. These funds helped to cover what was already spent on advertising. Russ thanked the society for its transparency.

7. Meeting adjourned @ 2:35pm.

President's Report

First and foremost I would like thank our most dynamic board members that I have had the pleasure to work with over the last two years ...Thank you Sara Au-Yeung our Vice President and communication expert.. Stephen Gower our ever a diligent treasure ..Andy Mundy our secretary who made my job so easy . Our Directors Elaine Thompson who scheduled our workshops and DJs .. Nelson Wong , Deborah Wilson , Vicki Linfitt whom are integral to running IFB and Dance clee's to Andrew Croll for bring his many years experience to the board. I know that Keith Wilson was not an official member of the board I just want to give him a shout out for his dedication in keeping track of all the memberships and volunteer hours.

As a club we started off our 2019-2020 in fine form planning for a successful year of regular dances specialty dances and IFB ..2019 We actually hosted the anniversary dance Xmas, New Years we were ready with an amazing spring fling dance and IFB committee had been working hard for 10 months preparing for the 2020 IFB...Then what seemed to be in a heart beat our lives changed.. The Universe it seemed had made plans of its own. With now having to deal with the abrupt change and uncertainty we were forced to take pause regroup , re prioritize and reconnect to what is truly valuable

For approximately 6 months dancing was shut down in our halls but not in our hearts In September 20/20 with a little word smithing as any good politician would do were able start dancing again under our new and improved branding of workshops and practices.

As a club we have been able to adapt, to pivot when necessary shown great resilience and determination I am proud and truly appreciative of all our hard working members for their ability to prevail in all circumstances for love of Dance.

Carol Fleming
President

Treasurer's Reports 2021 AGM's held Sept 19th 2021 (Beban Centre)

2021 Report

Activities were sporadic during the 2021 financial year with workshops practices being held as allowed by public health orders and venue determinations. Revenues were relatively low but helped by \$ 1000 interest earned by our rate riser GIC's.

Expenses exceeded revenues during this fiscal year as liability insurance, accounting fees and Website costs continued (that when combined with granting membership status for 2021 to members in good standing in 2020) resulted in booking a loss for the year of about \$ 3000.

As we enter the current fiscal year NBDS has adequate funds in the checking accounts to host workshops and practices and when allowed ticked events. IFB has sufficient funds in its account to host the next IFB when restrictions lift.

Internal cash transfers consist of two thousand dollars transferred from the IFB Account into the general account and thirteen hundred dollars have been transferred from one of our Rate riser term deposits into CCCU check account to increase our working capital

Once again Delie Lawley produced our financial statements and Nelson provided assistance as needed!

We are sailing through choppy waters but I am confident we will come out the other side and when restrictions lift resume our normal activities.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen Gower (Treasurer NBDS).

AGM Report for IFB, 2020 and 2021

September 19, 2021

By Vicki Linfitt

Our last IFB meeting was held on Nov 10, 2019 and we were gearing up for another wonderful event, and for the 1st time since I've been the chairperson, we had already filled most of the volunteer spots, especially the key positions; it looked like everything was falling into place, and we were all looking forward to it.

And then COVID 19 hit....

2020 was canceled

2021 was canceled.... but,

2022 is being planned! Yay!

We have our 1st organizational meeting scheduled for October 17th. I imagine that this year may look a little different than the past; because of the pandemic, but we'll be happy to be back, regardless of the modifications.

Both Lesley Tombs and Sara Treutler have retired from the committee, and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work that they did on registration and trophies and extend my gratitude and thanks from myself and the committee for the hours of dedicated service that they gave to the IFB and to NBDS. They will be missed.

So.... You see, we have job openings.... please talk to me if you are interested to help out, we'd love to have you.

Those staying on the committee, to the best of my knowledge are:

Nelson and Pinky Wong, Keith and Deborah Wilson, Stephen Gower, Elaine Thompson, Myself and Mike Linfitt, Chris Linfitt, Andrea Paris, Sarah Au Yeung, Lynn Peachy and Carol Fleming

Dancing is thriving again and the Formation Team is assembling, so we anticipate a great dance year ahead.

Sincerely,

Vicki Linfitt

DJ's and Instructors Report – 2020 and 2021 AGM (Beban Sept 19th 2021)

I would like to thank our DJ's and Instructors who have given their time and knowledge to provide music and Instruction during the pandemic. Their numbers are dropping which puts more pressure on these wonderful volunteers who are asked to provide more time and effort so we can enjoy the high standard of dance in our Society.

In these troubled times music and dance provides hope and inspiration so essential to the human spirit. I look forward to when we can fully open up our activities to pre- pandemic levels.

We need more DJ's so I encourage anyone with the love of music to consider learning the basics of preparing musical selections to play at different dances throughout the year. Our DJ's are always willing to help others learn.

As for dwindling numbers of instructors, I have no solution. For our remaining teachers, I can only stress my appreciation for their willingness and dedication which allows our members to improve their dance abilities.

I would also like to thank Andy and Nelson who have personally assisted me in learning how to DJ and offered music from their collections.

Respectfully Submitted: Elaine Thompson

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Nanaimo Dances Report

In September we were back hosting our workshops and practices, we were up to meeting any and all challenges .. in the beginning we cleaned all chairs sinks and toilets .. doing the door became a multi tasking job, balancing the checking in money Masks and, sanitizer ... Thru the COVID restrictions we endeavoured to streamline the door process .. we have successfully set up a self check in system for the door which requires only one person to monitor.

The one main road block to streamline the door process is membership renewals and we have started to implement on line registration .. so we can look forward having That active for our upcoming renewal season.

Most if our workshop and practices had a pretty consistent attendance of between 20 and 25 dancers in the fall of 2020 opening , for the July August and September of this years reopening average of 25 dancers with the highlight being our August workshop with 45 attending .

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Carol Fleming

2021 NBDS Library report

NBDS has had a video library for over 20 years now, but over the past few years times have changed and so has the library situation. Obviously Covid 19 has changed our lives significantly but also technology has brought about much change. CD's and DVDs are mostly obsolete now. Streaming and Youtube are more the flavour of the day.

Videos of dance lessons of any style are offered by many different professionals through Youtube, Facebook and other social media platforms. Streaming is also common and our traditional video supplier, Dancevisions, no longer sells DVDs but rather, they provide monthly streaming subscriptions for a modest fee. This streaming is only available to individuals and not to the NBDS library.

That said, the NBDS video library still has over 80 instructional DVDs covering international ballroom and latin, west coast swing, night club, salsa, hustle, etc. The complete list is available:

- on the NBDS website at www.ballroomnanaimo.ca
- by contacting the librarian at brucejoiner@yahoo.com.

Except during these Covid times, approximately 5-10% of the membership use this service.

As in the past 21 years, the library operates with a zero dollar budget.

Thank you, Bruce Joiner, NBDS Librarian

NBDS AGM Sep 19, 2021
Membership Report

NBDS membership increased from 103 in 2019 to 107 in 2020. Because of the COVID 19 crisis, which paused the activities of NBDS during most of 2020 and 2021, a decision was made to automatically renew, without charge, all 2020 members to the end of 2021. In addition, nine new members were added and one passed away, so the total membership rose from 107 in 2020 to 115 in 2021.

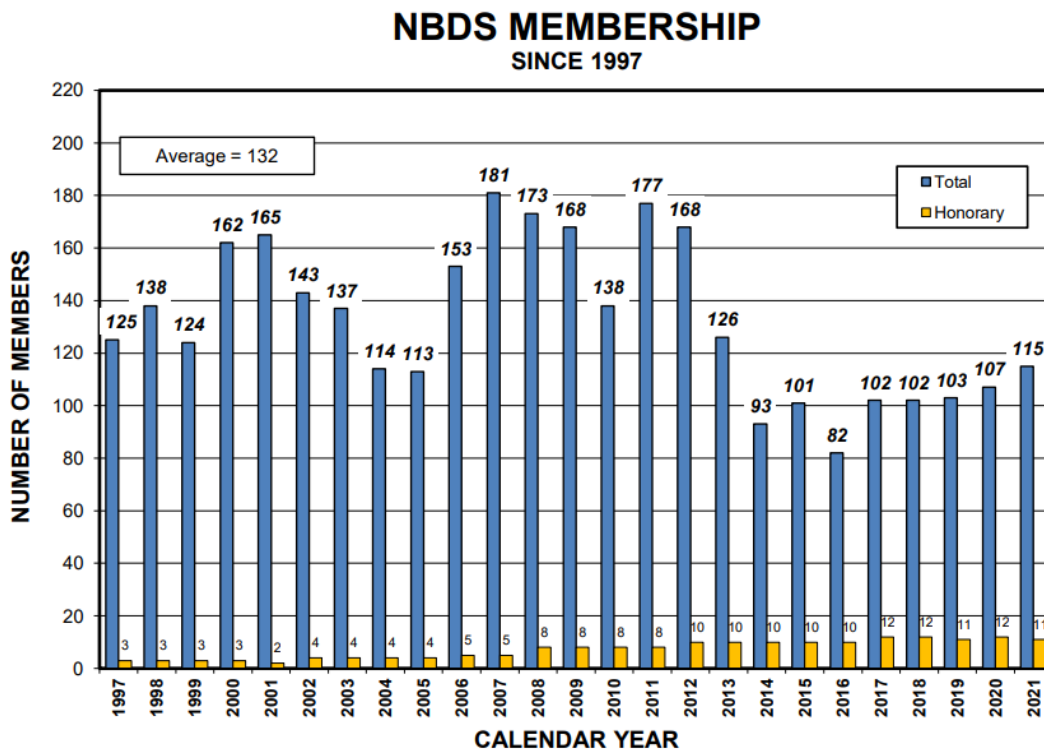
The membership composition in 2021 was 104 general members, 11 honorary members and no junior members.

The turnover rate was somewhat distorted by the automatic renewal this year, but from 1997 up to 2020, on average 30% of our members were new each year and 29% did not renew. Although these averages imply stability, membership during this period did fluctuate quite widely, from a high of 181 in 2007 to a low of 82 in 2016. For the last several years we have remained steady at just over 100 members.

Currently our e-news circulation stands at 285 and consists almost entirely of current and past members. As I have commented in previous meetings, this rather large circulation shows that many past members remain interested in NBDS activities and some continue to attend as non-members.

As a matter of interest, the membership database, which tracks all members since 1997, contains 823 people. We have, over the years, provided dance events and activities to a large number of central Vancouver Island dance enthusiasts.

Keith Wilson



DanceSport Committee Report NBDS 2021 AGM

Number of DanceSport practices have been on and off due to COVID. When PHO finally declared step three allowing us to fully restart in the beginning of July 2021, we have received enthusiastic response from our starving for dancing members.

Beside myself, both Vicki and Shiloh been teaching lessons during the practice sessions contributing much to the practice revenue. Fees for practices are \$7 per hour for teachers, \$4 for all other participants up to four hours of practice.

Nelson Wong

DanceSport Committee

Equipment Committee Report NBDS 2021 AGM

There were minimum activities to report due to COVID restrictions on dancing activities. I would like to specifically thanks Brian Hicks for his dedicated continuous assistance for the audio system setup for the dances. NBDS audio system are quite heavy which require strong arms. Looking forward to seeing more youngish members to step forward to contribute.

Nelson Wong

Equipment Committee

e-News Report by Sarah Au-Yeung

For the last few years, I have been in charge of keeping everyone on our emailing list informed about upcoming events. Thank you Barb for phoning members who do not have email access. Feedback has been positive so will continue to use current format and pictures.

I have also been focusing on advertising our events on different social media channels including Facebook, Instagram and most recently, Harbour Living website.