

Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes
held at Shanghai City Restaurant VIP Room
215 - 2000 Island Highway, Nanaimo, BC
September 29, 2024

1. **Call to Order** at 1:37 p.m.
As of the AGM there were 83 voting NBDS members. The 10% quorum requires 9 members. There were total of 17 members present and the quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Agenda:**
 - [Motion by Stephen Gower to approve the agenda distributed earlier today, approved unanimously]
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2023 NBDS AGM**
 - [Motion by Joyce Hemingway to approve the minutes, approved unanimously]
4. **Business arising from the 2023 AGM Minutes**
 - Vicki Linfitt will update the NBDS website to include the 2023 AGM minutes as well as a list of the current Board members.
 - Keith Wilson asked that the Board minutes also be updated on the Members page and suggested a website password change. After discussion it was decided that there was no need to change the password, but it should be given to all current and new members.
 - Deborah Wilson will compile all of the reports to go with the 2024 AGM minutes.
5. **Presentation of Reports:**
 - a) President's Report - Sarah Au-Yeung
 - Sarah presented her report and thanked the board plus other volunteers.
 - b) Treasurer's Report - Stephen Gower
 - Stephen presented his report and thanked those who helped.
 - c) Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, prepared by Joyce Hemingway
 - Joyce reviewed the financial statements and noted that under the Nanoose Dances Schedule the dance admission revenue is greater due to the two dinner dances held.
 - Joyce noted that the interest revenue on the IFB schedule comes from the two GIC's that were purchased from IFB surplus revenue.
 - Nelson pointed out that while the bulk of the investments generating the General Operations interest income would have come from IFB revenues, the financial statements reflect a past decision to have that income benefit the club as a whole.
 - The IFB committee did really well with the budget considering the financial challenges it faced with the new hour-by-hour City venue rental charges.
 - [Motion by Deborah Wilson to accept the above reports, unanimously approved]
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a) IFB Report – presented by Vicki Linfitt.
 - Keith added that in addition to using the Square, we also used e-tickets for the first time, and this made the job of checking in much easier.
 - b) Dance Workshops and DJs – written by Elaine Thompson and presented by Stephen.

- c) Bowen Dance Venue – Carol Fleming presented a summary of the Bowen dances.
 - d) Nanoose Dance Venue – Sarah Au-Yeung presented a summary of the Nanoose dances.
 - e) Library - Bruce Joiner presented a summary of our library collection.
 - f) Membership - Keith Wilson presented a summary of the statistics from past years.
Currently we have 72 general members and 11 honorary members for a total of 83 members, which is close to the average in recent years.
 - Nelson observed that our membership drop-off around 2014 was coincident with the onset and promotion of dance styles other than the ballroom/latin dances held by NBDS.
 - Keith commented that before this happened there were efforts to introduce non-ballroom dance styles as part of the NBDS complement, through such NBDS-organized events such as Dance Camp and the Fourth Friday dances. However, proposals to incorporate non-ballroom styles into NBDS were not supported. Formerly we were the only show in town, but today we are one of many different organizations servicing the local dance community, and continued promotion is required to grow our member base.
 - g) Marketing & Promotions, Social Media – presented by Sarah Au-Yeung
 - h) DanceSport, Equipment, Venue Bookings, Dancing in the Park and Summer Dance Fest - Nelson Wong presented four separate reports.
 - Mike Linfitt commented on the tremendous effort Nelson has put into the organization and promotion of NBDS and the IFB, especially over the past year, and thanked him on behalf of the AGM attendees.
- [Motion by Carol Fleming to accept all reports, accepted unanimously]

7. **Election of New NBDS Board** – Nomination Committee was represented by Marilyn Metcalf and she took over chairing this section of the meeting. All elected by acclamation.

Officers:

President	Sarah Au-Yeung
Vice President	Carol Fleming
Secretary	Pinky Wong – to be confirmed (she stated that she would take on a director’s role)
Treasurer	Stephen Gower

Directors: (up to 6)

Vicki Linfitt
Nelson Wong
Joyce Hemingway
Vincent Chai

8. **Other Business:**

- Gordon Pascoe proposed to give a 1-hour workshop that would be held before one of our dances to teach a social vintage dance. Those present agreed and a time for this workshop will be arranged by the new Board.
- CCC Sponsorship brochures will be available for the October 5, 2024 Anniversary Dance.
- Keith mentioned some changes at the CCC: no dinner will be served at second row tables and the price of the second row tables and all floor seats was reduced to \$45 as a result.

9. **Meeting adjourned** at 3:17 p.m.

2024 AGM Minutes prepared by Deborah Wilson, sitting in for Pinky Wong