



BCSDC
Minutes

BCSDC Board of Directors Minutes

DATE: Saturday, Sept 21, 2019

LOCATION: Amanda's

PRESENT DIRECTORS: Amanda, Anne, Rick, Vickie (remotely), Ella (remotely), Wyatt (remotely), Edoh

APOLOGIES: Crystal, Veronica

ABSENT:

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1. Call meeting to order: 12:05
 2. Appointment of Chairperson: Amanda
 3. Adoption of Agenda: Approved.
 4. Adoption of previous minutes: Approved.
 5. Review of Action Items from Previous Minutes:

Automating the Front Desk

Automatic upload to the Drive after each dance - doing this will cause problems because passwords might be exposed, so we will continue to upload spreadsheets manually. Action for Wyatt: document the program for future users.

Free Memberships for beginner dancers

Draft letter to give to instructors and distribute. Action - distribution - still outstanding: Amanda.



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6. Executive/Board Reports:

- a. President's report. A busy month, with email inquiries; some website suggestions (mostly on layout) - might form a committee of members; questions about newsletter etc.; new DJ night; announcements at the beginners' class and at dances. Some items in future business.
- b. Vice President's report. Talking to people, mostly in committee updates.
- c. Treasurer's report. Lost some money over the last few dances, in contrast with last year (a summary was sent). Slightly ahead at the last dance and still ahead for the year. Set up a bank card which allows deposits through the bank's ATM, and on-line banking which makes following the account easier. (Payments still require a cheque and withdrawals must be made in person.)
- d. Secretary's report - The "teacher" designation is not showing up in Access during registration. We signed 1 new member and one new member filled a late membership form at the last dance. Action: Wyatt will check on teachers' designation in the data base.

7. Dance Review

- a. September dance
 - i. 44 in Michael and Amy's lesson.
 - ii. 28 in Celina's beginner lesson. It was crowded for the room. Celina has asked for comments on the class and will also review a video of the class with Myles and Tessa (as part of her teacher training).
 - iii. DJ: Jason & Chris. Question: how are payments made in this situation? (Is it up to Jason to pay Chris?)
 - iv. General discussion
 - 50/50 frequency. Crystal suggested every other month, since recent participation is lower. Decided to keep it monthly for now, perhaps rotate the sellers.
 - Music feedback. One vocal complaint. Amanda discussed the response with Jason. One request for foxtrot and polka.
 - One thank you note, and one positive comment about the club. People seemed happy at the dance. The Rally / Flash Mob was received well.



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- Beginners should not be allowed to join the lesson more than 15 minutes after the class has started. The front desk will be informed (Action: Edoh and Amanda).
 - b. Upcoming dances & instructors
 - i. October: Ken & Angela, Country 2 Step. Halloween dance
 - Beginner: Elizabeth.
 - New DJ night. Jason for the first hour, then Nick for an hour and Rick for the final hour.
 - Costume contest. Dance passes as prizes will be provided by Vickie. Contestants will be limited to a few people by a committee (Amanda, Rick, Veronica, and Crystal), then judged by applause at the end announcements.
 - ii. November: Elizabeth with Zoltan - intermediate lesson.
 - Beginner: Michael & Amy.
 - iii. December: Pam, Line dance.
 - Beginner: Henry.
 - Pot luck.
 - Prizes? Discuss with Sheila. Perhaps keep a maximum of 10 prizes, perhaps bins for a particular prize - so people get something they want. Door prizes are another possibility, especially for prizes not related directly to dance.
8. Review decisions made via email
- None.
9. Committee Updates
- a. Victoria dances - some fluctuation during the summer, also had fewer lessons. Now back to weekly lessons - 3 beginner lessons with rotating teachers - and with good attendance. The dance has generated a profit, so the Victoria chapter can participate in insurance costs - an item for consideration after the end of the year. Simon has volunteered to help manage the website - Motion to approve (Wyatt, seconded by Edoh) passed unanimously.



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- b. Summer Picnic committee recap. Somewhat different crowd from last year. Attendance a bit lower than last year. Perhaps use e-vite in the future.
- c. Final Rally update. 30 participants. Subsidies at Dance Express and Roundhouse cost about 57 dollars. Participants enjoyed the practice and performance. The art gallery plaza attracted a large number of spectators.
- d. Peer practice committee. Has had some discussions over email - location and cost are critical factors. See also new business.

10. New Business

- a. Suburban Swing's Pitt Meadows dance on Wednesdays. Jason from Suburban Swing is changing his dance to WCS: one in Nov. 6, and one in Dec. with a plan for weekly dances later. Lessons with local teachers will precede the dances. Jason wanted to coordinate with other dances and instructors. Amanda sent information and Jason has talked to Michael and Amy about Wednesdays. Crystal continues to search for a place in the (Fraser) Valley for a weekend WCS dance.
- b. SwingCouver (tables, sponsorship). (a) Rick discussed tables with Joanne, with no information yet available. The club is seeking 2 tables. Committee for tables - to coordinate registration and payment and table settings (decor, banner?) : Rick, Ella, Vickie, and Amanda. Motion - approve, in principle, that the club purchase 2 tables at Swingcouver a cost of up to 3500 CD, with seats to be sold to members at a discount of approximately 5 to 10 percent. The final financial arrangement will be approved by the board. Amanda, seconded by Anne. Approved unanimously. (b) Newcomer division. Motion: BCSDC will provide prizes for the Newcomer division at SwingCouver 2020, allotting 300 dollars. Motion by Wyatt, seconded by Rick. Approved unanimously.
- c. Workshop weekend 2020. Possibly Michael Kielbasa who is often in the region. Committee to investigate this: Edoh and Amanda to figure out feasibility. A target date might be in the late spring or next fall.
- d. 2020 dance dates - See the calendar posted on google drive and comment. Amanda will contact Confederation Centre with our first and second choices.



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- e. 2020 Board election. Think about nominations. Forming an elections subcommittee was tabled until the next board meeting (in early November).
- f. Membership fee. Currently we charge 15 dollars through March, 12 through June, 9 through September and 6 in October and November. The suggestion is that we charge 15 dollars for the annual membership through March, reduce the fee to 10 dollars (for the remainder of the calendar year) in April, and reduce to 5 dollars in September. An alternative is to have only two periods. A decision was tabled until the next board meeting.
- g. WCCS practice sessions. A new venue for practice is now run on Tuesdays at Creekside Community Centre by Daniel with Megan and Inna helping with organization. Reportedly it is now reasonably organized and has been received well with 10 to 15 people attending the first two sessions. Daniel wants the practice to be affiliated with BCSDC so that it qualifies for reduced rent. Goals set for the practice were reviewed. Discussion: the club has considered supporting a practica (see 9 d.). Concerns were raised about inclusion, that is that the sessions be open to interested club members, and financial transparency. The board may be willing to support this, pending further information. Information for a future decision - some financials (to demonstrate that the venture is not for profit), plan for transition (since Daniel is planning to leave Vancouver next spring), availability to club members and to the public - a roll-out plan for inclusion.

11. Items for next newsletter(s)

- a. October / Halloween Dance
- b. Victoria dance
- c. Rally thank you/video (preferably a link if the video is available)
- d. Blog posts (M&T Coach's Corner, etc.)
- e. Call for volunteers
- f. Dance dates (if available).

12. Items to keep in mind

See items 10 e and f.



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13. Next Meeting(s). Saturday November second, at Vickie's, 11 to 1.

14. Motion to Adjourn. Wyatt and Anne. Unanimously approved at 2:18 p.m.