

Beaumont Highland Dance Parents Association
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2023

1. Call to Order & Introductions:

This meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

In attendance: Stacy Bruinsma, Renee Kadatz, Nadine Sergi, Stephanie Berry, Linea Henderson, Kiley Blanchette, Sarah-Joy Lavesque, Jacqueline Larson, Angela Solbak, Kelly Hart, Nathaniel Blanchette, Tina Bussiere, Sarah Hanson, Lindsay Reid, Heather Dickson, Kelsey Fensky, Jill Sporidis, David Chan, Shannon Henry, Angela Gagnon.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Added 8.14: Booking next years AGM and Costume Sale.

Nadine motions to adopt the agenda with the change of 8.14; Stephanie Seconds.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes from previous meeting (April 2023)

Nadine Motions the adoption of minutes from April 2023; Linea Seconds. Carried

4. Correspondence – Stacy: No correspondence.

5. Financial Report – Nadine

a. Annual Summary

b. [Year-end](#)

c. Dance Dollar accounts

i. [Dance Dollar Information:](#) BHDPA runs two types of fundraisers. A general fundraiser, where funds go to the general account to benefit the studio as a whole or a Dance Dollar fundraiser, where the portion of the funds goes directly to the dance family and is stored in a dance dollar account. These funds can be used for anything dance related such as registration fees, costumes, ghillies, competition fees, travel etc. The funds themselves do not expire and can be saved up for as long as you'd like. If

d. McIntosh Scholarship Update – Stephanie McIntosh was the founder of BHDPA. She passed away in 2017 and in her honour, we have the McIntosh Scholarship. It is awarded to one JR (\$200) and one SR (\$300) at the year end show.

The account is currently sitting at just over \$1000. Nadine has reached out to Larry McIntosh about having another pottery fundraiser.

e. 2023/2024 [Budget](#)

Over the 2022/2023 dance year, with references back to the 2021/2022 dance year, a record was kept of all monies in and out of the bank account and with those numbers a budget was formed so every time any money that fits within the budget needs to be spent, we do not have to wait for a meeting to vote it in. It also helps with all events to know how much money we have available to work with each year.

Storage Closet: Bars to hang all the costumes Carmen has in her collection for borrowing, choreo costumes that we are starting to collect, and any other pieces that may need to be hung in the closet. Two sword boxes are also being built so each class can have a box available.

Stephanie motions to adopt the budget; Renee Seconds. Carried.

f. Auditors for 2023/2024

This years auditors will be Angela Solbak and Jill Spordis.

6. Executive Positions for 2023/2024 (2 year term)

a. President: Stacy Bruinsma has put her name in to remain president. No other names were brought forward. Renee motions for Stacy to continue as president of the BHDPA; Nadine Seconds. carried

b. Secretary: Kiley Blanchette has put her name in to remain secretary. No other names were brought forward. Renee motions for Kiley to continue as secretary of the BHDPA; Stephanie seconds. Carried.

c. Fundraising Director: Lindsay Reid and Heather Dickson were nominated to co-chair the fundraising director position. No other names were brought forward. Renee motions for Lindsay and Heather to share the fundraising director position of the BHDPA; Kiley seconds. Carried.

d. Social Media Director: Kelly Hart was nominated for the Social Media director position. No other names were brought forward. Renee motions for Kelly to take on the social media director position of the BHDPA; Stephanie seconds. Carried.

7. BHDPA [Operating Procedures](#) – approval

Nadine motions to approve the BHDPA operating procedures; Kelly seconds. Carried

8. New Business:

8.1 BHDPA Website Tour: <https://sites.google.com/bhdpa.com/bhdpa/home>

Our BHDPA website is now live! The website contains information such as bylaws, operating procedures, information for upcoming events, dance dollar information/reimbursement forms and much more!

A google form is being created for a photo release that will be sent out yearly to families registered. These photos will be used on the website, as well as in the newsletter.

If anyone notices anything that needs to be updated or changed on the website, please send an email to the BHDPA and we will see to getting it corrected.

8.2 Fundraising: Lindsay and Heather would like to potentially change out some of our fundraisers but will look over information passed over to them from Stephanie before bringing any new suggestions forward. They did find a potentially wonderful ongoing fundraiser through flip give, which is a gift card purchasing website. A portion from gift cards sold would go to the general account. Each gift card available offers different percentages.

True Earth update – Stephanie: Tru Earth has changed their host website. When Stephanie reached out to ask about receiving funds from the share a sale host website, she was told to contact share a sale directly to close out our account. Once she has done this, she will let BHDPA know.

8.3 Celtic Night Fundraiser 2024 – Celtic Night was originally scheduled for March 3, 2024. Unfortunately, there has been a scheduling conflict and Carmen and Sean will be away for that date. As we get more premier dancers and more dancers who will be competing in championships and provincials, dates are harder to choose from. Fall is the best time for those dancers, so the new date proposed was November 30, 2024, to tie in with St. Andrew's Day. The large hall is available for that date.

The plan would be to have it mostly planned by May before regular classes end for the season, with tickets being on sale for the year end show. This would help alleviate any cost concerns when it comes to how much money families typically spend in the fall. We will try the November 30th date for this year, and if it doesn't work well, we can plan for a different date for the following year.

8.4 Oil Kings Game event - Friday, November 3, 2023

- Ticket sales, performance invites, etc.

As of Oct 12, we have only sold 32 tickets. We are required to sell 125. Dancers participating require a ticket, and tickets are only \$25 each. \$5 from each ticket sale will count as a fundraiser for the general account.

All the tickets will be in one section, so we will all be sitting together. Carmen is working out details with the Oil Kings for when our dancers will be pulled from the stands to warm up before their performances. SDCCS will be in Edmonton in 2027 and an event like that can help raise awareness of highland dance in our area.

8.5 BHDPA Christmas Event: This year we would like to have a pizza and pool party. We are currently looking for a pool to rent, so if anyone knows of anywhere, please reach out and let us know!

8.6 Year-end Show - May 26, 2024 – Maclab is booked.

- Dress rehearsal on May 23, 2024 (CCBCC)

Group photos will run on this date again.

8.7 Studio Photographs (Infinite Eye)

Individual photos will be organized for a separate date. Medal tests was brought up as a possibility of a good time, however, there are concerns with students being in the wrong frame of mind for photos, as well as not having a teacher available to help with posing. This year for individual photos rather than an account per child/sibling grouping there will be one account per family.

8.8 Medal Tests

- November 27/28 @ CCBCC – An email has been sent out from Carmen with information.

8.9 Studio Danceouts

- Procedure – Dancers are chosen by Carmen to suite the needs of the dance out, and an email will be sent out to those dancers.

- School Danceouts (May/June) – This is a favourite for our dancers, and we will do our best to organize school dance outs for May or June of 2024.

8.10 Upcoming EHDA competitions at CCBCC

- Unfortunately due to rental costs with CCBCC, it is likely competitions will be moving out of CCBCC.

- Please volunteer! – Volunteers are always needed. Please volunteer whenever possible to support EHDA in running competitions.

The October 28th competition has all volunteer slots filled. Thank you to those who have volunteered.

The November 25 Pre-Premier competition has some spaces open, please consider volunteering if you can.

- Scrutineer training opportunities – Scrutineering requires training and EHDA will be hosting training events. Please watch for EHDA emails with details for future dates. Not only are scrutineers needed for EHDA competitions, but many scrutineers will be needed for SDCCS in 2027.

8.11 EHDA meetings - next one in October – in person – location to be determined.

8.12 BSHD Retreat 2024 - September 6-8, 2024 @ Gull Lake Centre

There will be a day/afternoon option for our younger dancers.

8.13 Volunteer Opportunities

- Lots of events that need volunteers: silent auction, Celtic Night, Parade, Year-end Show, Christmas event, medal tests

- Some upcoming: picture day, medal tests

Please watch for information for these events and volunteer where you can.

9. Questions? - None

10. Next Meeting: December 14, 2023 @ 7:00pm

11. Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.