

CSCS Membership Meeting February 9th, 2025

Members in attendance:

Evan Slejko	Melania Lozar	Hannah Marchant	Marc Schuster	
Matthew Sobocan	Luke Majowski	Stefan Gerich	Andy Slejko	
Jody Marchant	Michelle Henning	Mary Sobocan	Matt Sobocan	
Helen Fewster	Vera Slejko	Taylor Tutkaluke	Pauline Tutkaluke	Erin Lebar
Boris Poredos	Beneta Simonc	Teresa Mravinec	David Hudson	
Sonia Stubler	Brittany Fewster	Olivia Schuster	Diane Schuster	

Minutes:

11:05am - Pauline calls meeting to order.

Pauline calls for approval of agenda - approved by Erin, seconded by Helen.

Pauline calls for approval of 2024 AGM minutes - approved by Evan, seconded by Taylor.

Vera asks if all dance members must be paid members of CSCS?

Pauline says yes.

Brittany gives membership update;

Some new members - newly 18 members, new to community.

Many returning members from 2+yrs ago.

Many Honorary Lifetime Memberships already registered.

Brittany outlines criteria for Honorary Lifetime membership. Pauline reminds members that renewing still required, important to keep contact info and the like up to date.

Pauline moves to financial report from Boris.

Boris gives overview of 2025 budget - adding new Super Bowl tickets fundraiser, grants applied for, grants given out, Folklorama.

Matt Sobocan asks if double rent payment included, and where Grey Cup tickets are in list -

Boris says will add them. Grey Cup tickets from 2024 should be included in 2025 budget, as 2025 tickets will be in 2026 budget due to fiscal year beginning in November.

Pauline says QuickBooks is no longer viable, switching to something different; new format should be more transparent and easier to use.

Pauline moves to website update from Evan.

Evan shows website via projector, talks through each page - 2025 Folklorama, events calendar, About Us, performance groups, new QR codes, Folklorama photos, Members Area and password, document and download links, and community profiles section.

Community profiles started by previous board, being added to. Evan shows guideline for how to do write-up. Any and all members are welcome to submit. Will eventually add a map to link profiles to locations in Slovenia.

Taylor suggests link to purchasing community cookbook, Evan says open to any and all suggestions.

Pauline moves to upcoming events from Hannah.

Hannah gives overview of events survey - cooking and baking class had most votes, followed by wine-tasting, Boo at the Zoo, fundraiser walk, and sausage-making. Good to have responses from the community. Will send surveys via email in the future to reach everyone.

Matt suggests previous model for wine-tasting - calling liquor commission to facilitate.
Pauline says spring barbeque will happen again this year, June 8th, and more info will follow.
Pauline moves to Folklorama;

We are first week, Aug.3rd to the 9th. Still looking for volunteers and department heads but already a lot of roles filled. Needing kitchen days and evenings heads, barbeque, souvenirs, health and safety, VIPs, and junior coordinator. Need critical roles filled by March 30th. Still looking for ambassadors. Department heads can be co-lead, no need for only one person to take role on.

Pauline mentions CSCS membership fee coverage for department heads.

Pauline moves to CSCS 75th anniversary - will happen in 2026, likely October, will be a gala event.

Planning committee will be put together.

Will be held somewhere other than the church hall and will be catered - ideally we, the CSCS, are enjoying the event and not working it. Looking to invite outside performance groups.

Pauline moves to proposed Safe Consumption Site in the neighborhood, many members present at info session and many thoughts and comments provided. Our concerns re: safety outside the building were not discussed, a constable present said a team can come and do an info session with us specifically to address concerns.

Discussion ensues with input from Mary, Boris, Luke, Melania, Taylor, and Vera. Pauline says more info can be found or requested. Info session not felt to have been helpful. Community members can email the board with thoughts, concerns, and questions and we can forward it all on behalf of community.

Pauline calls for new business - Marc nominates Olivia as a CSCS director. Matt seconds nomination, members present vote unanimously. Olivia accepts a two-year term as a director.

Matt asks if a consular date has been set, Pauline says not yet, in the works.

Pauline calls for motion to adjourn - Melania, seconded by Hannah.

Meeting adjourns.