

MINUTES
2023 Anual General Meeting
Flamenco de la Isla Society

Saturday, 11 March 2023
Zoom Video Meeting

Chair: Trudie Begbie

Attendance: Trudie Begbie, Lori Garcia-Meredith, Rem Kirby, Estelle Kurier, Veronica Maguire, Kathleen McCann, Cat Moores, Emily Murphy, Amity Skala, Beth Skala, and Jayne Weatherbe

Unable to Attend: Sandra Berry

Call to Order: 2:03 pm

Chair's Message: Thank you to Society members and board members for sharing ideas and volunteering for events. Thank you to Festival coordinators and grant writers. Special thank you to Veronica for organizing fabulous shows for the Festival and fundraisers and to the artists and musicians for performing for free.

Review of Minutes from the last AGM - March 19, 2022

MOTION: Cat Moores put forth a motion to accept the Minutes from the 2022 AGM meeting. Seconded by Estelle Kurier. Motion passed.

1. Events over the past fiscal year January to December 2022:

- 10th Annual Victoria Flamenco Festival July 16 - 23 included:
 - Online flamenco videos
 - Music Night at Hermann's
 - 'For the Love of Flamenco' – Alma de Espana (Dave Dunnet Theatre)
 - Gareth Owen & Denise Yeo flamenco performance (Cameron Bandshell)
 - 'Qadar: A date with Fate' – Flamenco Borealis (Dave Dunnet Theatre)

2. Financial Report (previously distributed and presented by Kat McCann):

- Kat reviewed the financial 2022 statement - Society has \$22,496.70 in the bank account; Festival working capital is \$18,788.85
- Hillside 'Night of Lights' fundraiser - \$180 raised
- Bank account not as healthy as last year due to fewer fundraising dollars raised and less grant money received - also, Flamenco Festival artists were paid more
- Consider smaller festival, less artists, better/more fundraisers
- Board Member Emily Murphy raised a question as to whether a decrease in Festival Budget would affect future grant applications/awards. Chair Trudie Begbie responded that this is not a factor in the current Grants the Society applies for.

MOTION: Emily Murphy put forth a motion to accept the 2022 Financial Report (with a spelling correction to 'Treasurer'). Seconded by Rem Kirby. Motion passed.

3. Events for 2023 fiscal year:

- 11th Annual Victoria Flamenco Festival, July 22 - 29, 2023
Board Member Cat Moores confirmed receipt of a letter from Member Lori Garcia-Meredith, emailed to the board, regarding the future use of Centennial Square as a venue for the Flamenco Festival. Cat indicated that while there have been some festival planning challenges this year, there is no permanent plan to not use Centennial Square in the future. Details of the letter will be reviewed by the board, and a response issued promptly.
- Student Bursary – not issued in 2022 as there were no applicants – the board will review viability for 2023

4. Waive the appointment of an auditor:

MOTION: Kat McCann put forth a motion to waive the appointment of an auditor. Seconded by Jayne Weatherbe. Motion passed.

5. Change to schedule of board meetings:

MOTION: Cat Moores put forth a motion to hold 4 meetings per year with more added as needed rather than monthly meetings. Seconded by Emily Murphy. Motion passed.

6. Election of Officers:

Board Members who have tendered their resignation: Garth Martens

Proposed new Directors to date: none

Proposed Slate of Officers & Advisors for 2023 Fiscal Year:

Officers:

Chair	Cat Moores
Vice Chair	Trudie Begbie
Secretary	Rem Kirby
Treasurer	Kathleen McCann
Director (<i>Membership</i>)	Jayne Weatherbe
Director	Emily Murphy
Director	Sandra Berry
Advisors:	Veronica Maguire & Amity Skala
Library:	Lori Garcia-Meredith

MOTION: Jayne Weatherbe put forth a motion to approve the proposed Slate of Officers & Advisors for 2023. Seconded by Estelle Kurier. Motion passed.

NOTE: Kat McCann is looking to retire as Treasurer – Board is actively looking for replacement through several avenues – callout to include social media and Society members – suggestions or leads welcome.

NOTE: Library use has decreased since COVID – subcommittee will be formed to review future usage.

Member Lori Garcia-Meredith thanked Trudie for serving as Chair and board members for serving on the board.

Chair Trudie Begbie thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:35 pm