

**MINUTES**  
**Flamenco de la Isla Society Board Meeting**  
**04 November 2023**

**Chair:** Cat Moores

**Attendance:** Trudie Begbie, Rem Kirby, Veronica Maguire, Emily Murphy, and Amity Skala

**Unable to attend:** Sandra Berry, Kathleen McCann, Jayne Weatherbe

**Call to Order:** 9:34 am (*via Zoom*)

**Approve Minutes of last meeting:** Cat put forth a motion to accept the Minutes from the September 4 meeting. Seconded by Trudie. All in favour. Motion passed.

**Next meeting:** AGM – Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 9:30 am (*via Zoom*)

**Discussion Items:**

**1. Financials**

- Trudie has cheque book and only one signature is required.
- Discussed hiring a bookkeeper during transition of finding new Treasurer – Sharlane of Canwest Accounting interested
- If bookkeeper is hired, a board member still has to act as Treasurer.

**MOTION:** Emily put forth a motion for Sharlane to be hired as bookkeeper for the society during the transition of finding a new Treasurer. Trudie will confirm with Sharlane what the minimum financial/accounting requirements are during this emergency period, and report back to the society what this will cost. Seconded by Rem. All in favour. Motion passed.

**MOTION:** Rem put forth a motion to give Sharlane signing authority. Seconded by Trudie. All in favour. Motion passed.

**2. Discussion re Possible dissolution of the Society**

- Cat advised she will have to step down as chair and resign from the Board in the new year due to professional and academic commitments.
- Discussed Board's minimum responsibilities/requirements to continue to be viable - bare minimum would require a Treasurer, Secretary and Chairperson.
- Note raised that prior to the Flamenco Festival, the Society would put on smaller events such as Tablaos and Ferias.
- Decision made not to dissolve the Society, but to continue as is and hold an early AGM (February 17, 2024) to reach out to the Flamenco community and beyond for anyone interested in stepping up.
- Cat agreed to continue on the Board as Chair until the AGM.
- Currently, majority of membership are lifetime members some of whom are no longer active members in the Flamenco community.
- AGM invitation should reach out beyond the current membership – available resources include Flamenco students (Amity willing to send to her student base and will reach out to Raino Dance), and Friends of Society list who are not members, but wish to receive Flamenco news.
- Suggestion made to offer a prize draw to encourage/improve AGM attendance.
- Suggestion made to ask AGM attendees what they want/think the Society should look like.
- In preparation for the AGM, Amity will compile information and post link on the Society website to include Society info package, past Board Minutes, and list of Board members' tasks/responsibilities.

**ACTION:** Trudie to send Amity the current Society information package.

**ACTION:** All Board Members are asked to send Amity (by December 1) a paragraph or point form description of what their tasks/responsibilities are as a Board member including time commitment and include specific things you would like to have in the Society.

**ACTION: All Board Members** are asked to spread the word about the AGM and need for new members.

- Whether the Society can continue and in what capacity will be determined at the AGM.

## 2. Other Business/Discussion Items

- Point raised and discussions held re Amity and Veronica's positions on the Board as Artistic Advisors rather than voting members. History shows their non-voting status was established to avoid a conflict of interest when the Society was considering charitable status. As these attempts were unsuccessful and the Society does not see this changing in the near future, it was determined that with their expertise and enthusiasm, the Society would be better served if they were voting members.

**MOTION:** Emily put forth a motion that for the next foreseeable meetings, Amity and Veronica be given voting status. Rem seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion passed.

- Letter received from Jan Bate requesting the Society's assistance/collaboration in the form of promotional/financial/grant-writing/venue support for a show she is planning in Victoria for Fall of 2024.

**ACTION: Cat** to respond letting her know we are unable to commit at this time due to internal changes but will hold an AGM early in the New Year.

- Suggestion for future discussion: Would the Society consider taking over the monthly Tablaos at The Mint to support local artists and help them develop their talent?

- Question raised as to who will be checking Society's email.

**ACTION: Cat** to add auto response to email which will be checked from time to time.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:10 am