

MINUTES
2024 Annual General Meeting
Flamenco de la Isla Society
Saturday, 17 February 2024
Zoom Video Meeting

Chair: Cat Moores

In Attendance: Iminah Amal-Hill, Jan Bate, Trudie Begbie, Alison Child, Carolyn Crampton, Lori Garcia-Meredith, Diana Jones (*arrived at 10:02 am*), Rem Kirby, Estelle Kurier, Veronica Maguire, Garth Martens, Jack Meredith, Cat Moores, Emily Murphy, Upma Rai, Amity Skala, Beth Skala, Greg Skala, and Jayne Weatherbe.

Unable to Attend: Sandi Berry

Call to Order: 9:31 AM

Attendance

Several outgoing board members are not lifetime members and do not have 2024 membership. It was requested that outgoing board members be granted permission to vote at the AGM, in recognition of their past service and to ensure quorum. Lifetime members were asked to decide if this is acceptable by writing 'In favour' or 'Not in favour' in the meeting chat. Majority voted 'In favour', granting outgoing board members permission to vote at the AGM.

The following attendees did not hold a vote at this meeting: Iminah Amal-Hill, Alison Child, Diana Jones, Garth Martens, and Upma Rai.

1. Review of Minutes from the March 11, 2023 AGM

- **Motion:** Rem Kirby put forth a motion to accept the 2023 AGM minutes. Seconded by Jayne Weatherbe. Majority in favour. Motion passed.

2. Review of 2023 Events

- Co-production fundraiser at Langham Court Theatre - raised \$3,400.
- 11th annual Victoria Flamenco Festival - successes included: 3 feature video programs, online emerging artist video gallery, 2 ticketed events, 2 days of free outdoor programming, and 2 dance workshops. Approximately \$16,000 was paid to directly compensate and support the artists.

3. Financial Report (2023 Financial Statement available [here.](#))

- Clarification requested regarding Financial Statement. Trudie confirmed there is no money owing. Cat confirmed current total in FDLI Society's bank account is \$20,322.83. Question raised re 'Liability' vs 'Equity amounts' - clarification not available at time of AGM meeting as Society currently does not have a Treasurer. Not all attendees satisfied that questions regarding Financial Statement have been sufficiently clarified.
- **Motion:** Cat Moores put forth a motion to accept the 2023 Financial Statement. Seconded by Trudie Begbie. 10 'in favour', 1 'not in favour', and 3 'abstained'. Motion passed.

4. No events for 2024 as the board voted for a fallow year

- Although no events were planned for 2024, at the request of the family of the Society's late Treasurer, Kat McCann, her flamenco items were donated to fund the 'Kat McCann 2024 Memorial Scholarship' to benefit local flamenco students. The fundraiser was held February 3 & 4 and raised \$3,231. Of special note, Kat's large Spanish Mantón (embroidered silk shawl) will be used by Denise Yeo in the upcoming Pacific Opera Victoria performance of *Ainadamar*.

5. Waive the appointment of an auditor for 2024

- **Motion:** Emily Murphy put forth a motion to waive the appointment of an auditor for the 2024 fiscal year. Seconded by Trudie Begbie. Majority in favour. Motion passed.

6. New board election or dissolution of Society

- Cat Moores (Chair), Trudie Begbie (Past Chair), and Amity Skala (Artistic Advisor) resigned from the board effective February 17, 2024. Emily Murphy and Jayne Weatherbe had also resigned from the board but changed their minds during the meeting.
- The Society no longer has a Treasurer due to the passing of past treasurer, Kat McCann. The Society is presently paying for financial services from CanWest accounting on an emergency basis to ensure necessary payments and financial documents are completed. This service can continue with a new board if needed. The new board must have a Treasurer, but the financial tasks can be outsourced until the new Treasurer and board decide if it's no longer necessary.
- As per the [Societies Act](#), a society in BC Must have at least 3 directors, one who is ordinarily a resident of BC.
- The Flamenco de la Isla Society bylaws state the following:
 - a) The officers of the Society shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
 - b) There shall be a Board of Directors which shall consist of the Officers and at least one member at large elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- FDLI Society Members and the Greater Victoria flamenco community members were provided with online access to the following documents prior to today's AGM meeting in order to understand what is required of a board: [FDLI Bylaws](#), [Information for FDLI Board Members](#), [Functions of Directors](#), and [Changes to the Societies Act of BC 2023](#).
- Three options were provided regarding the future of the Society: **Option A** – *A new board is elected and the Society continues*; **Option B** – *An emergency interim board is elected*; and, **Option C** – *The Flamenco de la Isla Society is dissolved effective immediately*. Prior to voting, discussions were held regarding [roles and responsibilities of Board Members](#) and what an interim board would look like. Number one task of new board would be to bring the Society in line with the requirements of the [changes to the Society's Act](#). Amity confirmed she would continue her paid role in updating the Society website and social media. A member raised a concern regarding the Society's membership structure - it was determined this matter should be addressed at a future meeting rather than at the AGM.

- Several members stepped forward to fill the vacant board positions.
- **Motion:** Cat Moores put forth a motion to vote in the officers/directors listed below. Majority in favour. Motion passed. The FDLI Society will continue with the following board members:

Officers:

Co-Chair - Emily Murphy

Co-Chair - Upma Rai

Vice Chair - Iminah Amal-Hill

Secretary - Rem Kirby

Treasurer - Jan Bate

Director - Member-at-large - Sandi Berry

Director - Artistic Advisor - Veronica Maguire

Director - Membership - Jayne Weatherbe

Advisors: Library - Lori Garcia-Meredith (non-voting member)

Meeting Adjourned: 11:02 AM