

Meeting Minutes -  
**Slave Lake Dance Creations Society**  
Annual General Meeting

**Location:** SLDCS Studio

**Start Time:** 7:00 PM

**Date:** June 5, 2024

**Meeting Type:** AGM

**Board members in attendance:** Julia Hunt, Rachael Bellerose, Karlene Ching, Tara Maitland, Karen Dana, Sable Seppola, Chelsea Saluk, April Garon, Veronica Ching

**Board members missing:** Reanna Maitland

**Members in attendance:** Joanna Raymond, Jodi Vanden Heuvel, Jeneen Vennings, Raven Murphy, Melissa Baxter, Christine Lillo, Lindsay Pothier, Brent Lillo

**Agenda Items**

1. Julie call the meeting to order at 7:03PM
2. Jodi motions to adopt the 2024 AGM agenda, Melissa 2nds, all in favor.
3. Jodi motions to accept the 2023 AGM minutes, Raven 2nds, all in favor.
4. Julie presented the annual report as president.
5. Rachael presented the annual financial report.
  - a. Joanna motions to accept the 2023/2024 financials, Melissa 2nds, all in favor.
6. Review and adopt Bylaws
  - a. **2.b- Membership**
    - i. We have added a \$20 membership fee for the general public to be able to become members. We removed 'see rules and regulations for yearly amount'
    - ii. Melissa motions to accept the changes, Jodi 2nds, all in favor.
7. Review Rules and Regulations Handbook
  - a. The handbook is not finalized, it will get sent to the membership as soon as it's complete.
  - b. This year's fundraising we will be doing only 4 studio wide fundraisers and to receive your fundraising deposit back you will need to take part in all 4.
  - c. Time commitment has decreased to 3 hours for all competitive families and 1.5hours for all performance families(tiny dancers not included).
8. Director Reports:
  - a. Chelsea presented a fundraising report.
    - i. Next season we will do 4 large studio wide fundraisers instead of a bunch of small ones to choose from.

- ii. With the help of our studio families and the community we were able to raise \$36,647 through fundraising.
  - iii. Going forward we'd prefer to only accept EMT for fundraisers.
  - iv. EMT's for fundraisers must be sent to fundraising@dancecreations.ca
- b. April presented a performance report.
- i. This season we completed 3 out of town festivals and 1 in town convention/competition as well as a year end recital.
  - ii. Recital was wonderful. We sold 513 tickets to the recital, we did 2 separate shows this year and had a heavier presence in the first show. There were more group performances in the first show and more solos in the 2nd show.
  - iii. There is no set info regarding festivals for next season. It is currently being looked into and will be added to the handbook.
- c. Tara presented a costume & apparel report.
- i. Costumes as a whole went much smoother this year, we were able to save money by using only Canadian companies.
  - ii. We had multiple successful apparel orders done through Heartstrings by Michelle from Westlock.
  - iii. Having our own sizers at the studio went very well, we placed 86 orders throughout the year. This option is a giveback to the studio as you pay the same as you would if you purchased it at the store, but the business gives us a discount for placing bulk orders that comes back to the studio.
  - iv. 22 new team jackets were ordered. Every competitive dancer has a jacket and some of those ordered are performance dancers.
  - v. Tara plans to run a sizer night for dance supplies in August before dance starts.,

## 9. Election of New Board Members

### a. **President (2 year)**

- i. Jullie has stepped down
- ii. Lindsay nominates Christine Lillo
- iii. Christine accepts, all in favor

### b. **Treasurer (2 year)**

- i. Rachael let her name stand and was acclaimed as no other nominations were received.

### c. **Communications Director (2 year)**

- i. Sable has stepped down
- ii. Chelsea nominates Melissa Baxter

- iii. Lindsay nominates Joanna Raymond
- iv. Joanna was voted in by a majority vote, all in favor.

**d. Performance Director (2 year)**

- i. April let her name stand and was acclaimed as no other nominations were received.

10. Signing authorities will switch from Julie Hunt to Christine Lillo, Rachael and Karlene will stay on. Veronica motions to accept, April 2nds, all in favor.
11. Veronica motions that Brent Lillo and Julie Hunt will be the financial auditors for the 2025 fiscal year. Joanna 2nds. All in favor.
12. Round table:
  - a. A parents asked if it is possible to be a competitive dancer and only dance 2 nights a week?
  - b. A parent asked if there will be Hip Hop next year? We responded with it's looking to be an outside choreographer who will come in house to do choreo. Nothing is confirmed yet.
  - c. A parent requests to have an experienced teacher putting dancers on at festivals and that teachers communicate to their students when they are not there to put them on.
  - d. A parent suggested that Illness needs clarification or defining. We responded with if a child has a fever, STAY HOME. Do we need a sickness policy?
  - e. A parent shared that it's important to follow through with what we've said in the handbook. We shared that everything that goes on with absence and class time is taken into consideration when planning for next season and that there are lots of discussions that go on behind the scenes.
  - f. A parent expressed a reminder that everyone needs to be treated equally and have the same expectations.
  - g. A parent inquired about student choreo, regarding the number of required dances and is it still only 1 student choreo allowed?
  - h. A parent requested that if a dancer is asked to volunteer for something by a teacher can the parents also be informed, stating that they are minors and miscommunication/ mis-scheduling happens. We discussed this and shared that if it's dancer related it can go to the parent also, but that our Assistant teacher/ Jr. Teachers have higher roles therefore they would be contacted by their specific teacher.
  - i. A parent asked if the new mini level is set on 3 festivals? And what is the age of the minis?
13. Adjournment: Julie adjourned the meeting at 9:13 PM