

NANAIMO SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of this country dance group is Nanaimo Scottish Country Dancers (NSCD).
2. The purpose of NSCD is to promote Scottish country dancing and its associated music in the Nanaimo area.
3. NSCD is a non-profit group. All revenues shall be used for the furtherance of Scottish country dancing.
4. In the event NSCD is wound up, any remaining monies shall be donated to The Teachers' Association of Canada (TAC).

BYLAWS

1. Membership is open to anyone who (a) completes a current membership registration form and (b) pays the appropriate fees.
2. Membership is maintained or lost based on payment of membership fees, excepting that a member may be removed for just cause on the recommendation of the directors, and his or her removal approved at the AGM or a properly called extraordinary general meeting.
3. Membership fees shall be reviewed annually by the board and any recommended changes shall be presented to the general membership for ratification at the AGM.
4. The annual general meeting shall be held on or before the last dance class of the season. The membership shall receive written notice of the date, time, and place of such meeting.
5. The quorum for general and directors' meetings is 30% +1.
6. The board of directors shall include:
 - (a) by election: President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer. The Vice President has specific responsibilities for membership retention and recruitment. Note: The immediate Past President as ex officio may exercise all the rights of an elected officer.
 - (b) by appointment: One or more qualified teachers (preferably certified by RSCDS) appointed or re-appointed annually by the elected directors prior to the AGM.
7. The names of the teachers so appointed shall be announced at the AGM.
8. Directors shall meet at least four times per year.
9. Directors shall retire from office at each AGM when successors are elected or appointed. No elected director shall hold the same position for more than three years, unless acclaimed at the AGM.
10. The signing officers are any two of President, Vice-President, or Treasurer.
11. The directors may call an extraordinary meeting providing two weeks written notice of intent is given to the membership. A special meeting shall be called by the President or Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by one third of the members in good standing, setting forth the reasons for calling such a meeting.
12. The directors may at any time appoint a member as director to fill a vacancy.
13. Proposed changes to the constitution or bylaws may be introduced by: (a) the NSCD board of directors in the form of a resolution. (b) a motion signed by at least five members of NSCD. Notice of any such changes shall be circulated in written form to all members of NSCD at least two weeks in advance of any general meeting. A majority vote of 60% of members in attendance is required to ratify any change to the constitution or bylaws.

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AMENDMENT RECORD

Original April 2002

Revised May 2003, November 2010, February 2011, April 2013, April 2015.

April 2017:

Bylaw 6(a): Deleted reference to Social Convenor

Bylaw 11: Added “A special meeting shall be called by the President or Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by one third of the members in good standing, setting forth the reasons for calling such a meeting.”