



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE [EC] MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 11:00 a.m. 2069 World Parkway Blvd – Dunedin Room

Call to Order / Welcome

President Mary Smith welcomed our executive members at 11:07 a.m.

Attendees:

Mary Smith – President
Connie Stanley - Past President
Debra Kerrison – Vice President
Annmarie Haskell - Secretary
Lydia Côté - Absent
Susan Cober - Registrar
Gary Seymour - Treasurer

Adopt Agenda [as circulated]: Add Rabbie Burns dinner to be discussed.

Approved Minutes: Remove Connie will be giving away 2 tickets to the Spring Fling dance. Debra motioned to accept Connie 2nd all approved passed.

Registrar Report – 235 paid members as of today. New members have attended our Dance Parties and have expressed an interest in joining the Canadian Club.

Treasurer's Report: - Opening Balance as of 03-22-2023 \$3,582.58 Balance as of 01-04-2024 \$3,528.40. We need to bring it down more and bring down the reserve. At the next meeting Gary will bring a new report asking to lower the reserves. The Wells Fargo debit card has worked out really well.

Unfinished Business: - None at this time.

New Business:

Scheduling the 50th Anniversary Season 2024-2025. Nothing as of yet. Mary has given Nancy a couple of dates for the three main events (Christmas Dinner Dance, Friendship Dinner Dance, and the Spring Fling Dinner Dance) but there are at least 5 clubs in line ahead of us that we have to wait to see what they get first. Nancy will keep our dates in mind and try to accommodate the Clubs.

The future of a Day at the Races. 22 tickets sold for this year's event. Any further tickets sold after the 22nd ticket the cost went up to \$40 per person. Mary found on Groupon the exact same for \$9.99. It is free on Wednesday. The others clubs have the same event but go earlier than the Canadian Club. Same people go. Mary Motioned that right now we move to change the format of a day at the races to no longer do it the way we do it now but explore other avenues in the future for next year and see if we can get a cheaper rate or coupons. Debra motioned to accept and Connie 2nd all approved.

Blue Jays Game. Concern about Susan putting the total cost of the tickets on her credit card and not selling the 60 tickets. Hopefully we will sell the tickets to Philly as well as Blue Jays fans.

Friendship Dinner Dance. New York New Jersey's Valentine Dance is February 14th and opened up to everyone at OTOW at \$25 per person with Chicken Marsala as their main menu item. There are 3 possibilities for this #1 we cancel the dance completely because of the competition from the other



dance. #2 go ahead with the dance but up-front charge \$25 per person knowing that we will take a loss on it anyways and we can keep it to a bare minimum and hope that we can get 75 people #3 we keep it at the \$30 and \$35 and no we are going to take a loss on it but have no way of knowing how big a loss we will be taking. At least if we charge \$25 per person if we sell the 75 at most, we will take a loss of \$300. Mary will check with Nancy to see if we can change the date to the week after. Connie made a motion that we find out from Nancy if February 20th is available. The EC agreed to option 2 to charge \$25 per person in any event. Susan will print the tickets as soon as she has the template, theme and all details from Mary. Mary will send around the menu to everyone and a new menu will be selected by consensus so as to not compete directly with the NY and JY Club. Mary got a reply from Nancy while the EC was still in the room that the 20th was unavailable.

February 2nd Dance Party. – Canceled. Mary Smith is not available to DJ due to a conflict. Jesse Tiamson was asked to DJ and he agreed, but as the set-up crew that is involved with the Dance Parties are all part of the Jesters show, there would be no back up to support Jesse.

Rabbie Burns Dinner January 26th – Canceled. A question has been sent to the membership to get feedback on whether people wanted this type of event. Responses were inconclusive, as only 4 responses were received. Membership has been asking Mary to buy tickets to the event. (Eight people) Mary has stated that she doesn't want to go forward with the event due to the amount of discord regarding the dinner.

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 2nd. Mary advised that she has been in conversation with the President of the Irish Club. They are looking for registrants to be involved in the parade and for donations. Mary had been advised that the parade barely broke even in the 2022-2023 season. Gary motioned that we give a \$50 donation Debra motioned to accept and Susan 2nd. Yes, we will be involved in the parade. Hopefully we can get 2 golf carts for the parade. Discussions were made about the possibility of finding a convertible.

Resource Planning – Connie stated in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, she will establish and chair the Nominating Committee consisting of herself and two Past Presidents still active in the Club – Laurie Fisher and Harry were mentioned: *prepare a slate of officers, who have agreed to let their names stand, for each position on the EC to be filled by election at the AGM and present a slate of officers to the existing EC, at or before the last EC meeting prior to the AGM end of March. Connie asked all current EC members for their status or intent by January 15th. Everyone read and acknowledged Debra Kerrison's {email} intent to not let her name stand for the Presidency. Susan Cober, Annmarie Haskell and Lydia Cote have responded affirmatively. Gary and Mary's response will depend on whether the C&BL are changed. Gary has been reviewing them and will present his draft changes before the next EC meeting for discussion.

What's the way forward. This was an Agenda item, but discussion was tabled at this time waiting to see the outcome of the changes to the Constitution and the BY Laws.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m. **Date of next meeting: TBD**
