

Mississauga Ballet Association

AGM

Meeting Date: November 22, 2021

Attendees – board members: Nisha Sarveswaram, Eilleen Buchholz, Jennifer Manesiotis, Ivanka Gotcheva, Denise Emile, Lits Kong

Attendees – parents: Patricia Torres, Janet Spencer, Nadine Lister, Peter Tan, Kristine Ellis, Emma Uremovich, Ibinabo Akinbode, Kimberly

Location: Zoom

Start time: 7:31 p.m.

Item	Discussion	Action
1.Call to Order:	7:31 p.m. Motion: Denise Emile	Approved
2. Review and Approval of Agenda	Motion: Jennifer Manesiotis	Approved Jennifer Lits
3.Approval of last year’s AGM Minutes	Motion: Denise Emile	Approved Denise Lits
4.Chairperson’s Report - Nisha Sarveswaram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greeting <p>Voting Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nisha Sarveswaram - Chair - Lits Kong – Treasurer - Ivanka Gotcheva – Secretary - Vivian Szeto - Denise Emile <p>Non-Voting Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennifer Manesiotis - Bookkeeper - Eilleen Buchholz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Constantly updating Health and Safety documents and trying to keep on top of everything ● Every 4 years – Vulnerable Safety Checks renew ● 98 class spots are filled, and we are hopping to encourage more people to join ● Great news: starting in January we will be able to run normal classes 	

<p>5. Fundraising, Sponsorship - Nisha Sarveswaram</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would like to acknowledge and thank our current sponsor Tim Mitra – IT Guy Technologies, for the website, also Ms. Carol for costumes and masks for fundraiser. • Our goal in an ordinary season is \$5,000.00. Fundraising is much more difficult now due to COVID. • We are running the fall mask fundraiser and planning another for the spring. • Funds normally go to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theatre Rental - Costumes - Administration - Keeping fees low • If you have any further ideas, they will be highly appreciated 	
<p>6. Treasurer's Report – Lits Kong/ Jennifer Manesiotis</p>	<p>(See the attachment for the full report and for the projected budget)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget this year is projected because of the restrictions. • We have enough money to run this year. <p>Approval of Financial Statements – motion: Denise Emile</p> <p>Approval of budget – motion: Denise Emile</p>	<p>Financial statements approved by: Denise Ibinabo</p> <p>Budget approved by: Lits Denise</p>
<p>7. Artistic Director's Report – Eilleen Buchholz</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 9 students in the studio are allowed according to the current requirements • We are not able to put more classes because of the contract with Living Arts Center (LAC) • We have waiting list for the lower levels classes • Many students did not come back • Capacity restrictions are easing for the winter session and we will be able to put more students in the classes and more classes – pointe and contemporary are coming back • Only 3 (three) staff: Ms. Eilleen, Ms. Jean Lee, and Ms. Tiana • 2 (two) teachers in each class because of procedures and for safety reasons • Unfortunately, we do not have pianists and live music, instead we are using recorded music. We hope to have the pianist back in the near future. • Demonstrations: will depend on the restrictions at that time • Recital: we will not be able to book for this year, Meadowvale Theatre is not doing any bookings for now. Ms. Eilleen is looking at other venues, hopefully we can put a performance at the end of the season. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40-yers anniversary – MBA is 40 years old now and it is quite an accomplishment. Unfortunately, we are not able to celebrate it as planned • I want to take a second to thank you the Board, Nisha and Jennifer. • Thank you to the parents! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to pass my love to dance to your children! 	
8. Nomination and Election of Board Members	<p>Stepping down:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walaa Mohammed • Kim Romany <p>The following Board Members were re-elected for the next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nisha Sarveswaram – Chair • Lits Kong – Treasurer • Ivanka Gotcheva – Secretary • Vivian Szeto - Member at large • Denise Emile - Member at large <p>New nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nadine Lister – nominated and elected as a new Member at large 	<p>Motion: Jennifer Nadine</p> <p>Motion: Nisha Denise</p>
9. Open forum – Questions and Answers Period	<p>Capacity in January – According to the recent projections, all capacity restrictions will be lifted and we will be able to have pre-COVID classes: 18 students in the biggest classes and maybe 15 for the most popular classes</p> <p>Pianists – are they coming back in January or next year – Next year, we did not budget for them this year</p> <p>Vaccines for little children – We must follow LAC requirements, for now vaccines are mandatory for 12+</p> <p>Where are all the documents – Minutes are posted on the website, if you join the board, they will be sent to you</p> <p>Denise Emile: Thank you Nisha and Ms. Eilleen!</p>	
10. Adjournment	<p>8:13 p.m.</p> <p>Motion: Lits Kong Denise Emile</p>	

Meeting adjourned 8:13 p.m.
Minutes by Ivanka Gotcheva