



**FREE SPIRIT**  
DANCE COMMUNITY INC.

## FSDC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2020 MINUTES.

**Date:** Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2020  
**Time:** 3pm  
**Venue:** The Left Bank. 15 Riverside Road, East Fremantle

**1. Welcome and appointment of Chair for the meeting.**

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Wadjuk people from the Nyoongar nation, and pay our respects to the Elders, past and present.

We also acknowledge the contribution of all who have served in defence of our nation. We also acknowledge those who serve and have served in the Defence Forces and the families who support them.

All Committee positions were declared vacant and Kerry Mace was the Meeting Chairperson nominated to run this meeting.

**2. Record of Attendance.**

A Quorum was attained with 22 members in attendance.

**3. Acceptance of Minutes from 2019 AGM.**

- Proposed by Melinda Ware and Seconded by Hayley Birch

**4. Annual Reports 2019**

- Chairperson report and Historical timeline  
Included in Attachment A. Kerry presented her Chair's report and a historical timeline of Free Spirit that will be published on the website and maintained as part of the AGM process each year to capture the lived history of Free Spirit.
- Treasurer Report  
A detailed report has been included in Attachment B. Free Spirit is looking healthy and building a reserve for when we find our new studio.
- Studio Manager Report  
Included at Attachment C.

**5. Appointment of 2020 Committee**

For a full listing of duties, see Attachment D.

Single nominations received for all positions and voted unanimously.

Chairperson	Kerry Mace
Vice-Chairperson	Melinda Ware
Secretary	Fiona Watts
Treasurer	Tina Frost
Studio Manager (Teacher Liaison)	Leanne Shannon

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Festivals, Fetes and Fairs	Richelle Spencer
WebMistress and Registrar	Hayley Birch
Studio Information Officer	Karen Davey
Strategic Partnerships and Grants Officer	Lidia Cesconetto
General Committee Members	Annette Boyle Cathy Cole Elisabeth Purser Richelle Lundy

## 6. General Business

### i. Rebadging the Free Spirit Dance Community Inc as the Free Spirit Community Inc.

- As previously advertised in newsletters and social media discussions, a proposal was put forward to change the name of the Community from the Free Spirit Dance Community Inc to the Free Spirit Community Inc, Dance and Wellness to make us more inclusive of complimentary concepts, ideas and events. The motion was carried. The Committee will now investigate the process with the Department.
- A draft logo was displayed for general information and the new Committee will provide feedback and approve the final version of the logo. A huge thank you for Pamela, our outgoing Grants officer for the City of Cockburn grant for rebranding, and the incredibly talented Alma Sarhan from the Creative Department for the graphic design work.

### ii. Event Calendar for 2020

Saturday 1/2/20	AGM
Sunday 1/3/20	Highway to Hell
Saturday 18/4/20	Pink Hafla
May 29-June 1	WAMED
Date TBA	Winter Warmer with a Twist
Sat 8 August	Shimmy in the Valley
Sat 19 Sep	Spring Hafla Market Bazaar Day
Sat 12 December	Christmas Hafla in Red
Wed 16 December	Member Christmas Party
Date TBA	2020 AGM

### iii. Application to re-sign Free Spirit Dance Community onto the Act-Belong-Commit community partner program for 2020. Unanimously carried.

## 7. Other Business

- *Membership Door Prize – Sarah Boyle*



- *Uncle Dick from Richard Stein's Little Studio has been recording the Free Spirit events for some years now and makes the images available via DVD for interested dancers. From now on, he will be providing these on USB at a nominal cost of \$7. Or dancers can obtain them via email from [FreeSpiritDanceCommunity@gmail.com](mailto:FreeSpiritDanceCommunity@gmail.com).*
- *Uncle Dick would like to thank John Mace for providing power and all requirements for his photographic endeavours.*
- *Uncle Dick would encourage all Free Spirits to report any inappropriate usage of the images produced for Free Spirit.*
- *A special Thank You has been minuted for both Uncle Dick and John Mace for their unstinting, highly valued and energetic support for the Community.*

**8. Meeting closed 3.35pm.**

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – KERRY MACE.

I have had the pleasure of being part of the management committee of our wonderful community since the beginning, from the first time Richelle said “Come let’s move our classes to the South Fremantle High School!” through the journey to incorporation in 2010 and every wonderful year since. At times it has been a challenging journey but one I have loved all the way through, from our beginnings, struggling to pay our rent, so supplementing our income with Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings, (*SO glad we no longer need to do those*) to now looking at moving to a larger studio as we are fast outgrowing the one we are in.

2019 has seen our community growing, with the continuing expansion of our classes and new teachers have been starting with us throughout the year. The attendance at Red Tent has been growing throughout the year, with some offshoot workshops being held enriching our community with knowledge and spirit.

We have again been capital-building for our new studio, and I can happily say our New Studio bank account is growing. We are building our teacher base, getting ready to be sustainable for the larger studio and the extra costs this will entail.

With our ever-changing community we have realised we need to move with the times, at today’s AGM we will be voting on a change of name. As our community has been changing over the last few years, taking in other activities, we are proposing to change our name to the Free Spirit Community Inc, with the by-line of Dance and Wellness. We were lucky enough to secure a grant from the City of Cockburn for rebranding, and we would like to thank the City of Cockburn for their continued support! The grant is being spent on a new logo design.

The 2019 WAMED Festival was again a huge success and continues to reach new heights each year. The 2020 program is shaping up to be huge with TWO international guest stars for the first time. The choice of teachers was again a mammoth task, with way too many teachers for the spaces we had available.

Remember we always need volunteers over the WAMED weekend, if you would like to become a volunteer, please email us at the Free Spirit Gmail account and we will put you on our volunteer list and contact you closer to the festival.

I look forward to catching up with those members coming to our 10th Anniversary Celebration on the 1st of February after our AGM, I have some gems from the photographic library to share.

The year ahead is looking like a massive one, change is in the air and I look forward to being part of the journey as we head into our 10th year of Incorporation.

Happy dancing and I’ll see you all soon.

Kerry

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Income	Bankwest	Square	Paypal	Investment Account	Totals
Studio Hire	\$ 13,069.00				\$ 13,069.00
Memberships	\$ 547.50		\$ 1,695.42		\$ 2,242.92
Associate Memberships			\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Payment for Performance	\$ 300.00		\$ 80.00		\$ 380.00
Grants	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00
Hafla Takings	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 156.46	\$ 1,729.00		\$ 4,335.46
Hafla Raffle	\$ 1,533.35				\$ 1,533.35
Shop	\$ 282.00		\$ 28.00		\$ 310.00
Donatrions	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00
Wild Apricot	\$ 1,486.76				\$ 1,486.76
WAMED 2019 Repay Loans	\$ 2,283.00				\$ 2,283.00
WAMED 2019 - Profit				\$ 6,239.46	\$ 6,239.46
Total Income					<b>\$ 34,179.95</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Rent	\$ 14,970.96				\$ 14,970.96
Licences	\$ 1,727.59				\$ 1,727.59
WAMED 2019 Loans	\$ 1,023.25				\$ 1,023.25
WAMED 2020 Loan	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Cleaning	\$ 1,440.00				\$ 1,440.00
Power	\$ 1,219.50				\$ 1,219.50
Petty Cash	\$ 1,957.00				\$ 1,957.00
Photo Shoot	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00
Phone	\$ 30.00				\$ 30.00
Studio Repairs	\$ 459.50				\$ 459.50
Ausdance Membership	\$ 110.00				\$ 110.00
DanceSurance	\$ 589.24				\$ 589.24
WAMED Dancesurance				\$ 565.04	\$ 565.04
Hafla & Raffle Expenses	\$ 761.40				\$ 761.40
Fees & Charges		\$ 3.16	\$ 150.21		\$ 153.37
Teacher Sponsorship			\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Sponsorships	\$ 1,624.95				\$ 1,624.95
Advertising			\$ 25.30		\$ 25.30
Wild Apricot			\$ 1,486.76		\$ 1,486.76
Total Expenses					<b>\$ 31,743.86</b>
<b>2019 Profit</b>	<b>\$2,436.09</b>				

## STUDIO MANAGER REPORT — LEANNE SHANNON

We have a few new classes starting this year in the studio and I have listed all of the classes at the bottom of this report for everyone to see and also a few private and casual bookings as well.

We still have Red Tent Temple and Dance Sanctuary every month and there are also some Red Tent Workshops through the year.

We have replaced the chairs in the studio to a new, sturdier model and would like to thank the White Wolf Group (one of our regular groups) who donated half the new chairs!

We have revamped the Classes page on the website to include more information about each of the classes offered at the Bibra Lake Studio, so I encourage everyone to check out the new offerings and to share the page with friends and anyone dance-curious.

MON:	5.30pm to 6.30pm 6.45pm to 7.45pm	Tribal Grooves with Richelle Gypsy Caravan Tribal Bellydance (Beginners) with Cat
TUES:	11.30am to 1.30pm 12.40pm to 1.40pm 5.00pm to 6.00pm 6.15pm to 7.15pm 7.30pm to 9.00pm	Seniors Intermediate & Beyond-Beginners with Eva Masterclass with Eva Champagne Diamonds (Troupe) Tribal Grooves with Richelle CPWA
WED:	9.30am to 10.30pm 10.30am to 11.30am 5.00pm to 6.00pm 6.15pm to 7.15pm 7.30pm to 8.30pm	Yoga with Vanessa Gypsy Caravan Tribal Bellydance (Beginners and Beyond) with Richelle Classic & Modern Oriental with Eva Egyptian with Princess Fee Zyama Improv with Princess Fee
THUR:	4.45pm to 5.45pm 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm to 8.00pm 8.00pm to 9.00pm	Bellydance Beginners with Phynia Gypsy Caravan Tribal Bellydance 4 Week course with Richelle Gypsy Caravan Tribal Bellydance (Intermediate) with Richelle Silkroad (Troupe)
SAT:	9.00am to 10.00am 10.15am to 11.15am 12.30pm to 1.30pm	Bellydance Fit with Alura Bellydance Advanced with Phynia Oriental with Eva

### EVERY SECOND SATURDAY

6.00pm till Late White Wolf Group

RED TENT TEMPLE is held on a Friday night once a month

SANCTUARY is held on a Sunday morning once a month

RED TENT WORKSHOP there are a few this year

Leanne Shannon  
2020 Studio Manager

## APPOINTMENT OF 2020 COMMITTEE

Subject to Rule 23 of the Constitution, the affairs of the Association will be managed exclusively by a Committee of Management consisting of-

- (a) a Chairperson;
- (b) a Vice-Chairperson;
- (c) a Secretary;
- (d) a Treasurer;
- (f) not less than one other person who must be a member of the Association
- (g) A person must not hold 2 or more of the offices mentioned in subrule (3) at the same time.

## COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR 2020

Role	Responsibility
<b>Chairperson</b>	The Chairperson is responsible for the overall vision and direction of the Community. They chair the monthly meetings and delegate responsibilities to the other Committee Members. The Chair keeps their finger on the pulse of the dance community and is the public face of the FSDC.
<b>Vice-Chairperson</b>	The Vice-Chairperson supports the Chairperson and represents the chairperson when required. The ultimate back-up chick.
<b>Secretary</b>	The Secretary creates and circulates Agendas for meetings, takes and circulates minutes, organises the details and lists action items.
<b>Treasurer</b>	The Treasurer works closely with the Vice Treasurer and keeps accurate records of all the Community's transactions through Wild Apricot, Paypal and Cash. They also keep the committee informed about our financial position and produces the reports for Committee Meetings and the AGM.
<b>Vice Treasurer</b>	The Vice Treasurer is responsible for all the cash! This is a more hands-on role involving collecting and counting cash, banking and recording information for the Treasurer to use.
<b>Studio Manager (Teacher Liaison)</b>	Maintain the studio bookings for the studio. The contact point for all FSDC teachers.
<b>Events Coordinator</b>	Plans, organises and runs the events. Excellent delegation skills required.
<b>Festivals, Fetes and Fairs</b>	This position actively seeks performance opportunities and community events for Free Spirit to be involved with.
<b>Social Media Manager</b>	Manages and updates the FSDC Facebook page and group, creating interest, spreading information and engaging with the Community.
<b>WebMaster/Mistress and Registrar (Membership Officer)</b>	We need a Website manager, to post and remove information on our website and ensure the content is up to date and maintain the Wild Apricot System. Maintain the register of all FSDC members and administer memberships as part of Wild Apricot.
<b>Studio Information Officer</b>	This position keeps the notice board display up to date and ensures proper display of all upcoming events and programs.
<b>Grants Officer</b>	A new position to find and apply for Grants to improve the facilities of our studios.
<b>Strategic Partnerships Officer</b>	This officer looks at the enlargement of the Community and creates and maintains strategic partnerships with relevant organisations.

ATTACHMENT D

<b>WAMED Representative</b>	Represents Free Spirit on the organising Committee for the delivery of the WAMED festival. Delegates things to her sub-committee of helpers.
<b>General Committee Members</b>	Attend monthly meetings Assist as required.



