



FREE SPIRIT

Dance and Wellness

FSDAW Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021 Agenda.

Date: Saturday the 30th of January 2021
Time: 3pm
Venue: Little Creatures, 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 and the families who support them.

All Committee positions are declared vacant and Fiona Watts was nominated to run this meeting.

2. Record of Attendance.

All attendees completed membership forms and paid 2021 membership dues beforehand to have voted at the meeting.
A quorum was attained.

Attendees

Andrea Orłowski	Joanne Potts	Melinda Ware
Annette Hopkinson	Julie Renehan	Miz Hilton
Annette Boyle	Karen Davey	Mmaselemo Tsuari
Cat Rowbottam	Kat Simpson	Noelene Harrison
Cherry Honey	Kerry Mace	Peter Hopkinson
Christina Frost	Laura Emery	Phynia Anastas
Danielle Stevens	Leanne Shannon	Princess Fee
Elisabeth Purser	Leonie Hvala	Richelle Spencer
Hayley Birch	Lidia Cesconetto	Step Coley
Janet Aberle	Liz Gryzb	Trudy Radford
Jilyan Andersen	Maz Osborne	

3. Acceptance of Minutes from 2020 AGM.

- Proposed by Melinda Ware and Seconded by Elisabeth Purser

4. Annual Report 2020

- Chairperson report
- Financial Report
- Secretary Report
- Studio Manager Report

No additional questions were asked and the reports included in the attachments.

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5. Appointment of 2021 Committee

All positions were elected unopposed and carried unanimously.

Chairperson	Kerry Mace
Vice-Chairperson	Richelle Spencer
Secretary	Melinda Ware
Treasurer	Fiona Watts
Vice Treasurer and Donations Officer	Tina Frost
Studio Manager (Teacher Liaison)	Leanne Shannon
Studio Information Officer	Karen Davey
WebMaster/Mistress and Registrar	Hayley Birch
Shop Manager and Website Backup	Elisabeth Purser
Grants Officer	Lidia Cesconetto
Strategic Partnerships Officer	Annette Boyle
General Committee Members	Cherry Honey

6. General Business

- i. Event Calendar for 2021 - ratified by the members.
- ii. Application to re-sign Free Spirit Dance and Wellness onto the Act-Belong-Commit community partner program for 2021-22 was confirmed.
- iii. WAMED Update – New Committee and Bazaar.

It was proposed that the WAMED Festival incorporates as a separate non-profit entity and holds its own assets, so there will no longer be the question of ownership or other exposure, financial or legal to Free Spirit. The work and profits from the Grande Bazaar 2021 will be the responsibility of Free Spirit until this also moves across to the WAMED Inc banner after the 2021 Festival. The motion was carried unanimously and the thanks of the Community were expressed to Kerry and Fee for their work.

7. Other Business

- The members wished thank the 2020 Committee for their dedication and hard work during a trying year.
- The members would like to see more specific calls for event assistance (similar to the trial for the 2020 Red Hafla) to allow more people to have specific tasks to accomplish. Great feedback!
- A request was made to members to alert the committee to potential new venues for events. Email your suggestions anytime.
- The Committee would also like to undertake fundraising, specifically looking for projects that do not seek financial support from members or frequent contributors, but from the wider community. Ideas welcome!
- The incoming Treasurer to establish and maintain an asset register for more accurate financial reporting.
- The Committee to register for the Containers for Change program to allow people to support Free Spirit without cost. Great idea!

8. End of Meeting – 1603hrs

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT — KERRY MACE.

Well, what a year we have had, everything was on track and looking good at the beginning of 2020 and then bam COVID19 hit and we were shut down instantly. I would like to say thank you to all those people who have helped us this year, many of our members have been very generous with their time, a scarce commodity these days and many in a monetary way, with some significant amounts donated, we appreciate every little thing you have done to help our wonderful community stay alive.

Thank you to the teachers who instantly went "online", I know a lot of you had some trepidation and angst as to how it would go, you all did a wonderful job, whether in your bedroom, loungeroom or from the local park, you kept everyone engaged and on their feet. Yes, it was different, I personally found it an exceedingly difficult time, I missed being in class, it wasn't the same online.

I would like to thank Fee and Hayley for the hard work they did during COVID to read the government announcements, interpret them so we could all understand them, the behind-the-scenes work was enormous, the signs, sign in sheets, etc, too many to list, I thank the two of you very much for all that work. I would also like to thank Hayley for all the fun things she did during lockdown, the videos, quiz nights, book club, sundowners, you name them Hayley had a crack at them. She kept our community connected and engaged, well done Hayley.

My final thank you goes to the rest of the committee members for their dedication to our community and especially during this unusual year, they quickly adapted to the online meetings and jumped in to help wherever possible, without their dedication we wouldn't have the diverse community we now have.

Free Spirit Dance Community has grown and changed so much in the past 10 years, we now incorporate many areas of wellness, not just dance, in that light the committee decided it was time for a name change, so we put this to our wider community to help with the change. We had our final choices narrowed down, then during the lockdown period we were able to complete the name change, we held the Special General Meeting online, many of our members attended in the comfort of their own homes. At the end of the online meeting, we had a new community name Free Spirit Dance & Wellness, a name to reflect our whole community and where our future is leading us. With the formalities done, we were able to then complete our new branding, thanks to Alma Saham for your wonderful design and thanks to Cockburn Council for the grant to assist with the rebranding.

As soon as we were given the green light to reopen the studio we were there, it took some organising to get it opened, oh the paperwork, but committee and general members jumped in to assist getting the studio ready and classes recommenced, it was so good to get back into the studio to dance in person although no touching. I know the cleaning regimes we had to put in place were taxing but we would all do anything to be back in the studio and to keep ourselves safe, so thank you everyone for your patience during this time.

COVID changed many things this year, including WAMED which we very quickly took online, becoming, we believe the first festival in the world to go online, yay us, nothing was going to stop us from our yearly dance fix. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual Pink Hafla as we were all in lockdown, then Shimmy in the Valley was cancelled, both will be back this year bigger and better than ever. 2020 marked the first Tribal Fest in the West, in honour of Miss Betsy, a promise made to hold a local Tribal Fest, it took us a while, but we finally did it, it was a fun weekend of dance and connection.

Due to the size of the studio and the restrictions on the number of people we could have in the space, we haven't been able to hold any of our usual events there, so off to the pubs around Freo we went. We have had some lovely casual events at the Left Bank and now Little Creatures, it has been wonderful to see everyone in person and not on a screen.

2021 is looking to be a much better year, we have all the usual events planned, with a few extras thrown in for good measure, we look forward to seeing you over the year.

So, stay safe and keep Shimmying.

Kerry

2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	Bankwest	Square	Paypal	Investment Account	Totals
Studio Hire	\$ 13,591.00				\$ 13,591.00
Memberships	\$834.40		\$ 2,324.96		\$ 3,159.36
Associate Memberships			\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
Performance Donations	\$ 400.00				\$ 400.00
10th Birthday Celebrations			\$ 975.00		\$ 975.00
Events	\$878.50	\$240.29	\$ 1,957.00		\$ 3,075.79
High Tea			\$ 1,241.00		\$ 1,241.00
Christmas Hafla			\$3,429.50		\$ 3,429.50
Tribal Fest in West	\$800.00	\$ 941.70	\$ 4,029.00		\$ 5,770.70
Paella			\$ 444.00		\$444.00
Tshirts			\$ 415.00		\$415.00
Shop	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00
Donations	\$ 115.00		\$ 2,369.00		\$2,484.00
WAMED 2020 Repay Loans	\$ 143.82			\$ 2,656.04	\$2,799.86
WAMED 2020 - Profit				\$ 917.00	\$917.00
					\$ 39,102.21
	Bankwest	Square	Paypal	Investment Account	Totals
Expenses					
Rent	\$ 14,970.96				\$ 14,970.96
iinet	\$ 359.95				\$359.95
WAMED 2020 Loans				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
10th Birthday Celebration				\$ 1,454.50	\$ 1,454.50
Cleaning	\$ 1,380.00				\$ 1,380.00
Power	\$ 165.46				\$ 165.46
Reimburse Committee	\$ 1,560.29				\$ 1,560.29
Petty Cash	\$ 3,254.50				\$ 3,254.50
Chairs	\$ 760.00			\$ 380.00	\$ 1,140.00
Misc	\$ 1,383.15			\$ 100.00	\$ 1,483.15
Accommodation			\$ 520.00		\$ 520.00
Ausdance Membership	\$ 110.00				\$110.00
DanceSurance				\$ 589.24	\$ 589.24
Rebranding				\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,650.00
Vectorstock Media			\$ 21.67		\$ 21.67
Hafla & Raffle Expenses	\$ 2,809.65				\$ 2,809.65
Fees & Charges		\$23.01	\$ 654.52		\$ 677.53
Wild Apricot			\$ 1,444.43		\$1,444.43
Drums for Loan library				\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
High Tea Event				\$ 1,417.00	\$ 1,417.00
Paella				\$ 504.00	\$ 504.00
Vic Hall Hire				\$ 1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Left Bank - Sundowner				\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Grand Bazaar Purchase				\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Tribalfest in the West	\$ 3,643.61				\$3,643.61
					\$ 47,705.94

2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets/Investments/Credits		
Asset	Value	Acquired
WAMED Brand	\$3000	2015
WAMED Bazaar	\$3000	2020
Drums	\$2500	2020
Power Credit	1485.52	2020
Total	9,985.52	Included in 2020: \$6,985.52
2020 Profit/Loss	Income	\$39,102.21
	Expenses	\$47,705.94
	Investments/Credits	\$6,985.52
	Total for 2020 financial year	-\$1618.21

SECRETARY'S REPORT – FIONA WATTS

Well 2020 was quite the year! We opened in January for some early classes in the studio before heading into February with the official start to the year with our AGM and 10th Birthday celebrations. Thank you to Hayley and Karen for the centrepieces and decorations (and photography!) and to Aiveen for the cake and cupcakes and to Kerry for coordinating the history of Free Spirit as well as the photo and video montage!

The Free Spirit Troupes performed at the Highway to Hell, Coogee Live and Coogee Harmony Day events in March, the Heartbeat of Africa and the Harrisdale Harmony Day in May, the Festival of Lights in October, the All-Hallows Ball in November and the Have a Go Day at Burswood. We also held a Feng Shui for Creativity event, a group energy nurture session with Raven, a sound healing combined with a winter warmer dance jam in August followed by a fun spring market day in September. We brought succour to the starving tribal dancers with the first ever TribalFest in the West, fulfilling a prophecy and promise to Miss Betsy and we thank Richelle and her band of helpers for a fantastic weekend! And we rounded out the year with the Hafla in Red which put the cherry on the cake of 2020.

In April, the COVID-19 pandemic hit our state and Free Spirit responded by sending out details asking people to sanitise themselves and to maintain a physical distance from each other. As the warnings increased, we encouraged teachers to provide online options as well as physical classes for those wanting to self-isolate but not miss out on classes. Then we had to close the studio entirely from the 23rd of March, so the teachers took their classes online or postponed them and we cancelled the Pink Hafla in line with Health Department guidelines. The studio reopened to classes in Step 2 conditions on Monday 18 May and further extended into Step 3 on Monday the 8th of June. HUGE thank you to all on the Committee who had input into the COVID-19 Safety Plans, disinfected the studio, bought products, organised the reporting regime, blocked off the communal areas and helped with the very quick turnaround of all the planning to get the doors back open again. It was a massive team effort and was very well received by the Community! We are now in Step 4 on the WA Roadmap to Recovery and have been very impressed with the level of responsibility shown by our teachers, students and studio users to keep everyone safe and healthy. New facilities like the toilet roll dispenser and hand towel dispenser have also been purchased and installed (thanks Mick and Leanne!). We also installed a modem in the studio to make online teaching more accessible and affordable for teachers to live stream classes from the studio to everywhere. We are also continuing our search for a new and larger venue to call home.

We also received a number of very generous donations from the members and friends of Free Spirit to help keep our Community open while our doors were closed. We can't thank everyone enough for their generosity, from teachers who donated a portion of their teacher fees each week to those individuals who gave purely out of the kindness of their hearts. To all of you – you are rock stars and we love you. Thank you!

While dancing was temporarily off the table, Free Spirit started some social check-in activities to keep everyone connected. We ran a Trivia Night, started a Book Club and had a weekly Three O'clock, Tea O'clock gossip session. Thanks to Hayley for her creative brainchildren!

WAMED

Free Spirit and Bellydance Central hosted the WAMED Festival in 2020 which was no small achievement. The program was out and tickets selling for the original program and then the pandemic hit. As all of the international festivals cancelled in a wave across the globe, WAMED was the first to move fully online as a live festival.

A reviewed timetable was launched and the WAMED team quickly became experts in the Zoom platform and delivered a fabulous festival with a rich program of events, a Raqs Café interview event and some amazing teachers who enriched the dance lives of hundreds of dancers from all over the world from their own backyards. Our especial thanks go out to both our guest master teachers, the gorgeous Cinzia, but especially to Kai Montgomery who taught all night long for three long nights from her US studio. We have also created a new partnership with Nat from Tamanya Movement who will be working with us to present WAMED 2021 and beyond.

Free Spirit has also invested in some assets this year, with a collection of gorgeous Egyptian drums and the purchasing of the rights to the WAMED Grande Bazaar.

And we changed our identity! After ten years of being the Free Spirit Dance Community Inc, we voted in June at a Special General Meeting to change our name to Free Spirit Dance and Wellness Inc. This makes us more inclusive of the other wellness modalities that aren't dance-based. We won a grant from the good people of the City of Cockburn for our rebranding and the talented Alma Sarhan from the Creative Department created our new logos and branding palette. Thank you to you all for helping us grow in a more inclusive direction and here's to another 10 years of Free Spirit and beyond!

Finally, our 2020 Committee contributed 1800 hours of work towards the hard work behind the scene. That is huge. Thank you to all our volunteers. Without you, nothing would happen and the hundreds of opportunities for engagement throughout the year would not occur. Look back at the year that was and see what a difference you make.

Those who can, do.

Those can do more, volunteer.

Thank you!

Fiona

STUDIO MANAGER REPORT — LEANNE SHANNON

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for trusting me to manage the studio again last year. I hope I didn't muck-up too much as it was a bit of a trying year at times for everyone. We have a few workshops already booked in to the studio for this month and throughout the year. Red tent and dance sanctuary are both back and booked in for each month.

In Feb we bought a stack of new chairs for the studio, half of which were donated by the White Wolf group who use the studio fortnightly on a Saturday evening. Hey are much comfier (and safer!) than the previous plastic ones which were starting to die.

During 2020, as a response to the pandemic

Part of the studio is still blocked off due to the COVID-19 rules and we now have paper handtowel and toilet roll dispensers in the bathroom for you to use for better hygiene. And please remember to sign into the studio using with the SafeWA app or with the manual paper sign in sheets provided.

I have included a list of the classes and workshops that are in the studio this year for you to have a look at and to share with your friends.

MON	5.30pm to 6.30pm 6.45pm to 7.45pm 8pm - 9pm	Tribal grooves with Richelle Global Caravan Tribal bellydance (Beginners) with Cat Global Caravan Progressive with Cat
TUES	11.30am to 12.30pm 1.00pm to 2.00pm 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 (Troupe)
WED	9.30am to 10.30am 10.30am to 12.00pm 5.00pm to 6.00pm 6.15pm to 7.15pm 7.30pm to 8.30pm	Yoga with Vanessa Global Caravan Tribal Bellydance Beginners and Beyond with Richelle Classic & Modern Oriental with Eva Egyptian Bellydance 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 Global Caravan Tribal Bellydance with Richelle Global Caravan Tribal Bellydance Intermediate with Richelle Silkroad (Troupe)
SAT	9.00am to 10.00am 10.15am to 11.15am	Bellydance Fit with Alura Bellydance Advanced with Phynia DRUMMING classes are held on a Saturday by Sam and Ketii beginning in Feb.
	EVERY SECOND SATURDAY 6.00pm till Late White Wolf Group RED TENT TEMPLE is held once a month on a Friday DANCE SANCTUARY is held once a month on a Sunday MUSICALITY is held intermittently on a Saturday by Cat	

Thanks!

Leanne

APPOINTMENT OF 2021 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 2021

Role	Responsibility
Chairperson	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.
Vice-Chairperson	The Vice-Chairperson supports the Chairperson and represents the chairperson when required. The ultimate back-up chick.
Secretary	The Secretary creates and circulates Agendas for meetings, takes and circulates minutes, organises the details and lists action items.
Treasurer	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.
Vice Treasurer	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.
Studio Manager (Teacher Liaison)	Maintain the studio bookings for the studio. The contact point for all FSDC teachers.
WebMaster/Mistress and Registrar (Membership Officer)	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.
Grants Officer	A new position to find and apply for Grants to improve the facilities of our studios.
Strategic Partnerships Officer	This officer looks at the enlargement of the Community and creates and maintains strategic partnerships with relevant organisations.
General Committee Members	Attend monthly meetings Assist as required.
General Committee Member Portfolios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events Coordinator • Festivals, Fetes and Fairs • Studio Information Officer • Shop Keeper • Donations Officer

2021 EVENT CALENDAR

Free Spirit Committee Diary 2021	
Sat 30 Jan 2021	2021 AGM
Sat 17 April 2021	Pink Hafla
4-7 June	WAMED
17 July	Winter Warmer and Sound Healing
7 th August	Shimmy in the Valley
18 th September	Spring Hafla Market Bazaar Day
11 th December	Christmas Hafla in Red
15 th December	Member Christmas Party
Jan 2022	2022 AGM