



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY 2024

Meeting Open: 1311

Welcome:

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

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

Appointment of meeting chair:

- Kerry Mace

Record of attendance

Present: Kerry Mace, Melinda Ware, Leanne Shannon, Liz Grzyb, Andrea Orlowsky, Cherry Smith, Maz Osborne

Apologies: Elisabeth Purser, Fiona Watts

All attendees must be current members to vote at the meeting.

Quorum required – 2 - Reached.

Previous minutes

Proposal to accept 2023 AGM minutes: Kerry Mace

Seconded: Liz Grzyb

Vote: All in favour.

Annual reports

Chairperson Report

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their support this year, your dedication to keeping our community running is much appreciated. We are still using community venues for our classes with year adding in classes in the Northern suburbs, it's wonderful to see new teachers coming on board. We are looking to

change things up this year with some spotlight workshops, watch this space it's still in the planning.

We again had two very successful Hafla's this year, the Pink Hafla in April with part proceeds going to Breast Cancer Care WA, the Christmas Hafla was a wonderful way to close the year with some many beautiful performances, it was lovely to see everyone again.

WAMED 2023 was again a wonderful success, it was lovely to see people returning to the festival after not being able to attend for a couple of year, to catch up with some familiar faces. 2024 is going to be a big celebration for WAMED, being our 25th Anniversary, we are out to celebrate in style. Our guest artist Melissa Gamal has some wonderful workshops on offer, as well as our local and interstate teachers, we intend to celebrate with a good old dress up event, the 25th Anniversary Gala Ball where Melissa will be wow us with her dance prowess. Book your tickets now, for those who want to attend all the workshops, buy a festival pass.

We are looking to change things up in the committee this year by offering micro volunteering, so you can put your hand up for a smaller job, we understand taking on a position on the committee is a big commitment, but you may have a small amount of time for a smaller project.

Some of the jobs we're looking for support with are:

- Website
- Teacher Liaison
- Event Coordinator
- Hafla Performers Coordinator
- Community Performances
- Stall Holder Coordinator
- Pickup & return equipment to storage
- Raffles

We are excited for the year to come, to keep our dance community connected and strong, see you at this year's events.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kerry

Financial Report

2023 was a steady-as-she-goes sort of year with minimal activity in the community this year. The participant numbers for both classes and events were still down, but on the rebound as the world continues to re-emerge from the pandemic.

We also made a change from the Wild Apricot platform to the Wix platform for our website and online shop which was a significant saving for our ongoing costs from \$917 per year (and about to increase) to \$456.11.

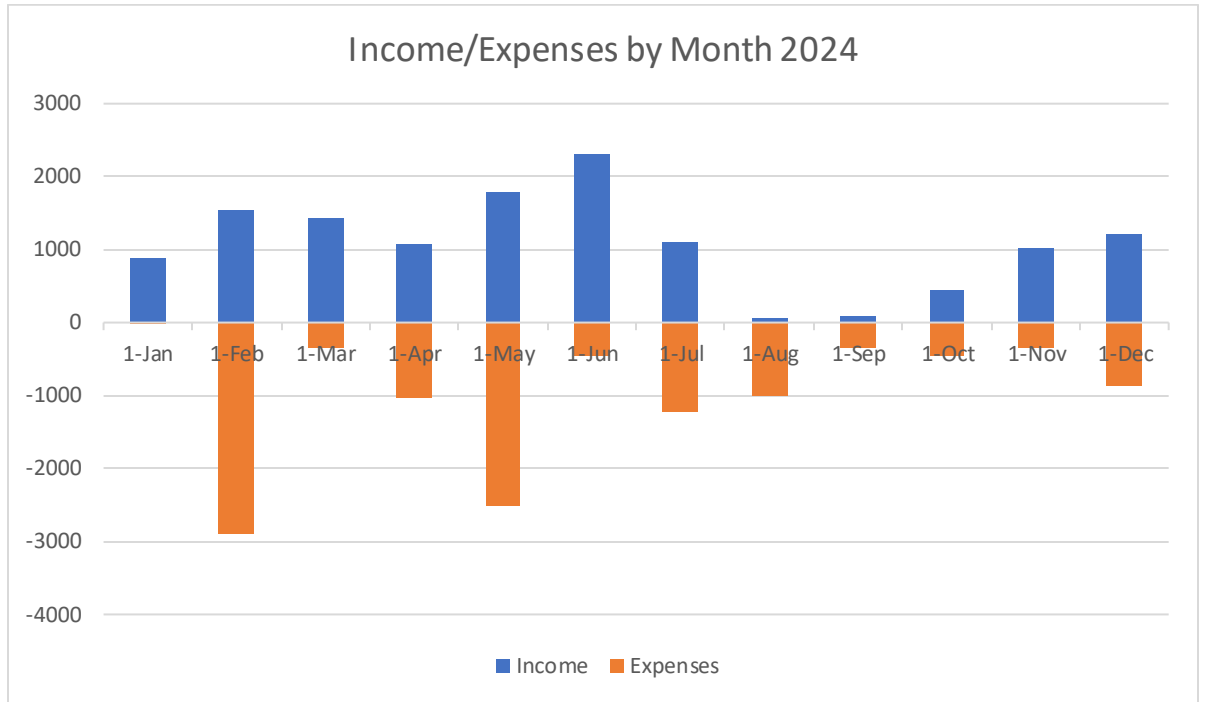
Our income-generating events and significant donations this year:

- Pink Hafla (\$1003.83 profit)
- WAMED Bazaar (\$1352.12 profit)
- Red Hafla (\$1362.78 profit)
- Manjimup Festival Donation (\$1000)

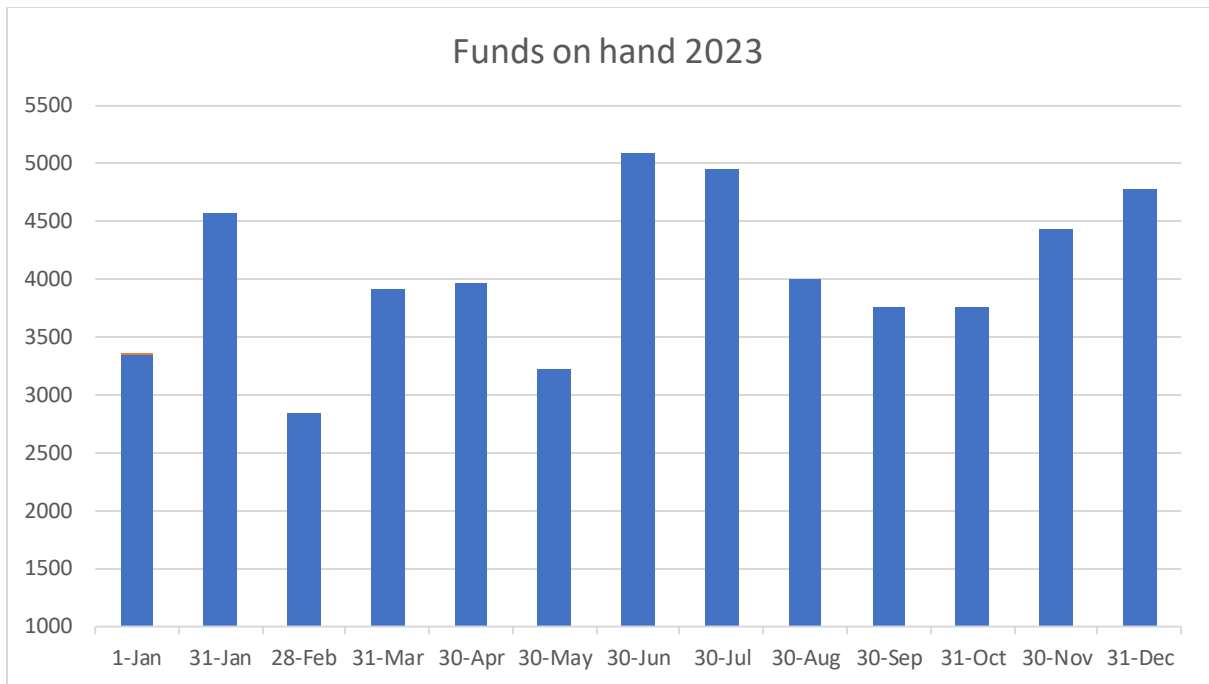
- Boyup Brook Donation (\$1000)
- Tribalive Donation (\$250)

Our main expenses this year:

- National Storage Unit: \$1797
- Dancesurance: \$609.95
- Website and shop: \$456.11
- Sword Engraving: \$350



Total Income for 2023	Total Expenses for 2023	Profit/Loss
\$12,941.86	\$11,498.20	\$1,443.71



Appointment of committee

All committee positions are now declared vacant and nominations are called.

- Chairperson – Kerry Mace nominated herself accepted unanimously.
- Deputy Chairperson – Leanne Shannon nominated by Kerry accepted unanimously.
- Treasurer – Fiona Watts renominated herself accepted unanimously.
- Secretary – Elizabeth Purser renominated herself. Melinda Ware nominated herself. Position went to a vote. Melinda Ware was accepted unanimously.
- Committee members – Andrea Orlowsky, Liz Grzyb, Cherry Smith, Elizabeth Purser.

Proposed changes to Rules of Association

These changes were passed at the 2023 Pink Hafla however were not lodged with DMIRS within the required timeframe.

- To change in Rule 2.1 the wording “The first financial year of the Association is to be the period 1st January and ending on 31 December in the following year” to read “The financial year of the Association is to be the period 1 July and ending on 30 June in the following year”.
- To change the Name of Association from Free Spirit Dance and Wellness Inc to Free Spirit Dance Community Inc.

Changes were read, accepted, and passed by all in attendance.

General Business

- Changes to bank account.

Bankwest have advised they will be closing our bank account as they will no longer have our category of banking. Unless we open an account elsewhere, our account will automatically change to the Commonwealth Bank. The 2023 committee have agreed to open a community banking account with Beyond Bank. All in agreement.

- Events for 2024.

We have kept the storeroom at Beeliar, will be holding bimonthly workshops with dance jam afterwards and a small market day.

- 16 March – Workshop
- 13 April – Pink Hafla
- June long weekend - WAMED
- 20 July – Workshop
- 14 September – Quiz night
- 19 October – Workshop
- 14 December – Red Hafla

Meeting closed: 1359