## OCEANSIDE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS

## CONSTITUTION

- 1. The name of the Society is Oceanside Scottish Country Dancers (OSCD or the Society).
- 2. The object of the Society is to popularize the art and grace of Scottish Country Dancing in Qualicum Beach, Parksville and the surrounding area, to provide teaching to both new and experienced dancers in weekly dance classes, to present periodic workshops so dancers may enhance their skills, and to hold social events from time to time.
- 3. OSCD is a not-for-profit, non-partisan and non-political society. All revenues shall be used for the furtherance of Scottish Country Dancing.
- 4. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, any funds remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be donated to the Scottish Country Dancing Teachers Association of Canada.

## **BY-LAWS**

- 1. Membership is open to anyone who pays the membership dues.
- 2. Membership in good standing is maintained or surrendered based upon payment of membership dues, excepting that membership may be removed for cause, upon the recommendation of the Directors.
- 3. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in April of each year.
- 4. The quorum for General and Executive meetings shall be 50% + 1.
- 5. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past-President, Social Convenor and one Member-at-large shall be the Directors of the Society.
- 6. The Directors shall also include both Teachers of the Basic Class and the Intermediate Class as ex-officio members.
- 7. The President presides at all meetings of the Society.
- 8. The Vice-President assumes the duties of the President during the latter's absence. The Vice-President may also assume additional responsibilities from time to time.
- 9. The Secretary keeps minutes of all meetings, issues notice of meetings, conducts all correspondence, maintains the records of the Society in good order and maintains a register of members.

- 10. The Treasurer keeps the financial records of the Society in good order and presents financial statements to all meetings of the Society.
- 11. The Social Convenor, with the assistance of other members, organizes the social activities of the Society.
- 12. The Directors shall meet at least three times per year.
- 13. Directors retire from office at each AGM when successors are elected or appointed. No elected director shall hold the same position consecutively for more than three years unless acclaimed at the AGM.
- 14. The signing officers are any two of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary.
- 15. The directors may call an extraordinary general meeting.
- 16. The directors may at any time appoint a member in good standing as director to fill a vacancy.
- 17. Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws may be introduced by the directors or by motion signed by at least five members in good standing. Any such motion shall be circulated at least two weeks prior to a general meeting. For a change to pass, a vote of 50% + 1 is required.
- 18. The directors may grant an Honourary Life Membership to any member of 10 or more years standing in recognition of a significant contribution to the success of the Society.