

Nanaimo Scottish Country Dancers

Presidents Message March 15, 2020

The Board of the Nanaimo Scottish Dancers regret the necessity of cancelling the Tea Dance scheduled for April 25, 2020 and our classes for the remainder of the current term (end of April). This has been done, after serious deliberation, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and recommendations by the BC Medical Health Officer to restrict the spread of the virus. As you might be aware, the RSCDS Vancouver Branch had announced, already, the cancellation of the 2020 Heather Ball and all classes and Comox Valley had, likewise, cancelled/suspended dance classes. Subsequently, Oceanside SCD cancelled its Tea Dance set for March 21, 2020 and all classes and now Salt Spring Island SCD has followed suit in announcing "no classes" for the foreseeable future.

As well as reports in the media, Board members had been receiving communications from individual dancers saying they would not be attending classes, either as a result of their own caution or in compliance with specific instructions from a family physician. In the face of the present circumstances, any action taken had to be made on the side of caution and the protection of the health of everyone.

There will be no Annual General Meeting this spring. The Club will seek to re-schedule at a date later in the year, when, we hope, it will be possible to resume dancing. A formula will be developed to account for the classes that might have been held yet between now and the end of April, for which dues had been paid, and details will be announced in due course.

I am very sorry to be in the position of telling you this. No one would rather be dancing than would I. The priority here and now is the protection of the health of our members and the community at large. One dancer told me "Scottish Country Dancing and Social Distancing are NOT compatible". Please take care of yourselves, have an enjoyable summer and I will hope to see you all later in the year.

Mark du Plessis
President
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