

**Perth International Folk Dance Group Inc.
Annual General Meeting
Minutes**

Monday 25th November 2019

St Margaret's Hall, cnr Tyrell and Elizabeth Sts, Nedlands

Meeting Started at 8:24 pm

Present: John Bardill (Chairman/President), Anne Griffiths, Arek Filipczyk, Carolyn Cox, Cynthia Innes, David Gholami, Eve Blair, Jenny Bardill, John Whaite, Margaret Lang, Maria Jenkins, Martin Williams, Nina Thompson, Pam Williams, Pat Charlton, Paula Day, Paula Schneider, Peter Fallon, Trish Eyre, Tuner Dincer.

Twenty members (a valid quorum) - and Glenn Dale - non-member.

Apologies:

Clare Williams, Gisela Gmeinder, Hazel Kifeff, Jennifer Eyre, Lee Jones, Leigh Richmond, Louise Scott, Monica Sweitzer, Pam Gunn, Palenque Blair, Pam Massey, Sara Friedman.

1. Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Accepted as a true record: Proposed by Paula Schneider; Seconded: Paula Day

President/Chairman signed a printed copy of the 2018 minutes for PID minutes file.

2. Business Arising

No business arising

3. President's Report (See attachment 1)

In summary:

- Thanks to Committee members and teachers
- We enjoyed the end-of-year Christmas party with our friends the Last Five Coins.
- Sad loss of Andre van de Plas; Kaye Laurendet's visit to Perth to present his 2019 programme
- Paula Schneider coordinated promotions subcommittee
- After 15 years the Dance Hills chapter is going from strength to strength with numbers increasing. Many thanks to Jennifer Eyre with support from Jenny Currell.
- The Saturday group celebrated its 18th birthday this year.
- Many thanks to Jenny Bardill for co-ordinating Contradance.

The Macedonian night was well attended

- Palenque has starting workshops in Albany
- Next year is shaping up to be a blockbuster year with two workshops planned.

Attendees expressed their thanks to John Bardill who has been President for the last seven years.

4. Treasurer and Auditor Reports

John Whaite presented the 2018-2019 Treasurer's Report - see attachment 2 for detail

In summary:

- Thanks to all those who collected money at dance sessions
- Thanks to Peter Fallon for auditing the 2018/19 accounts
- The Group made approximately \$1,800 profit over the year
- End year cash of more than \$13,000
- Membership reduced slightly to 55

Auditor's statement: The Group's finances for 2018-2019 and supporting records have been independently audited and endorsed as accurate. Peter Fallon, Honorary Auditor

Proposed: Carolyn Cox

Seconded: Tuna Dincer

5. Election of Officers for 2020 Committee - nominations and endorsement.

Chairman confirmed that only Association (PIFDG/PID) financial members may vote in the event of voting being required for any position. Standing orders were suspended.

Chairperson One nomination **John Whaite** [John Robert Whaite]
(seconded by Paula Schneider)
John Whaite [John Robert Whaite] **was duly elected as Chairperson**

Deputy-Chair/vice President **No nominations** - prior to or at AGM - position unfilled.

Secretary One nomination **Maria Jenkins** [Mary (Maria) Jenkins]
(seconded by Martin Williams)
Maria Jenkins [Mary (Maria) Jenkins] **was duly elected as Secretary**

Treasurer **No nominations** - prior to or at the AGM - position unfilled.

Ordinary Committee member nominations:

Eve Blair [Eve Mary Blair] (seconded by Trish Eyre)
Leigh Richmond [Leigh Merinia Richmond] (seconded by Trish Eyre)
Louise Scott [Louise Margaret Scott] (seconded by John Whaite)
Margaret McHugh [Margaret Clare McHugh] (seconded by Trish Eyre) and
Trish Eyre [Patricia Blanche Eyre] (seconded by Eve Blair)

All five were duly elected as Ordinary Committee members.

In response to a question from Margaret McHugh about the Rules of Association having four Ordinary Committee Members, John Bardill felt that that number of 4 was a proposal and is not rigid, particularly in the light of having two Office Bearer positions unfilled.

6. Other Business

- **Minutes of the Special Special General Meeting** held on 18 March.

The minutes of the meeting, widely circulated and available on the [Group's web-site](#), were accepted unanimously as a true record.

Moved: Carolyn Cox, seconded: Eve Blair

- **Life Memberships requiring endorsement** at an Annual General Meeting.

Noted that there are currently five life members. The Chairman advised that the Rules of Association require these to be ratified at an AGM by a two-thirds majority. The following were presented as the basis of conferring the life memberships.

1996: Three life memberships were presented at the 20th Anniversary Great Reunion:

Eve Blair, founder member, performer and teacher

Peter Fallon, long-time Treasurer and teacher

John Whaite, teacher, choreographer, performer, ex-President, ex Vice President and general contributor.

2011: Martin Williams - President for 8-yrs, Treasurer for 6yrs; Secretary for 2 years, Grapevine Editor since 1996, performer and general contributor.

2019: Palenque Blair - long-term teacher, choreographer and performer, President for 7-yrs and Secretary for 6-yrs.

In a show of hands there was unanimous support for the five Life Memberships which are hence confirmed.

7. Next Meeting: 26 November 2020 tbc

Meeting ended at 8:42

Minutes by Martin Williams; 2019 PIFDG / PID Secretary

Minutes approved by Chairperson: _____ / _____ / 2020

Attachment 1 to PIFDG AGM Minutes 2019

Chairman's Report 2019

On behalf of all members, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the committee members and dance teachers, who in addition to their own personal everyday personal/family and professional commitments, have worked hard throughout the year to keep everything running smoothly and engage in activities to promote Perth International Dance.

It was business as usual after the last AGM. A new committee was elected, and we enjoyed an end of year Christmas party with our friends the Last Five Coins. We ratified the new Rules of Association with a tweak here and there. Many thanks to those who were involved in the formulation of the final document, in particular Martin Williams.

The New Year however was shattered by the news that our dear friend Andre Van De Plas had passed away. Andre had been coming to us for a great many years, teaching the dances he had collected from around the world, in his own unique and inimitable way. His workshops were each year's look forward to event. We shall miss his colloquialisms such as 'look to me'. Andre will always be remembered through the music and dances he taught us.

Kaye Laurendet, Andre's Australian connection, was invited to travel to Perth to present the music and dances that he was planning to do in June/July this year. The event, held in October, was highly successful and was a great opportunity for members to celebrate Andre's life of music and dance.

The Promotions subcommittee coordinated by Paula Schneider, is working hard to promote all things P.I.D. Thank you to Paula and her team.

The Perth International Dance Hills chapter is going from strength to strength with numbers slowly but surely increasing. Many thanks to Jennifer Eyre and her support crew of Jenny Currell. This is the group's 15th year in operation. Talking of which it was the Saturday group's 18th birthday this year. You have to ask yourself - where did that time go??

Contradance continues to be a popular monthly event, with a fabulous group of musicians providing the music. This group conducted a short Workshop at Fairbridge this year. Many thanks to Jenny Bardill.

The performance group is now holding a regular monthly practice session. It is open to all members. The objective for this initiative is to be well prepared for those occasions we are invited to perform. There have been several performances held by invitation this year.

The Graduate class continues to function on a monthly basis. Many thanks to Eve for being the powerhouse of this regular session. It is a great way to revisit and/or learn the nuances of new dances.

The Introductory Sessions conducted by John Whaite continued each week on Saturday afternoon. Many thanks to John for his continued commitment to this endeavour.

Perth International Dance held a Macedonian theme night which was well attended. Members danced to the music of touring Macedonian musicians/singers. It was an energetic and interactive night enjoyed by all.

Palenque is setting up 'shop' in Albany and commenced a workshop for children and adults in Albany in November. Palenque has our support and best wishes with her endeavours to get folk dancing up and running going forward into 2020. With the departure of Palenque, the Youngsters workshops have been taken over by Michelle Goldblatt. These sessions will be held during School holidays where there is a greater flexibility of time. Thank you Michelle.

Next year is shaping up to be a blockbuster year with two workshops planned. Lookout for announcements.

Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year to you all.

JohnB



Attachment 2 to PIFDG / PID AGM Minutes 2019

Perth International Dance - Treasurer's Report 2018 / 19

I am retiring as Treasurer, and I'd like to acknowledge the work of the previous Treasurers - Peter Fallon and Martin Williams - whose legacy was an association in a financially sound position, with sound financial processes. I trust I have continued their good work.

Next, my thanks to Peter Fallon, Jenny Bardill, Hazel Kileff, Anne Griffiths, and Fumiko Nakamura. Peter audited the accounts this year, Jenny (my unofficial assistant) managed the finances during my absences and assist in many ways, and Hazel, Anne and Fumiko handle the money on Saturdays and Mondays. These people made it possible for me to be treasurer and still enjoy dancing.

Our finances remain in good shape. Our regular activities are financially sound, although the Contradance relies on support from the Friends of Contradance group. Our annual profit was about \$1,800, an excellent result considering that we had costs arising from the cancelled 2018 Andre Van De Plas workshop.

Our year end cash (~\$13,000) is over 50% of our annual turnover (~\$22,000) and can easily cover anticipated risks.

I need to mention St Margaret's hall, which we've been privileged to use for several years. The cost of hall hire is rising 11% in 2020, which should add about \$1,000 to our costs. Probably of more concern is that the church may decide to sell the hall.

We didn't increase any charges during the year.

The number of members at 30 September, including Hills group members, is 55, which is 2 less than last year.

In this report, the value of assets is approximate. Many of our assets have no financial value (notes, tapes, videos etc), and I don't have a firm basis for costing most other items. The errors, however, do not materially change our financial position.

John Whaite
Treasurer

Auditor's statement

The Group's finances for 2018-2019 and supporting records have been independently audited and endorsed as accurate.

Peter Fallon,
Honorary Auditor.

Cash Flow and Profit and Loss - 1 Oct 2018 to 30 Sep 2019

Cash Flow	2019	2018	2019 Receipts	2019 Payments
Cash at year start	10,394	9,058		
Monday Group	588	369	5,694	(5,106)
Monday Christmas Party	(500)	(520)	0	(500)
Saturday Group	1,801	1,119	6,258	(4,457)
Graduate Group Nedlands	57	24	397	(340)
Intro Class	454	125	1,637	(1,183)
Performance Group	(81)	0	0	(81)
Conradance	58	116	2,019	(1,961)
Hill's Group	28	0	2,629	(2,601)
Memberships	1,050	1,155	1,050	0
Administration	(28)	51	7	(35)
Organisation Memberships (FDA etc)	(25)	(25)	0	(25)
Overheads (insurance, APRA)	(885)	(755)	0	(885)
Promotion	(359)	75	25	(384)
Bank Interest / Fees	103	101	111	(8)
Equipment	(71)	(603)	0	(71)
Workshops/etc Total (see below)	554	103	3,076	(2,522)
Total Cash Flow	2,743	1,336	20,805	(18,062)
Cash at year end	13,137	10,394		
Workshops etc. Cash Flow Summary				
Intro Course 2019 / 2018	54	90	326	(272)
Youngsters Dance	(43)	(62)	185	(228)
Workshop Andre/Kaye	855	(328)	1,515	(660)
Workshop Marius Ursa	(164)	0	0	(164)
Red Faces	(130)	364	0	(130)
Performances	(68)	0	250	(318)
Other PID Teaching ²	50	39	800	(750)
Workshops etc. Total	554	103	3,076	(2,522)
Profit and Loss				
Profit / Loss Adjustments				
Hall hire paid for previous year	950	450		
Other liabilities cleared	5	0		
Hall hire owing at end of year	(938)	(950)		
Andre Farewell liability	(855)	0		
Marius Ursa hall hire deposit	164	0		
Other owed at end of year		(5)		
Equipment depreciation estimate	(205)	(12)		
Decrease in stock value	(25)	(40)		
New assets (USB OS backup)	45	603		
Profit / Loss Adjustments Total	(859)	46		
Profit (total cash flow + adjustment)	1,864	1,382		

Notes:

- 1 Saturday and Saturday Xmas Party have been combined for reporting, because the party has little financial impact.
- 2 PID teaching includes 2018 items Other Workshops, School Teaching and Private Party.

Assets and Members, financial year end (30 September 2019)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Assets at year end					
Cash at year end (see below)	13,137	10,394	9,058	7,630	6,991
Laptop 2008 ¹	5	10	15	25	50
Laptop 2018 ¹	443	597			
Gun cupboard ¹	29	28	29	30	30
T-shirts / sweaters ¹	50	35	75	100	125
PID Coffee Mugs ¹	0	0	0	18	
Misc Assets/Liabilities ²	(1,629)	(955)	(714)	(718)	(592)
Total Assets at year end	12,034	10,109	8,727	7,480	6,478
Cash at year end					
ING	9,433	7,232	5,630	5,448	
UniBank	3,034	2,807	2,193	2,083	
Cash ³	670	356	1,235	100	
Total cash at year end	13,137	10,394	9,058	7,630	
Members					
Full members	50	53	53	39	38
Life members	5	4	4	4	4
Total members	55	57	57	43	42

	2019	2018	2017
Key price metrics at year end			
Dance session attendance (incl 1 hr lesson) member ⁴	7	7	7
Dance session attendance (incl 1 hr lesson) non-member ⁴	9	9	9
Annual membership (waged)	25	25	25
Annual membership (non-waged)	20	20	20
St Margaret's hall hire per hour	27	25	30
PID teacher payment per hour	30	30	30
Teaching schools, teacher fee per hour	50	50	50
Visitor weekend workshop attendance member	65	65	65
Visitor weekend workshop attendance non-member	75	75	75

Notes

- 1 Approximate values only
- 2 End of year amounts owing for hall hire, teaching etc.
- 3 Cash includes \$28 held by Hills Group
- 4 Dance session is now 2.5 hours, was 2 hours before February 2018.