



## Irish Club of Regina Executive 2020-21

\* **President** - Debbie Beach

\*\* **Vice President** - Alice MacDougall

\*\* **Secretary/Treasurer** - Gail Kruger

### Members at Large

\* Sarah Dodd

\*\* Kim Voss

\* Term ends at 2021 AGM

\*\* Term ends at 2022 AGM

#### *About us:*

The Irish Club of Regina is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting and supporting Irish culture within Regina and area. We are a member organization of the Regina Multicultural Council and attend meetings with that group to share and participate in various cultural events in and around Regina. We email a newsletter three times a year to keep our membership up to date with activities and events past and upcoming and to share information of interest pertaining to Irish Culture. To become a member, please contact us! Membership rates are \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for a family membership. Membership entitles you to receive our newsletter, emails about upcoming events and allows you to take part in our events.

#### *Why become a member of the Irish Club of Regina?*

If you enjoy Irish culture in any of its many forms, the Irish Club is the place to find it. Music, dance, literature, ceilis, sport, cooking and traditional Irish handwork are all workshops that we hope to be able to offer. We need interested active members in order to provide these events.



# Executive Reports and Annual General Meeting

Irish Club of Regina Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

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**Attending** – 8 members in good standing. Kathy Fines, Laura Popoff, Sarah Dodd, Kim Voss, Katrina Hognerud, Ruby Hunter, Debbie Beach, and Gail Kruger.

**Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order @ 7:03 pm

**Adoption of Agenda** – Request to add to the agenda: discussion of (1) freezer and (2) donations in lieu of Christmas party to the agenda. Motion by Kathy Fines to adopt the agenda with additions. Seconded by Kim Voss. Carried.

**Reading and Adoption of Minutes** from AGM 2019 - held November 13, 2019 – Motion by Laura Popoff to adopt the minutes from the 2019 AGM. Seconded by Kathy Fines. Carried.

**President's Report** – Provided by Debbie Beach (report attached). Motion by Gail Kruger to accept the President's Report. Seconded by Katrina Hognerud. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Provided by Gail Kruger.

Statement of Operations: Revenues - \$976, Expenses - \$2,397. Expenses exceeding Revenues by (\$1,421).

Balance Sheet: Assets include cash of \$2,717 and investments of \$45,452 for a total of \$48,168. Liabilities and Net Assets include unrestricted net assets of \$48,168.

Per Article 150(1) of *The Non-Profit Corporations Act, 1995*, the members may resolve not to appoint an auditor. Motion by Sara Dodd to not appoint an auditor. Seconded by Kathy Fines. Carried.

Motion by Gail Kruger to approve the 2019-2020 financial statements. Seconded by Kim Voss. Carried.

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Given by Debbie Beach – 32 active memberships including 25 Family and 7 Single. Of the 32, 5 are Lifetime memberships. Concern expressed regarding declining membership.

**Newsletter** – Given by Laura Popoff – Next one will be after this AGM, sometime in December. From now on, newsletters will be done three times per year: April, August, and December.

Motion by Katrina Hognerud to approve the Committee Reports. Seconded by Kathy Fines.

# Executive reports and Annual General Meeting (Cont'd)

## Old Business

**Mosaic** – Mosaic 2020 cancelled due to COVID-19. The Regina Multicultural Council's AGM is December 7, 2020, so nothing is known at this time regarding plans for Mosaic 2021.

Laura Popoff attended an RMC Mosaic meeting in February 2020 where a shared pavilion was discussed. This may be an option for the Irish Club. However, at that time, this shared pavilion was only available to first-time Mosaic participants. RMC is committed to reconsidering this position.

The Irish Club does not have the membership and volunteer base to host pavilions as it has done in the past. It was noted that other cultures who have traditionally hosted pavilions were having difficulties as well including former large pavilions such as the German and Scottish.

It was suggested that it will be difficult to have a Mosaic 2021 in its current format. RMC may have to look at a one-day shared event or even some kind of virtual event.

## **Constitution and By-Laws** – Proposed changes to the constitution

### 1. Directors – Composition - #6

Currently Reads: The Board of Directors shall be composed of the following elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and no fewer than three (3) or more than seven (7) other regular members.

Proposed Change: The Board of Directors shall be composed of the following elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and no more than two (2) other regular members.

Rationale: With Club membership declining significantly over the past few years, fewer elected board members are required to represent the interests of the Club. As well, many calls for board members have been made and no current members are stepping forward to serve on the Board of Directors.

### 2. Directors – Eligibility - #6

Currently Reads: In odd numbered years, the positions of President, Secretary and half of the directors will be elected for a two (2) year term.

Proposed Change: In odd numbered years, the position of President and half of the directors, if any, will be elected for a two (2) year term.

Rationale: To accommodate proposed change in 1. above.

### 3. Directors – Eligibility - #6

Currently Reads: In even numbered years, the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and other half of the directors will be elected for a two (2) year term.

Proposed Change: In even numbered years, the positions of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer and other half of the directors, if any, will be elected for a two (2) year term.

Rationale: To accommodate proposed change in 1. above.

# Executive reports and Annual General Meeting (Cont'd)

## 4. Duties of Committees

Currently Reads: The standing committees for the Irish Club of Regina will include Communications (website/newsletter), Special Events, Dance, and Membership.

Proposed Change: The standing committees for the Irish Club of Regina may include Communications (website/newsletter), Special Events, and Mosaic.

Rationale: To reflect the current reality that the only active committee is Communications. This allows for no committees to exist if need be.

Motion by Gail Kruger to approve the outlined changes to the constitution. Seconded by Sarah Dodd. Carried.

**Irish Club Property** – President Debbie Beach was in touch with the former ICR Dancers to request return of ICR property including dresses and sound system, sometime in the spring. Nothing was heard until September when a response was received from a representative of the dancers, refusing return of the property at this time.

*Action item:* President Debbie Beach will write a formal letter to the former ICR dancers, with an offer to sell the dresses to the dancers or once again request return of ICR property.

## Election of Board of Directors

### **Call for nominations from the floor:**

1. Vice-President – Alice MacDougall nominated by Laura Popoff. Seconded by Sarah Dodd.
2. Secretary – now combined with Treasurer. Gail Kruger will accept addition of Secretary to her role.
3. Members-at-Large – Kim Voss nominated by Kathy Fines for a two-year term. Kim accepted the nomination.

Sarah Dodd nominated by Gail Kruger for a one-year term. Sarah accepted the nomination.

### **Second call for nominations from the floor** – Debbie Beach

Moved by Laura Popoff to close nominations. Seconded by Kim Voss. Carried.

### **Board members – by acclamation**

Vice-President – Alice MacDougall

Secretary-Treasurer – Gail Kruger

Members-at-Large – Kim Voss (2-year term), Sarah Dodd (one-year term)

President thanked Katrina Hognerud, Ruby Hunter, and Shannon Hunt for their service on the board.

# **Executive reports and Annual General Meeting (Cont'd)**

## **New Business**

**Deep freezer** – Sarah Dodd noted she can no longer keep the freezer owned by ICR.

Moved by Laura Popoff to donate the freezer to the Re-Store. Seconded by Kathy Fines. Carried.

## **Christmas Donations in Lieu of Christmas Party for 2020**

Moved by Kathy Fines to donate a maximum of \$1,200 to Regina based charities. Seconded by Katrina Hognerud. Carried.

Donations of \$200 to be made to the following charities or organizations:

1. Salvation Army
2. Carmichael Outreach
3. Gifts for Seniors – either through London Drugs or by e transfer (look into feasibility of this donation)
4. Regina Food Bank
5. North Central Music Program (NCMP) – if still in existence or a Regina based charity for mental health if NCMP no longer in existence.
6. Transition House

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

## **Membership Report**

The Irish Club of Regina membership year runs from August 1st – July 31st.

We currently have 32 active memberships. Family = 25 Individual = 7. These include 5 Lifetime Memberships.

Still a concern this year is that our membership has decreased in the past 3 years. If you have any suggestions or membership drive activity ideas, please contact the new Executive.

Benefits of being members include invitations to all of our Irish Club events.

If you know of anyone wanting to register, please have them print off the membership form available on the [www.irishclubofregina.org](http://www.irishclubofregina.org) website and mail to the address on the form.

Any questions or concerns from the membership can be emailed to the Executive through the email address [irishclubofregina@gmail.com](mailto:irishclubofregina@gmail.com).

Reminder to advise us of any name, address or contact information including change of email addresses through the [irishclubofregina@gmail.com](mailto:irishclubofregina@gmail.com) email.

Submitted by:Debbie Beach

## **Presidents Report Irish Club A.G.M. November 25th, 2020**

Welcome to the Virtual AGM and thank you joining on-line.

The past year has been a challenging one for everyone with the global pandemic. As a club it has meant that we have been unable to get together for the events we have in the past. We hope that next year holds more promise for us to be able to meet together again.

The first event of the year for the executive was the annual Christmas party held on Sunday December 1, 2019 at Huston Heights, 702 Sangster Blvd. We had a lower than usual attendance but those that did attend enjoyed themselves. We had a great selection of foods for the potluck with plenty of drinks and sweet treats compliments of the club. Santa and Mrs Claus showed up and presented gifts to the 9 or so children in attendance. Santa and Mrs Claus led us in some Christmas carols and took some photos with the children before wishing us all a Merry Christmas.

The executive asked The Regina Irish Set Dancing group to host a beginner set dancing workshop. This was held on Sunday, February 2, 2020. We were pleased with the attendance of about 30 people which included the set dancers and some spectators. There was enough time that afternoon to do 3 full sets of set dancing and also some social dancing. We were hoping to have the set dancers do another workshop in the fall but with Covid this has not been possible. We can hopefully do something next year with the set dancers again.

A Family Fun Bowl night was held on Saturday, February 8th at the Golden Mile Bowling Alley. The games were a regular game, fun game and bingo bowl. Everyone that attended enjoyed the fellowship with other Irish Club members and their families. Pizza and pop followed with a few prizes for the kids that participated.

We were not able to have any events after the bowling night as the pandemic has made this impossible for the time being but we hope to have some next year.

Since I have been involved with the Irish Club for last 6 years I have seen many changes. The club membership has decreased while I have been involved but in discussions with other groups at the RMC I have found that we are not the only group finding this trend. I am hopeful that once we get through this we can come back stronger once the pandemic is over. We will discuss items regarding the club shortly.

Thank you for your support and thank you to the executive for their work in the past year.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Beach



# A Taste of Ireland

From website "Tourism Ireland"

<https://view.em.tourismirelandemail.com/messages/1606438126000fa49cb96db35/raw>

Click on the link above to see some lovely photos of winter in Ireland, some tasty treats to make during the holiday season, and information about Newgrange - the ultimate Winter Solstice experience!

## ***How to make the Perfect Irish Coffee***

Video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpabRjO6LCc>



## ***Irish Beef Stew***

*There's something undeniably cozy about a bowl of hot Irish stew on a cold winter night. This recipe sounds delicious!*

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfJPriLxLDM>



# Fill Your Heart With Ireland

**The worldwide Covid 19 Pandemic has hit everyone hard ... here are a few youtube videos of some Covid recordings from Ireland during this past year.**

Fans of **Irish dancing** will want to LOVE this. With a special intro from the man himself, Michael Flatley, the immensely talented Lord of the Dance team show off their skills from the comfort of home. Special thanks to Michael Flatley and the dancers of Lord of the Dance... [#FillYourHeartWithIreland](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wss1pZw1dbs&t)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wss1pZw1dbs&t>

A lovely rendition of **The Auld Triangle** - Irish Folk Ballad filmed in a forest in Donegal, The North-West of Ireland. Thursday, September 24th 2020 as darkness was falling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MdnByuGxlA>

**Song of Hope and Friendship** - Sharing a message of hope and friendship with people around the world on International Youth Day (Wednesday 12th August). Let your spirits be lifted by these gorgeous, soaring voices.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bf5fszR6Bcc&t>

I find the information and video links in the emails I receive from [www.ireland.com](http://www.ireland.com) very interesting ... Here are some of the pages in the past few months. Click on these links below.

**Music & Dance in Ireland** - <https://view.em.tourismirelandemail.com/messages/1607045626000c8c4147ab6f9/raw>

**Ireland's Cozy Season** - <https://view.em.tourismirelandemail.com/messages/1606438126000fa49cb96db35/ra>

**Recipes from Ireland** - <https://view.em.tourismirelandemail.com/messages/160765313800014786ea018da/raw>

**Elegant Ireland** - <https://view.em.tourismirelandemail.com/messages/1605836998000beeccbd8f3ea/raw>

**Historic Ireland** - <https://view.em.tourismirelandemail.com/messages/1604596230000ec81ca020b74/raw>

**Off the Beaten track** - <https://view.em.tourismirelandemail.com/messages/16034055520001b8c18890505/raw>

**Iconic locations** - <https://view.em.tourismirelandemail.com/messages/1600361397000a07d699608e6/raw>



# Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance



Prairie Gael School  
of Irish Dance

Despite all of the challenges we've been faced with over the last months, our dancers at Prairie Gael were thrilled to start back with in person classes in October! (Safely distanced and sanitized of course). We worked hard over the summer, with both outdoor classes and to develop a program and safety protocols so that we could safely have our classes in-person. It paid off in getting to see all of our students' smiling faces in the studio again!

Even though there aren't any feiseanna to compete in, we've still kept busy by getting back in touch with the traditional roots of Irish dance, and participating in the Traditional Set Proficiency Project, developed by the North American Irish Dance Teachers' Association. This is a project that is challenging dancers across North America to learn all 7 of the traditional sets and be evaluated by an adjudicator.

We kicked things off with having St. Patrick's Day evaluations in November and we're thrilled to report that all of our dancers passed with flying colours! We especially enjoyed all of the feedback we received from the adjudicator and are excited to incorporate that feedback in to our next challenge: The Blackbird.

We'll be keeping the fun rolling for the next little while until we break for the holidays. We'd like to wish everyone a very safe and merry Christmas and Happy New Year, from our big family to yours!

If anyone is interested in joining our dance family, we accept new registrations all year round. Contact [caitlin@prairiegaeldance.com](mailto:caitlin@prairiegaeldance.com) or visit our website at [www.prairiegaeldance.com](http://www.prairiegaeldance.com) for more information! COVID-19 safety measures are in place.

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# Blakey School of Irish Dance



Classes at Blakey Regina have been in full swing this fall! We have been able to continue running socially distanced classes in the studio, and are thankful to be able to keep doing what we love!

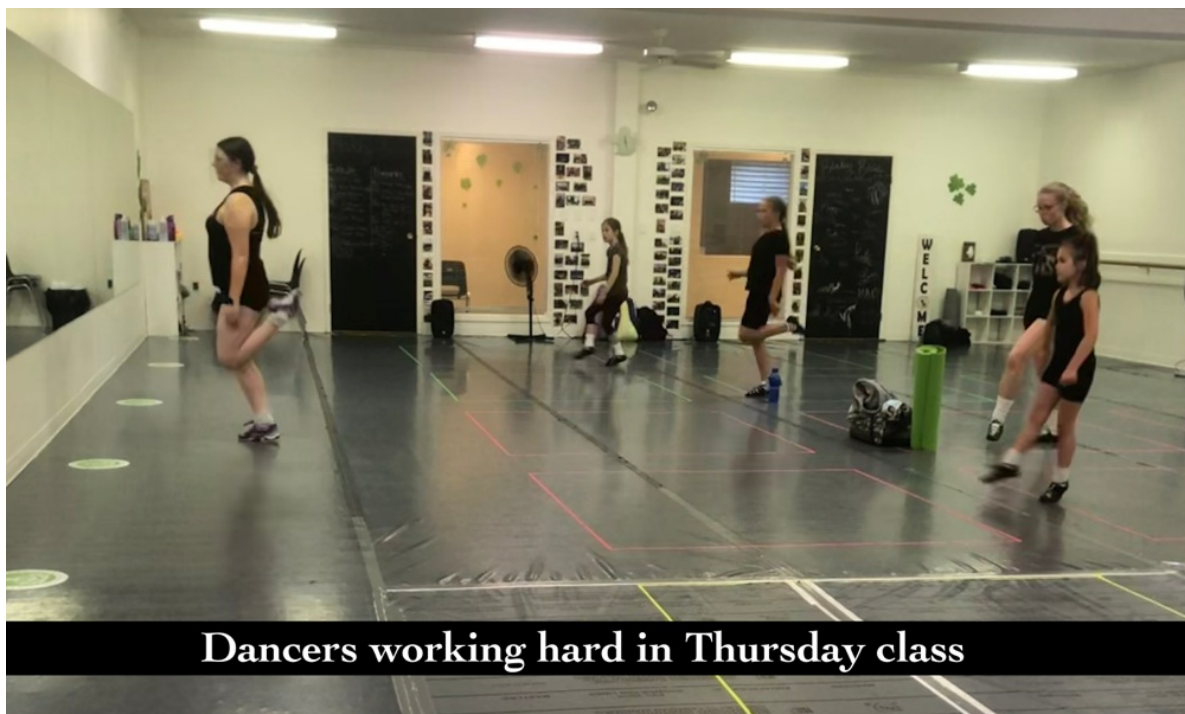
At the end of October, some of our dancers participated in the CLRG Online Feis. For the competition, each dancer each sent videos of their rounds and were able to receive feedback from the judges!

Blakey Regina and Blakey Saskatoon had the opportunity to collaborate on a Christmas choreography for St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. We were asked to submit a piece for their virtual Hope for the Holiday's event. Each location filmed the choreography in their respective locations, and then the clips were edited together for a fun and festive piece!

Blakey Regina would like to wish everyone a safe holiday season, filled with joy, laughter, and dancing!

For more information about our school, please visit [blakeyschool.com/saskatchewan](http://blakeyschool.com/saskatchewan), or contact us at [regina@blakeyschool.com](mailto:regina@blakeyschool.com).

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Check us out on instagram! [@blakeyregina](https://www.instagram.com/blakeyregina)  
Submitted by Amy Hepting - Dance Instructor





Recording our Hope for the Holiday's Choreography!



Halloween Fun!



BLAKEY SASKATCHEWAN



Recording Day!

# *Living Skies* *Irish Dance*

Living Skies has had an amazingly interesting fall!

Our classes kicked off in October and we were all very excited to be dancing together while six feet apart.



We are taking precautions to keep everyone healthy and safe, and finding creative ways to keep the fun in dance so we can continue to find love and joy through these difficult times. We are using a blend of in-person and virtual tools to help keep everyone safe and healthy Covid times. This has enabled dancers who are attending virtual school to also attend virtual dance, and has ensured no hitches as restrictions have tightened the past few weeks.

To help us celebrate the season of giving, and give back to our community, our dancers have made cards for the residents at William Booth Special Care Home. The kiddos have really enjoyed using their creativity, and its been made that much better knowing the cards will help lift the spirits of the recipients.

We are looking forward to our virtual holiday PJ party; we'll be singing carols and watching How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Our holiday break is coming up and we are all looking forward to some down time filled with yummy goodies and treats!

A school focused on creative and beautiful performances, Living Skies is looking forward to sharing our love of dance in the new year - keep your eyes peeled for more information in the new year!

Living Skies accepts dancers throughout the year and will have an Intro to Irish Dance sessional class starting at the end of January. Class and registration information is available at [www.livingskiesirishdance.com](http://www.livingskiesirishdance.com)

Feel free to call or email with any questions you may have about our programming 306.530.5845 or [emily@livingskiesirishdance.com](mailto:emily@livingskiesirishdance.com).

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Touch your Toes ... Not your Nose!



Rocking some new swag - always got a place to store our dance stuff!

Check out the famous ladies dancing on TV!





Making Cards for  
the residents of  
William Booth Care  
Home



Loving our  
personalized  
ornaments!  
♥





# Regina Irish Set Dancers

We are sad to say that our 2020 - 21 dance season will be non-existent. (Hard to social distance when you are set dancing) Our group has been keeping in touch and I try to send out a link to a youtube video of some set dancing in non pandemic times. It is fun to watch the dancing and tap your toe to the music and dream of a day when we can try it again.

For now .... we just hope that everyone is safe and healthy and enjoying a different way to spend our time while we patiently move towards the new “normal” - what ever that may look like.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Popoff

Contact Laura Popoff @ [lpopoff@sasktel.net](mailto:lpopoff@sasktel.net)

or call (306) 533-5091

or visit our facebook page to see a few videos of us dancing

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/192728960882181/>



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[www.irishclubofregina.org](http://www.irishclubofregina.org)

If you are a **Facebook** user, please ‘LIKE’ our club’s page at

[www.facebook.com/Irishclubofregina](http://www.facebook.com/Irishclubofregina)

If you have an interesting bit that you would like included in the newsletter, send submissions to:

[lpopoff@sasktel.net](mailto:lpopoff@sasktel.net)

## Other links and interesting facebook groups and websites:



- \* Irish in Regina
- \* Regina Irish Set dancers
- \* Prairie Gael School of Irish Dance
- \* Blakey Irish Dance
- \* Living Skies Irish Dance
- \* Bushwakker Brewing Company
- \* Shannons Pub and Grill
- \* Discover Ireland Ca

Blakey School of Irish dance

<http://www.blakeyschool.com/Saskatchewan>

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<http://www.prairiegaeldance.com>

Living Skies Irish Dance

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