The Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association Inc. Constitution

The Association will be constituted and governed in accordance to the provisions set forth herein.

Article 1 Name

The Association shall be called **The Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association Inc.** hereinafter referred to as the **MHDA**.

Article 2 Aims & Objectives

The MHDA has been constituted and formed to:

- a) Promote the Scottish Culture in Manitoba through the medium of dance.
- b) Preserve Highland Dancing in Manitoba.
- c) Encourage the provision for opportunities in the development of skills and technical competence in the field of Highland Dancing.
- d) Administer, organize and regulate competition.
- e) Ensure that the Manitoba Championships are held on an annual basis.
- f) Solicit and receive financial contributions and public support in order to obtain the necessary financial resources to support its objectives.

Article 3 Membership

Membership in the MHDA shall:

- a) Be open to all families or individuals, (resident in the Province of Manitoba) who are dedicated to the aims and objectives of the organization as contained in its Constitution.
- b) A membership, excluding Associate Memberships, shall be entitled to one vote at the annual general meeting or any such special meeting as may be called from time to time by the directors.
- c) The income and property of the Association shall be used solely for the promotion of its stated objectives. The members and the office-bearers shall have no rights to the property or other assets of the Association solely by virtue of them being members or office-bearers. No portion of the income or property of the Association shall be paid or distributed directly or indirectly to any person (otherwise than in the ordinary course of undertaking any public benefit activity) or to any member of the Association, except as:
 - i. reasonable compensation for services actually rendered to the Association;
 - ii. reimbursement of actual costs or expenses reasonably incurred on behalf of the Association.

Article 4 Directors

The MHDA shall be governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of the five (5) Officers as outlined in Article 5 and any additional Directors at Large as determined by By-Law 5(d).(amended September 25, 2016)

Article 5 Officers

The executive officers of the MHDA shall consist of the following:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Competitions Co-Ordinator

The officers shall perform the duties as set out in the By-laws of the MHDA.

Article 6 Elections

The Board of Directors of the MHDA shall be elected at the annual meeting from the membership, excluding Associate Memberships.

Article 7 **Membership Meetings**

- a) The MHDA shall hold a general meeting of its membership annually at which time the elections of the MHDA Board of Directors shall be held.
- b) The Directors may call a meeting of the membership at any time provided that due notice is given to the membership.
- c) Notice of any meeting of the MHDA membership stating the place, date, time and business to be transacted, shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the membership of the MHDA at least 30 days prior to the meeting in writing or via electronic communication.
- d) A meeting of the MHDA membership shall be duly constituted provided that a quorum of 10% of the eligible voting memberships are present in person at the meeting.

Article 8 Amendments to Constitution

The Constitution of the MHDA may be amended provided that;

- a) Notice of proposed amendments be distributed to the membership at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed meeting in writing or via electronic communication.
- b) Proposed amendments to the Constitution be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at a duly constituted membership meeting of the MHDA.

Amendment Date:_September 25, 2016			
Signed:	_Signed: _	MHDA Secretary	