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An open letter to all LDAA members:

Dear Members,

In recent weeks the LDAA has been criticised for removing the “Forum” link from our website.

The LDAA Committee wish to advise our members that the “Forum” was linked to our website by an outside source, and therefore the LDAA had no control over the content being posted, prior to its appearance on the LDAA website. Our webmaster could only delete or edit entries once they had already been posted on the website.

This decision to remove the “Forum” was not made lightly, but in the end it was the fair and just thing to do. Not only were comments posted, that were of a personal nature about the current committee, but the general content of the posts was inflammatory in nature and leading towards being libellous.

Of course, the LDAA is going to protect itself against personal insult through our own website, just as we would remove any comments being made about any other person or persons through the “Forum”.

The objects of the LDAA are essentially to “promote line dancing in a positive manner to the community” and to “provide support and information to the line dance public”, dancers, instructors and spectators alike. If a person was seeking a new past-time and was considering joining a line dance class in their area and found content such as was previously posted on the LDAA website, does this promote Line Dance in a positive manner to the public? The LDAA committee think not.

After extensive research on the internet and also through the website of the Department Of Fair Trading, NSW, the LDAA committee have decided that the “Forum” will not be re-linked to the LDAA website at any future time.

The correct procedure for contacting any association is through that particular associations’ Secretary. The LDAA address can be found above and all written correspondence will be answered as soon as possible. All correspondence must be legible, signed and dated.

Please be advised that all LDAA committee members fulfil their elected roles and positions on a strictly voluntary basis and receive no remuneration for their time & efforts and, as such, their own personal lives and careers take precedence over the hours of “work” they undertake for the LDAA.

Regards

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Secretary

LDAA

(On behalf of the LDAA Committee Members, 2009)