

NIFTY

NAKED ICONOCLASTS FIGHTING THE YOKE
Vancouver, BC 604-584-NUDE

Minutes of NIFTY meeting #14 - 2003 May 14

Place: Firehall Library meeting room, Vancouver BC

Present: Gary, Marilyn, Greg

1. Call to order 18:58.
2. Marilyn elected chair.
3. Constitution / Bylaws: These documents were agreed by those present at the meeting. See attached.
4. New business: Marilyn proposed that etiquette rules be posted clearly at NIFTY events. Rules should emphasise that proper respectful behaviour is expected at all times, and that NIFTY events are family events. Greg agreed to prepare rules.
5. Meeting adjourned 20:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Dickey, secretary.

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CONSTITUTION

NIFTY is an organization of people who oppose the legal ban on public nudity in Canada, and who are interested in organizing politically towards the abolishment of that ban.

NIFTY is first and foremost an activist political entity. Although organizing and engaging in social and recreational activities is necessarily part of our function, our primary focus must always remain on political organization towards full clothing-optional rights in all public spaces in Canada.

While many NIFTY members are nudists and naturists, we are neither a nudist nor a naturist group. Membership is open to any person who supports our vision of a Canada and a world free of legislated clothing requirements.

NIFTY recognises the fundamental decency, beauty, and non-obscenity of the natural human body. Further, NIFTY affirms the spiritual, psychological and physical health benefits of nudity and body acceptance for the individual and for society. A major part of our mandate is to educate the public about these benefits, and about the harmful effects of our culture's censure of natural nudity.

NIFTY is an egalitarian group which always promotes equality of all humans, without regard to sex, race, colour, creed, age, national origin, sexual orientation or any other attribute.

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BYLAWS

- 1 Membership in NIFTY shall be open to anyone who supports the elimination of legislation forcing the wearing of clothing in public spaces.
- 2 NIFTY membership shall be by donation, with no minimum. Lack of financial means shall never be a barrier to NIFTY membership.
- 3 All NIFTY events shall be clothing-optional if possible. No NIFTY event or function shall be nude-only or clothed-only unless it is absolutely unavoidable.
- 4 All public NIFTY events shall be open to anybody without discrimination. There shall be no quotas of any kind, and people can be asked to leave or barred based solely on their own behaviour. Such behaviour must have predictable negative consequences.
- 5 NIFTY shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, colour, creed, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or any other basis unrelated to behaviour
- 6 NIFTY shall be, as much as possible, a grassroots democratic organization. No president or permanent chair shall exist. A chair shall be elected at each NIFTY meeting for the purpose of that meeting only, their term ending with that meeting. The only table officers are the secretary and the treasurer.
- 7 All decisions at NIFTY meetings shall be made by consensus if possible. In the event that consensus cannot be achieved after reasonable attempts, a vote shall take place, with majority rule carrying.
- 8 NIFTY meetings shall be non-smoking, and clothing-optional if possible.
- 9 For a NIFTY meeting to be valid, reasonable attempts to notify the membership of that meeting, well in advance of said meeting, must be made. At least three members shall constitute a quorum.
- 1 Notwithstanding (7) above, to amend the NIFTY constitution, a two-thirds majority vote at a legitimate NIFTY meeting shall be required. Notwithstanding (7) above, to amend these bylaws, a simple majority vote at a legitimate NIFTY meeting shall be required.