



**PRAIRIE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008
ELMWOOD LEGION – LOWER HALL**

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.

In attendance: Marlene Stephen, Wes Sheppard, Pat Johnston, Kathy Brown, Marnie Wilson, Sean Johnston, Chris Brown, Mike Maclver, Heather Wiens, Karen Bowman, Kenneth Booth, Larinda Crowder, Mary Knight, Mike Kubasiewicz, Wayne McNaughton, Brad Clyde, Ian Aastrom, Stephanie Aastrom, Ryand Cadotte, Clarke Stockton, Scott Fidler, Kirby McRae, Kyla Johnston, Ian Walker, Dave Stewart, Nancy Flook, Tim Flook, Steven Bairos-Novak, Lori Novak, Cameron Fidler, Graeme McCombe, Andre McNaughton, Bryden Stewart, Dirck Fakes, Jamie Kubasiewicz.

Welcome to Everyone by President Marlene Stephen. Voting Rules were reviewed and voting members were reviewed.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Karen Bowman, WSF 2nd by Ryan Cadotte, St. Andrews. Carried

Approval of the AGM Minutes of Nov. 2, 2007 Motion to accept Minutes moved by Dave Stewart, Transcona, 2nd by Ian Walker, St. Andrews - Carried.

1. **Agenda Item 1:** President's Report – Marlene Stephen – See attached
2. **Agenda Item 2:** Vice President's Report – Wes Sheppard – See attached
3. **Agenda Item 3:** Secretary's Report – Pat Johnston – See attached
4. **Agenda Item 4:** Treasurer's Report – Kathy Brown – See attached
Motion to accept Financial Statements as presented by Kathy Brown, 2nd Mike Kubasiewicz, LSBSPB Carried.
5. **Agenda Item 5:** Director of Public Relations – Chris Brown Report given on duties during the past year, mostly website updates. Champion Supreme Leader board created. Late results of the games delayed some of the info. Domain name for PPBAM has been renewed. Letter received from Sandy Will on behalf of Donna Treptow, granddaughter of PM David Hendry, 2nd BN QOCH. They are inquiring about a set of pipes presented to PM Hendry, bearing a plaque and wondering if anyone has and is playing them. Info will be add to PPBAM website for members to view.
6. **Agenda Item 6:** Director of Grading – Sean Johnston – See Attached.
7. **Agenda Item 7:** Director of Contests – Marnie Wilson – See attached
8. **Agenda Item 8:** Band Reports-
All Bands in attendance at today's meeting gave verbal reports; copies of emailed versions are attached.
Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders – Brad Clyde
Winnipeg Combined Cadets – Nancy Flook – see attached
St. Andrew's Grade 4 – Kirby McRae
St. Andrew's Grade 2 – Wes Sheppard - See attached
Transcona and District Pipe Band - Dave Stewart
Winnipeg Celtic – Mike Maclver



Lord Selkirk Boy Scout Pipe Band – Robyn McCombe - See attached
Crusaders – Kevin Caterer

9. **Agenda Item 9:** Contest Reports-

Winnipeg Scottish Festival – Karen Bowman (next year Feb. 21, 2009)
Brandon Highland Festival – Richard Wilson - See attached report
Bands on the Boardwalk –Karen Bowman (next year Jun 28, 2009)
Selkirk Highland Gathering – No report – Thank you letter received for sponsorship.

10. **Agenda Item 10:** Old Business-

- The Gr. 5 band category was again discussed with comments from band members. Level will be continued to be monitored.
- Youth Band Awards Review Discussion on the awards. Donation was made by St. Andrew's Society for a perpetual trophy to continue awards but reduce expense to PPBAM.

11. **Agenda Item 11:** New Business-

Constitution Changes – Proposed Changes were circulated – See Attached..
All items reviewed, except 8.3d, 8.5i, Appendix A, B & C (to be discussed separately), moved acceptance of changes – Karen Bowman, WSF 2nd Ian Walker, St. Andrew's, Carried.
8.3d – Grade 4 Bands – wording on timing change – discussed Change moved Kirby McRae, St. Andrew's, 2nd Kyla Johnston, St. Andrew's Carried.
8.5i – Discussion on change to timing on Chanter/Drum Pad as reported on in Grading Dir. Report from Sean Johnston. Motion to change by Mary Knight 2nd Stephanie Aastrom. Carried.
Appendix A – Contest Package (already in use) added to Constitution as appendix. Moved Marnie Wilson, 2nd Ray McNaughton, LSBPB.
Appendix B – Code of Conduct for PPBAM members – reviewed – motion to Accept – Ian Aastrom, QOCH, 2nd Chris Brown. Carried.
Appendix C – Adjudicator Process – Reviewed as presented by Wes Sheppard. Motion to accept – Ian Aastrom, QOCH, 2nd Clarke Stockton, St. Andrew's. Carried.

12. **Agenda Item 12:** Election of Officers-

A proposed slate of officers was presented to the membership – See attached, advising the current Executive would allow their names to stand with the exception of Director of Public Relations and Member at Large. No other nominations were put forward therefore Motion to accept nominations moved by Mary Knight, LSBPB 2nd Ian Walker, St. Andrew's – Unanimous – Carried.
Nominations for Director of Public Relations – Ian Aastrom (QOCH) and Dave Stewart, Transcona. Ian will let his name stand, Dave declined his nomination, no other nominations received. Vote – Unanimous – Carried.
Nominations for Member at Large – no nominations received. Executive will try to fill as needed.

Marlene expressed her thanks to Chris Brown and Mike McIver for their input and service with the PPBAM.



The 2008-2009 PPBAM Executive:

President	Marlene Stephen
Vice President	Wes Sheppard
Secretary	Pat Johnston
Treasurer	Kathy Brown
Director of Contests	Marnie Wilson
Director of Grading	Sean Johnston
Director of Public Relations	Ian Aastrom
Member at Large	Vacant

13. Champion Supreme Award Presentations – see list of award winners attached
Awards presented by Sean Johnston of the Executive.
14. Motion to Adjourn: Dave Stewart, Transcona – 4:05 pm.

Reports follow that were received electronically.



PRAIRIE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our Annual General meeting.

Our executive is a strong and committed group who have met 7 times since that last AGM to conduct the affairs of your association.

I want to thank the members of the executive for their tireless efforts to upgrade and improve what we deliver to you. This is a strong group of individuals. The initiatives we have introduced, the support we have given to the contest organizers, the constitutional changes made and the systems we have put in place are geared to effectively running your organization, and meeting your needs as a member of PPBAM. I am pleased with our progress. Our many successes include:.

1. Using the grading memo sheets at every contest which has stream lined the process of grading for individuals and pipe bands. Sanctioning games ensures that each is run according to our rules.
2. We have continued and expanded our scholarship program with several young members benefiting
3. Our goal to offer more competitive opportunities to our membership was realized with the work done with the Celtic Pipe Band to change the image of Mad Plaid to a sanctioned games .
4. PPBAM, along with the Cameron Pipe Band, ran a mini competition in March with great success. We hope to continue this next year.
5. Our adjudication accreditation is progressing.
6. I am pleased with the interest shown by our membership. This was evident with suggestions and inquiries made by groups that resulted in a constitution change for the benefit of some of our younger competitors..
7. We continue to try to 'clean up' our constitution which was framed from the older traditional one.. Appendixes have now been added and include a "Code of Conduct", Competition Package, and Judge's Adjudication Process. A future project needs to be an entire rewrite of this document .
8. Our budget is strong, we have spent your money wisely and we now have "money in the bank".

I want to take time to personally thank the many instructors and recognize the thousands of hours they give to the advancement of piping and drumming and pipe bands in our province. This network of dedicated teachers is essential to the growth of our association and the preservation of our Scottish Culture.

You have had a good contest season and I congratulate all Bands and solo competitors for their hard work. We have had bands and solo competitors recognized on the 'national stage' and we are very pleased to call them our own.

In closing I want to encourage all of you to continue to contribute positively to your own organizations as well as supporting the PPBAM.

Thank you for that support this year.
Marlene Stephen, President



**PPBAM AGM
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VICE –PRESIDENTS REPORT
WES SHEPPARD**

I would like to extend my thanks to the PPBAM for the opportunity to serve as the Vice-President this past year. I would also like to thank Marlene and the entire executive for their help and support, they are a great team to work with.

One of the functions of PPBAM is to help ensure that contests are run fairly and are adjudicated by qualified individuals. While it is sometimes easy just to bring in adjudicators from other areas, this is not always practical or in some cases even possible. A program was implemented a few years ago to establish a criteria for new adjudicators in the PPBAM. This year, this program was moved to the Vice Presidents portfolio.

The revised program is set out to ensure that adjudicators stay current with the ever changing face of piping and drumming on a global basis. It works to ensure adjudicators are continuing with musical and adjudication education so as to provide the best results for our competitors. A side benefit to all of this is with more local adjudicators being steered towards a higher level, this information can be passed along easier to the local bands and help them in their quest for improvement.

Starting this fall, we will be starting another round of potential adjudicators in to the process as well as working to upgrade the level of some of our existing adjudicators. As always, the goal is to seek better ways of doing things so our members receive the best possible experience from their endeavors in piping and drumming.

I would like to offer my congratulations to not only the Champion Supreme recipients but to all competitors, without you none of this would be possible.

WES SHEPPARD
VP PPBAM

**PPBAM – AGM Nov 2, 2008
Secretary's Report**

It seems like just yesterday that we were at the last AGM, but it has been a busy year for us with additional competitions. During the past year, I was responsible for the following duties:

1. Notified the Executive members of meetings, prepared agenda, recorded and distributed the minutes of the Executive meetings
2. Received correspondence on behalf of the Association, tabled it at executive meetings, replied to correspondence and maintained on file.
3. Received and tabled scholarship applications.
Scholarships have been awarded this year to:
Cassandra Hill, Graeme McCombe, Angus MacLennan, Megan Ross, Jamie Kubasiewicz, Adam Tingskou, & Doug Rennie.
4. Notified the membership of upcoming AGM and proposed changes in the Constitution including a proposed Code of Conduct
5. Ordered the new perpetual PPBAM award for the Best Youth Band at competitions sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society. Winners this past year have been:
WSF: Conservatory of Performing Arts
Brandon Highland Games: Transcona & District
Selkirk Highland Games: Transcona & District
Bands on the Boardwalk: Lord Selkirk Boy's Band
6. Ordered the trophies for the Champion Supreme Awards – Congratulations to the Winners.



7. Prepared Agenda for AGM and copies of reports for distribution at the AGM.
8. Prepared Candidate list for AGM Election

For our meeting today, Pipe Bands and Competitions, please email me a copy of your reports if available. Note Nominal Roles and memberships are due Dec 1st. Bands, for contact info – please list 2 emails, occasionally in this electronic world, email or computers don't work and we want to prevent any problems.

My thanks to the Executive for their support all year and Chris and Mike – we are sorry you are leaving our Executive Committee but thank you for all your input. Later in the meeting, we will be having nominations and have a few vacant spots, I encourage you to consider taking a position, it's not hard work, and during the past year we met 7 times not including today, It has been a pleasure to work with an Association which supports Pipe Bands and our Scottish heritage.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Johnston

Treasurer's Report—Annual Meeting Nov 2/08

There are 3 separate reports that you should have. They are; Year end Financial report, Year End Budget and a breakdown of the 1st Annual Mini Games sponsored by PPBAM.

Year end Financial Report:

- Total Revenue = \$6,940.06
- Total Expense = \$ 4,136.24
- Surplus end of year \$2,803.82
- Total assets year end \$6,510.28. Included in this total are 3 short term investments. One investment was this years ANAPBA Summit Meeting allocation not used, as ANAPBA will be meeting every second year. Another investment was from previous years investments we have been re-investing and the third investment is our "Rainy Day" fund which we added \$500.00 to this year.
- Our current balance in the Bank is \$1,819.16 and there are presently 2 cheques outstanding totalling of \$703.32. Our Bank balance will be \$1,115.84 once those cheques have cleared.

Year End budget

- Band Membership as proposed
- Individual Grading cards receipts over \$60.00—6 more paid than budgeted
- Regular Member cards deficit of \$30.00—3 fewer than budgeted
- Two new additions to the budget during the year was the income from the Mini Games, as well a donation from St. Andrew's Society. Please note for both of these receipts the expenses are listed under the expense column
- Total Receipts over budget was \$940.06.



- Expenses are fairly straightforward. Please note that we were over our budgeted amount with regard to Scholarships. We received 7 requests and decided that we would honor all 7.
- Juvenile Awards—the listed expenses was \$151.77. This is for the plaque awarded at each PPBAM sanctioned event for the best Juvenile Band. This plaque was purchased with the donation received from the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg. The excess funds were then used to assist in purchasing some of the medals for the Mini Games.
- Mini Games expenses will be explained during the review of that statement. Please note that we had allocated an expense of \$575.00 for the 1st Annual games.

Mini Games

- Final report is for the Mini Games held at the Minto Armories. The day was a success for all in attendance. Thank you to the QOCH who assisted us in holding the event at the Armories and were able to help us keep the costs down by supplying the bartender for free as well the facilities.
- We had 20 participants, a 50/50 draw to help with expenses and 2 donations as well.
- Our biggest expense were 3 Judge's for the day. As mentioned in my report the balance of the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg donation was used to help with the expense for the medals for this event.
- Total loss for the event was \$121.80. We had budgeted a loss of \$575.00

At this time I would recommend NOT increasing our fees as we are in fine financial shape.

Are there any questions about any of these reports?

Submitted
Kathy Brown

Grading Directors AGM Report: November 2 2008

I'd like to start by congratulating all of the members on a successful season, and I'd like to thank everyone, from the executive, to the competitors for having patience with me early in the season as we made the transition.

After spending the first months compiling the results from 2007 into a data sheet and entering the nominal roles for 2008 I decided to change the competitor numbers to a new system. This new system allows me to track individual members from band to band during the season.

I was pleased this year to see our grading memo results put into action. For those of you not aware, each contest the adjudicator has a separate sheet that the performers never see which grades each performance on an international basis. These results are then tallied each year and it gives the director of grading an idea of how our performances stack up on an international level.

Grading this year was done based on last years grading memos and it showed true to form as each contests sheets came in. Things are starting to balance and it appears we're on the right track with grading.

The last part of my season was spent collaborating information on the chanter and drum pad class. After a written request was submitted to the executive to change the time limit of a competitors stay in the chanter grade I investigated. I broached the subject with other juvenile bands in the province and else where, I also consulted other associations such



as the RSPBA, the PPBSO, and the EUSPBA. After putting great thought into the information I found, the executive decided to remove the time limits from all grades. It was felt that with the grading memos in full action and proven as an effective system of grading, we could control all grades equally.

This will come up again when we discuss the changes to the constitution, but that was my big project this spring and summer.

All in all this year has been a great learning experience for me and has taught me a greater appreciation for the hard work that all executives in all our various associations do. I thank you all for the opportunity and for your patience.

Submitted by
Sean Johnston

Report from the Director of Contests November 2nd, 2008

This past year, in my revised role as Director of Contests, I was able to focus my attention on 7 contests.

The Winnipeg Scottish Festival, Brandon Highland Games, Selkirk Highland Gathering, and Bands on the Boardwalk contests were all sanctioned, and followed the rules and playing requirements as set out in our constitution.

Unique to this competition season, there were two Mad Plaid contests, one in November 2007, and the other last week. These events were also sanctioned and ran according to PPBAM rules. Members should note that from now on, should Winnipeg Celtic continue to offer the event, there will only be one Mad Plaid event per competition season, likely in October.

In partnership with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, the PPBAM held its first Manitoba Indoor Piping and Drumming Contest on March 15, 2008 at Minto Armories. Twenty-one events were offered, judged by 3 local adjudicators. Total expenses were \$542.03 and revenues were \$372.00. Although we didn't have as many entrants as hoped, we feel the event provided another opportunity for our membership to compete and receive feedback from adjudicators. It would be wonderful to see this Indoor contest become an annual event.

As for next year, it looks like there *may* be a total of 7 contests offered again. Winnipeg Scottish Festival is already sanctioned for the coming season. The MB Indoor, Brandon, Selkirk, BOB, and Mad Plaid are likely to offer contests again. Also, I have been contacted by people from the Fort Frances Highlanders regarding their desire to host a highland games. They are looking at offering a contest in Fort Frances in August 2009. More information will be made available to the membership as this possibility unfolds.

Finally, I wish to extend a huge thank you to all contest organizers, specifically the WSF, BHG, SHG, BOB and MP committees for volunteering their time and focusing their efforts to repeatedly offer our membership a variety of excellent events.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Marnie Wilson, Director of Contests

Band Reports

PPBAM AGM



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ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY OF WINNIPEG PIPE BAND GRADE 2 REPORT

The band had another very good season. Our numbers are up, especially in the pipe section. We have also attracted a few out of town players who fly in on a regular basis to attend practice and performances.

This past season, the band found again the need to travel in order to compete. We went to Alberta and played up into grade 1 as they had no grade 2 bands. We found the exercise very beneficial and also very successful. We also returned to Maxville/Montreal where we won the piping both days, were 3rd overall in Maxville and were 1st in Montreal, a great way to end the season.

This year we have a new lead drummer. Sean Johnston has taken over the core. We are really looking forward to his dynamic input in the band. We are also continuing our mentoring program where students from other bands are welcome to come and practice with the group. They do not compete with us but gain the experience needed to help ease their transition into the band when they are ready to join as full members. Although we have a large group, we are always looking for interested people to join our ranks.

Our winter concert will be February 7&8 and promises to be bigger and better than ever. We will also be running a golf tournament in the spring, keep posted for details.

Wes Sheppard
PM SASPB

WINNIPEG COMBINED CADET PIPE BAND 2008-2009 BAND REPORT

The band consists of cadets from:
407 Queen's Own Cameron Army Cadets
177 Air Canada Air Cadets

Being cadets, our first priority is cadet training and the tunes required for our parade nights. The two units do have their own band practices and when schedules allow, there is a combined band practice.

The band is going to try and make as many competitions as possible and encourage our players to try solo events.

I would like to state the Grade Five band event, has made it possible for this combined band to enter competition.

Submitted by
Nancy Flook
Band Officer
177 Air Canada RCACS

2nd November, 2008 2008 Brandon Highland Festival Report

1. There were again a large number of participants in this year's festival. As with past years the majority were entered in the beginner events.
2. The band contest was held indoor this year because of the cold weather. If weather permits we will have the bands outside next year.
3. The Brandon Highland Festival was fortunate to receive a high standard of co-operation from the Crocus Plains School and by all reports both parties were satisfied with all aspects of the arrangement.
4. Seven adjudicators were required. Rene Cusson, Dave Hicks, Barb MacDonald, Marlene Stephen, Wes Sheppard, Rob Gardener, and David Bowman.



5. The Brandon Highland Festival would like to acknowledge and thank the Prairie Pipe Band Association of Manitoba for its role in the festival including a substantial financial contribution. We would also like to recognize the Westman Scottish Association for a substantial contribution towards the purchase of medals.
6. The Brandon Highland Festival would like to thank the PPBAM in assisting with the return of trophies. This was the first year in recent history that all the trophies were returned for the day of the contest.
7. The date for next years contest will tentatively be the 25th of April, 2009. This date has to be confirmed with Crocus Plains School in January before it is official.

D. J. Kyle
Secretary/ Treasurer

NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE 2008-2009.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS and MEMBERS AT LARGE

The following people have agreed to let their name stand for the following Executive positions:

President	Marlene Stephen
Vice President	Wes Sheppard
Secretary	Pat Johnston
Treasurer	Kathy Brown

The following people have agreed to let their name stand for the following Board of Director positions:

Director of Contests	Marnie Wilson
Director of Grading	Sean Johnston

Nominations from the floor will be accepted for all positions including the following vacant positions:

Director of Public Relations
Member at Large

Champion Supreme Awards 2008

PIPING

Chanter	Julia Fritschij	Transcona & District
Novice	Steven Bairos-Novak	Lord Selkirk Boy Scouts
Grade 4	Andrew McNaughton	Lord Selkirk Boy Scouts
Grade 3	Alex Peden	St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg
Grade 2	Scott Fidler	St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg
Grade 1	Clarke Stockton	St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg

DRUMMING

Drum Pad	Dirck Fakes	Lord Selkirk Boy Scouts
Novice	Danny Murray	Lord Selkirk Boy Scouts



Grade 4	Anthony Caterer		
Grade 3	Ian Walker	St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg	
Grade 2	Graham Fidler	Lord Selkirk Boy Scouts	
Grade 1	N/A	-	-

Novice Tenor	Robert Babineau		
Int. Tenor	Catrina Esposito	Crusaders	

Novice Bass	Bryden Stewart	Transcona & District	
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Grade 4	Jamie Kubasiewicz	Lord Selkirk Boy Scouts	
Grade 3	Graeme McCombe	Lord Selkirk Boy Scouts	
Grade 1	Bill Peters	Pipes & Drums of Thunder Bay	

BANDS

Grade 5	N/A		-
Grade 4	St. Andrew's Society Gr 4		
Grade 3	Winnipeg Celtic		
Grade 2	St. Andrew's Society Gr 2		