

PRAIRIE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
SPRING GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2005
MINUTES

Present: Chris Brown, Kathy Brown, Pat Johnston, Marnie Wilson, Georganne Hoel, Sandi Mitchell, Marlene Stephen, Bert Walker, K. McRae, Keith Petrie, Sheila Pollock, Scott Fidler, George Fidler, Wes Sheppard, Robyn McCombe, Karen Bowman
Regrets: Richard Wilson, James Hoel

Meeting called to order: 1:10 p.m.

Quorum has not been established. The meeting will proceed with general guidelines in place. Constitution item 7.4 motion remains unchanged, therefore a quorum is in effect.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Wes Sheppard 2nd George Fidler. Carried
Approval of Minutes of SGM 2004: Moved by Pat Johnston 2nd Keith Petrie. Carried
2 abstained
Business arising from Minutes of SGM 2004: Business will be covered in subsequent reports.

- Agenda Item 1: President's Report – Marlene Stephen – see attached
Moved by Marlene Stephen 2nd by Sandi Mitchell. Carried
- Agenda Item 2: Vice President's Report – Marnie Wilson for Richard Wilson – see attached.
Moved by Marnie Wilson 2nd by Georganne Hoel. Carried
- Agenda Item 3: Secretary's Report – Karen Bowman – see attached
Moved by Karen Bowman 2nd by Pat Johnston. Carried
- Agenda Item 4: Treasurer's Report – Kathy Brown – see attached.
Discussion regarding using the band fee in exchange for charitable donation receipt? Kathy will investigate further and report back at the AGM. Request that the ANAPBA Summit Statement be attached to Financial Statement for line by line details. Moved by Kathy 2nd by Marnie that the report as corrected by adopted. Carried
- Agenda Item 5: Director of Public Relations – Gord Perry has moved to Member at Large – Chris Brown was voted in by the executive in January to take on this position. The website has been updated, and Chris has been working on a new logo. If anyone would like to have any input in the new design, please contact Chris directly. A new logo will be 'unveiled' at the AGM in the fall. Any information for the website is to be sent to Chris. Bands are encouraged to use the Website as a format for advertising their fundraising, performance and events schedule to keep the association better informed on what's going on in and around our jurisdiction. Moved by Chris 2nd by Kirby. Carried
- Agenda Item 6: Director of Grading – Karen Bowman for James Hoel. Question was raised as to whether a person can be added on to a nominal roll on the day of the

contest. The grading committee will investigate further, but it was felt this is not in contravention of our constitution. James will report back at the AGM. James also investigated voting practices and refined the membership categories. Moved by Karen 2nd by Bert. Carried

Agenda Item 7: Director of Contests & Judging – Marnie Wilson – see attached. Marnie will poll the judges regarding drum pad and chanter exercise sheets as to whether we still need them or not.

Agenda Item 8: Old Business: ANAPBA SUMMIT REPORT was covered in the Director of Contests & Judging report.

Agenda Item 9: New Business: Question: If a band runs a contest, do they have to pay both fees? Answer: No

Constitution changes:

1.1a– Any pipe band may be a member of the association upon submission of a nominal roll, payment of prescribed fees, and approval of the application by the Board of Directors. Membership entitles a band to compete in competitions sanctioned by the association, and entitles that band to TWO voting delegates who shall exercise all membership privileges including holding office in the PPBAM. All individuals who appear on an approved nominal roll must pay a membership fee and are entitled to compete in solo and band events sanctioned by the association.

Moved by Marnie 2nd by Pat – Changed to THREE voting delegates. CARRIED

7.4 - A majority consisting of 50 percent plus one of the eligible voting members present at any general meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting.

Moved by Marnie 2nd by Karen – A quorum is established, at any General Meeting with at least 22 voting members. Motion DEFEATED remains unchanged .

7.5 changed to 7.7 - Moved by Marnie 2nd by Karen – Each member is entitled to only one vote. CARRIED

7.6 changed to 7.8- Moved by Marnie – no 2nd . Motion DEFEATED. Send this issue back to executive for further discussion.

8.3c Grade 3 Bands – All bands entering grade three shall play four parts of each of a march, strathspey and reel set of their own choice or a medley of 3 to five minutes.

Moved by Marnie 2nd by Kirby – Grade 3 Bands – All bands entering grade 3 shall play four parts each of a march, strathspey and reel set of their own choice and/or a medley of three to five minutes. AMENDMENT to the motion: add ‘AT LEAST 4 parts’

Moved by Wes 2nd by Marnie. Motion CARRIED

8.3d Grade 4 Bands – All bands entering grade four events shall play one medley of 3 to 5 minutes or one quick march medley (consisting of 8 parts of march music) from 2:45 – 4:30 minutes.

Moved by Marnie 2nd by Keith – Grade 4 bands – All bands entering grade four events shall play one medley of 3 to 5 minutes and/or one quick march medley (consisting of 8 parts of march music) from 2:45-4:30 minutes Motion CARRIED

8.4a - The scoring for competitions shall be done where possible using the RSPBA scoring and point system.

Moved by Marnie 2nd by Robyn – The scoring for competitions shall be done using the RSPBA ranking and point system. However, in the case of only two bands in an event, percentages shall be used in order to break the tie. AMENDMENT to the motion: Drop the 2nd sentence. Moved by Wes 2nd by Georganne – The scoring for competitions shall be done using the RSPBA ranking and point system. CARRIED

8.4b – Points for all other competitions shall be calculated using 75 percent for piping and 25 percent for drumming. In the case of more than one piping and more than one drumming judge, a system of aggregate points must be used where 1st = 6 points, 2nd = 4 points, 3rd = 2 points, 4th = 1 point, 5th = 1 point, 6th = 1 point.

Moved by Marlene 2nd by Georganne - In order to determine aggregate winners, the following point system must be used: 1st = 6 points, 2nd = 4 points, 3rd = 2 points, 4th = 1 point, 5th = 1 point, 6th = 1 point. CARRIED

8.4d – PPBAM adjudication forms must be used at all approved contests and copies of the results given to each competing band at the close of the contest. Duplicate forms to be forwarded to PPBAM Board within 30 days of the contest.

Moved by Marnie 2nd by Wes – PPBAM adjudication forms must be used at all approved contests, and copies of the band results given to each competing band at the close of the contest. Grading Memo Sheets and band results must be forwarded to the PPBAM Board within 30 days of the contest. CARRIED

8.4j Moved by Marnie 2nd by Karen – Sanctioned Games are encouraged to have 2 piping, 1 ensemble, and 1 drumming judge for band events. Amendment – Moved by Sandi/ 2nd by Pat that Sanctioned Games are required to have 2 piping, 1 ensemble and 1 drumming judge for band events. CARRIED

Moved by Sandi 2nd by Pat that constitution changes that affect the bands be effective for September 1, 2005. CARRIED

Moved by Sandi 2nd by Pat Johnston that constitution changes that affect the bands be effective for the 2006 contest season. 8.3c, 8.3d and 8.4j will be effective immediately. Carried

Institute of Piping Syllabus: Marlene reported that the PPBAM has purchased a copy and cd of ??? for the use of the association. It will be available to all bands on a lending

basis, so they can look it over before deciding to purchase their own. All bands were encouraged to consider this opportunity, as it is an important tool for piping development and testing as a player moves towards possibly teaching and/or adjudicating. The Saskatchewan Pipe Band Association is putting together a drumming syllabus as well.

Rubric Grading System – Marnie Wilson will present at the AGM.

Scholarship Applications – Available on the website or to be picked up today. Deadline for application is June 1, 2005. As this is a first time venture, criteria will be determined by the entries we receive. Up to 3 scholarships will be awarded. \$300 has been set aside for this endeavour. Please submit to: Karen Bowman, 179 Cullen Drive, R3R 1P5.

Code of Conduct at Sanctioned Games – Discussion ensued on the direction the membership would like to see the PPBAM take. It was felt that any rules regarding alcohol/smoking at specific venues should be posted in the games brochures and registration packages. The PPBAM will draft a letter to all membership in support of contest organizers and any actions they may take in regards to this matter.

Agenda Item 10: Other Business: Pat Johnston asked that the contest organizers for Selkirk and Bands on the Boardwalk let her know what judges they will be bringing in as they would possibly like to run a workshop for the Transcona band with these judges. Also, Bob Cooper is retiring as drum instructor for the Transcona band, so they will be looking for a new instructor. Applications for this position can be made to her. They would like to begin interviewing at the end of May.

Robyn McCombe reported that the Lord Selkirk Boy Scout Pipe Band's annual concert is this evening.

Motion to adjourn: Chris Brown