



**PRAIRIE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006
JR. RANKS MESS HALL MINTO ARMORIES**

Meeting called to order at 7:22 p.m.

In attendance: Crystal Hay, Sean Johnston, Ian Aastrom, Ian Evans, Maureen McFarlane, Shannon McFarlane, Dean Ross, Jane Ross, Megan Ross, Wayne McNaughton, Bill Laird, Bob Stankey, Josh Fordham, Sheila Pollock, Colin Pollock, Keith Petrie, Pat Johnston, Wes Sheppard, Stephanie Shaw, Lee Bowman, Kirby McRae, John Dawson, Chris Gardner, Rob Gardner, Dave Stewart, Michal Kubasiewicz, Mary Knight, Jamie Kubasiewicz, Velma Davis, Robyn McCombe, Janet McCombe, Graeme McCombe, Kathy Brown, Karen Bowman, Marnie Wilson, Marlene Stephen, Heather Fidler, George Fidler, Graham Fidler, Jo Hall-Dawson, R. Ian Dawson, Scott Foster, James Hoel, Chris Brown, Richard Wilson, David Ramesar

James Hoel screened the delegate list to confirm all delegates were eligible to vote.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Ian Aastrom Wpg Celtic 2nd by Rob Gardner St. A. Carried

Approval of the AGM Minutes of Oct 30, 2005 and SGM Minutes of April 30, 2006: Moved by Sean Johnston St. A, 2nd by Wes Sheppard St. A Carried.

1. **Agenda Item 1:** President's Report – Marlene Stephen – See attached
2. **Agenda Item 2:** Vice President's Report – Richard Wilson – See attached
3. **Agenda Item 3:** Secretary's Report – Karen Bowman – See attached
4. **Agenda Item 4:** Treasurer's Report – Kathy Brown – See attached

5. **Agenda Item 5:** Director of Public Relations – Chris Brown
Domain name, webhost and links have been renewed. All forms have been updated and uploaded. Judges Information has been completed. Chris noted that only a couple of bands are using the website as an information and advertising tool. Bands are encouraged to provide Chris with ongoing information as to activities and events that are planned.

6. **Agenda Item 6:** Director of Grading – James Hoel.
Thank you to Richard for his assistance on the grading cards.
Membership registration forms and packages have been distributed. Any bands not in attendance will have the package sent to them in the mail.
Champion Supreme Points have been posted on the website and winners will be presented with their awards at the conclusion of the meeting.

7. **Agenda Item 7:** Director of Contests and Judging – Marnie Wilson – See attached
Marnie also noted that she had been contacted by the organizers of the Agnew Harrison Memorial Drumming competition. She has forwarded the names of our champion supreme winners for Grade 3, Chris Gardner, Grade 2, Colin Pollock, Grade 1 Ian Aastrom and Professional David Bowman. These players may receive an invitation to the event held in March 2007.



8. **Agenda Item 8:** Band Reports-
Bands in attendance at today's meeting:
Winnipeg Celtic
Lord Selkirk Boy Scout Pipe Band – See attached
St. Andrew's Grade 4 – See attached
St. Andrew's Grade 2 – See attached
Transcona and District Pipe Band – See attached
Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders
9. **Agenda Item 9:** Contest Reports-
Winnipeg Scottish Festival – See attached
Brandon Highland Festival – See attached
BHF dates for 2007: either last weekend in April or 1st Weekend in May
Bands on the Boardwalk – See attached
Selkirk Highland Gathering – No report
10. **Agenda Item 10:** Old Business-
-The Gr. 5 band category has been added to the constitution.
-Marlene asked for clarification as to the tune requirements for this grade. Discussion followed. Motion by David Ramesar 2nd by Ian Evans that the Grade 5 required band tunes will be Slow March 6/8 and Quick March Medley. Carried Unanimously.
-The PPBAM will sponsor 4 plaques to recognize the top youth band at each sanctioned contest. Criteria is all band members must be under 19.
-Marlene asked how to direct the contest organizers on this issue. It was felt that the award would be based on the Judges recommendations, similar to 'piper of the day' or 'drummer of the day' awards. The contest organizers may set up the contest to allow the same adjudicators to judge the same event.
-Grade 5 Solo events has been returned to the Executive Committee for further investigation.
11. **Agenda Item 11:** New Business-
-Constitution Change:
- Current**
8.5k Tenor and Bass Drumming categories shall include Novice and /Open. The Novice shall play an M/S/R and the Professional shall play an M/S/R and a Hornpipe & Jig.
- Proposed Change (in italics)**
Tenor and Bass Drumming categories shall include Novice and Professional/Open. *The novice tenor category shall play a March, and a Strathspey and Reel*, and the Professional shall play an M/S/R and a Hornpipe & Jig.
- Discussion regarding this agenda item ensued.
- Moved by Wes Sheppard 2nd by Ian Aastrom that the amended constitution item shall now read:



8.5k

Bass Drumming category shall include Novice and Professional/Open. The Novice Bass shall play an MSR and the Professional/Open shall play an MSR and a Hornpipe & Jig.

Tenor drumming category shall include Novice, Intermediate and Professional/Open. The Novice tenor category shall play a March, the Intermediate category shall play an M/S/R and the Professional/Open shall play an M/S/R and Hornpipe/Jig. There are no time requirements on length of stay in each grade. Carried

Regrading of those that have had to move up to Professional/Open prematurely will be discussed at the executive level.

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

A proposed slate of officers was presented to the membership – See attached. Michal Kubasiewicz and James Hoel acted as scrutineers. All ballots have been destroyed.

Marlene expressed her thanks to Richard Wilson and Karen Bowman for their years of service with the PPBAM.

The 2006-2007 PPBAM Executive:

President	Marlene Stephen
Vice President	Wes Sheppard
Secretary	Pat Johnston
Treasurer	Kathy Brown
Director of Contests and Judging	Marnie Wilson
Director of Grading	James Hoel
Director of Public Relations	Chris Brown
Members at Large	John Dawson Robert Gardner

13. Champion Supreme Award Presentations

14. Motion to Adjourn: Lee Bowman 9:10 p.m.