



**PRAIRIE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007
ELMWOOD LEGION – LOWER HALL**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

In attendance: Jason Wood, Mary Knight, Mike Kubasiewicz, Brad Clyde, Stephanie Shaw, Danny Hoplock, Clarke Stockton, Alex Hoplock, Rob Fulton, Kirby McRae, Sean Johnston, Dave Stewart, Ted Rennie, Keith Petrie, Michael Maclver, Andrew Callum, Reanne Cairns, Ian Dawson, Jo Hall-Dawson, Marlene Stephen, Karen Bowman, Georganne Hoel, Kathy Brown, Pat Johnston, Marnie Wilson, Megan Ross, Anne Rennie, Ted Rennie, Jamie Kubasiewicz, Bryan Hill, Sandra Hill, Grace Hall-Dawson, Jennifer Petrie, Janet McCombe, Robyn McCombe, Andrea Perillo, Luigi Perillo, Lorenzo Perillo, Jordan Perillo, Richard Wilson, Austin Hay, Gail Sheppard, Wes Sheppard, Jan Ross, Dean Ross, Denise Stewart, Evan Stewart, Bryden Stewart, Heather Fidler, Gram Fidler, George Fidler, James Hoel, Chris (LSBSPB), Colin MacDonald, Lori Novak, Manny Bairos, Kevin Bairos-Novack

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

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jason Wood, LSBSPB 2nd by James Hoel, St. Andrews. Carried

Approval of the AGM Minutes of Nov. 3, 2006 Motion to accept Minutes moved by Sean Johnston St. A, 2nd by Alex Hoplock, 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
Presentation of Financial statements and information by Kathy. Motion to increase Band Fees for 2007/2008 season to \$250.00 regular & \$350.00 late by Kathy Brown 2nd Mike Kubasiewicz, LSBSPB Vote Unanimous – Carried.
Proposed Budget for 2008 presented and questions answered.
5. **Agenda Item 5:** Director of Public Relations – Chris Brown See Attached
6. **Agenda Item 6:** Director of Grading – James Hoel.
Thank you to everyone for their assistance during the past year. 11 Bands registered, 1 less than previous year. 4 Competitions were held results have been tabulated and posted to our website. Thanks Chris. 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
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 – Ian Dawson – 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 MacIver
Lord Selkirk Boy Scout Pipe Band – Jason Wood - See attached
Marlene congratulated Mr. Bob Fraser and the Lord Selkirk Boy Scout Band on celebrating their 50-year anniversary.

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

Marnie Wilson thanked contest Organizers for their time and effort in arranging all of the contests. Reports given on:

Winnipeg Scottish Festival – Karen Bowman (next year Feb. 16, 2008)

Brandon Highland Festival – Richard Wilson - See attached report

Bands on the Boardwalk – Georganne Hoel (next year Jun 29, 2008)

Selkirk Highland Gathering – No report

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

-ANAPBA – Reports on ANAPBA – Jan 2007 – Marlene & Marnie – see attached reports. The next ANAPBA will be held in 2009 in Toronto.

- The Gr. 5 band category competition was added last year and needs to be reviewed. Gr. 5 solos are in effect Novice levels so no changes were required. Discussion on effects of this added level. Originally were to be 2 bands, but only 1 competed. Ian Dawson commented that his kids are just happy to compete. From Contests' perspective – Karen Bowman of WSF, extra levels become expensive, prize money is required and extra adjudication for just 1 band. Band is really only playing for adjudication, no contest if only 1 band – Richard Wilson. We have too small a jurisdiction, have to travel to compete and too few bands as is – Kirby McRae. There is financial hardship placed on contests when there is only 1 band in a grade, Gr 3 & Gr2 are the same, but we need the grading system. Marlene noted, feedback is needed and will continue, no changes can be made to Constitution without notice so the Grade 5 level continues this year.

Noted – by the Queens Own Camerons – Brad noted that they are a Gr 3 band and due to out of country postings, are short some players, but they will be back to compete and there will be more than 1 band in Gr 3.

- Youth Band Awards Review Discussion and feedback from members, comments from Jason Wood of the Boy Scouts that they appreciated receiving the awards. Wes commented that it's nice to see the youth bands recognized when they compete against adult bands in our province. General consensus the Youth Band Awards will continue.

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

Constitution Changes -

Association was advised the reason in changing the name of Director of Contests and Judging to Director of Contests (only) and "Judging" matters redirected to Vice-President's position, is to enable a "Judge" to oversee matters concerning judges. If the Vice President's position is not held by a judge, it is then in his/her mandate to appoint a judge to be responsible for judging matters. This change affects sections as listed on attached report, 5.13, 6.5d, 6.6e,6.2e, 6.6f, 6.2f, and renumbering 6.6g,h,i to 6.6e,f,g. Motion to accept changes as advised- Moved by Jason Wood L.S.B.S. P.B. 2nd Ted Rennie, Transcona. Vote – Unanimous – Carried.



8.2g Proposed Change to add the following: ***Bands not meeting the minimum requirement shall play for adjudication only.*** This item has been added to enable all bands to play at competitions in case they do not meet the minimum no. of players. Motion to Accept moved by Karen Bowman, WSF – 2nd Georganne Hoel, B.O.B. Vote Unanimous – Carried.

8.5d New Practice Chanter and Drum Pad Requirements were presented by Wes Sheppard – bringing requirements in line with North American standards, providing more information for instructors and adjudicators, to be used as a guideline, alternate pieces could still be used. Motion to Accept – moved by Richard Wilson, Brandon Highland 2nd Dan Hoplock, St. Andrew's. Unanimous – Carried.

Additional Solo Contests –

It has been suggested to the PPBAM that more contests are needed to provide competition and more options to play for younger members. PPBAM is looking at holding a solo competition in the Spring, more information will follow.

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 Grading and Member at Large. No other nominations were put forward therefore Motion to accept nominations moved by Dave Stewart, Transcona 2nd Alex Hoplock, St. Andrew's – Unanimous – Carried.

Nominations for Director of Grading – Sean Johnston (St. Andrew's) will let his name stand, no other nominations received. Vote – Unanimous – Carried.

Nominations for Member at Large – Mike Maclver (Wpg. Celtic) will let his name stand, no other nominations received. Vote – Unanimous – Carried.

Marlene expressed her thanks to James Hoel and Rob Gardner for their input and service with the PPBAM.

The 2007-2008 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	Chris Brown
Member at Large	Mike Maclver

13. Presentation – Judge's Accreditation

Marnie Wilson presented the first graduates of the PPBAM Judge's Accreditation program with certificates. Congratulations to Richard Wilson and David Bowman.

14. Champion Supreme Award Presentations – see list of award winners attached

Awards presented by James Hoel and Chris Brown of the Executive.

15. Motion to Adjourn: Georganne Hoel – 9:05 pm.