

PRAIRIE MOUNTAIN FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of November 26th, 2008 Annual General Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Giesbrecht at 7:15 P.M. at the Good Companions Hall.

2. Minutes of the December 5th, 2007 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the December 5th, 2007 Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary. Acceptance of the minutes was moved by Bob Gentles, seconded by Everett Thygesen and carried.

3. Reports

3.1 Treasurer

In the absence of Treasurer Ken Romphf Gary Giesbrecht presented the financial report for the year from November 1st, 2007 to October 31st, 2008. Income was \$9,994.36 and expenses were \$10,966.54 for a net loss of \$972.18. The Association had cash on hand of \$60.00 the bank balance was \$4,574.71, cashable investments \$5,448.39 and fixed term investment \$3,500.00, for a total of \$13,583.10. Acceptance of the treasurer's report was moved by Lloyd Eriksson, seconded by Sandy Milne and carried. Contributing to the loss was lack of product for sale until late in the year.

3.2 President

Gary Giesbrecht commented that the previous year had been very successful for the Association. He went on to thank the many members who had contributed their time and effort to the various activities that had been undertaken. A copy of his report is attached.

3.3 Secretary

Bob Gentles thanked Gary Giesbrecht for his efforts on behalf of the Association, despite his having had a serious knee operation.

Bob advised that the Annual Return for the Association had been filed with Consumer Affairs and also reported on the production of "Concert 2000" and "Bert Church 2008" CDs; a copy of his report is attached.

3.4 Cards and Flowers

Sandy Milne reported that he had visited Gary and Roy Krouse in the hospital.

3.5 Website

Barrie McCombs reported:

A dedicated website may be required; the cost would be about \$100 per year.

He is putting MIDI files and sheet music on the website; can also put up pictures.

The Early Bird sessions are very successful with ten to twenty people attending.

Sending e-mails on events; there are 135 names on the mailing list.

Response on a guitar workshop resulted in no consensus.

Using the hall's PA system is advantageous for people in the back of the room.

3.6 Workshops & Learning

By Jim Leung:

Jim thanked the committee who had put together the report on workshops and learning.

The board has approved the sum of \$2,000 for learning endeavors, \$1,600 of this amount has been committed to Roxanne Young's sessions leaving \$400 for other projects.

Jim asked for contributions of learning material from members for the library.

3.7 Entertainment & Potluck

Phyllis Inglis reported that one very successful potluck had been held. Barrie and Carol will continue to help with social events.

3.9 Past President

Lloyd Eriksson commented that Roxanne Young is a good teacher and that her leadership from someone outside the membership is beneficial.

Lloyd also mentioned that he will bring in more Scandinavian music if desired.

4. Slow Pitch

Don Williams spoke on behalf of himself and Dave Foster. He reported that the past year has been very successful, with an average attendance of 21 persons. Report attached.

5. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

6. New Business

Martin Boutet suggested that for the practice, different people should start tunes at jamms. Also, he has heard from members that there is too much wasted time between tunes.

Bonnie Cox suggested that fiddlers should get closer together and form a big circle at jamm sessions.

Lloyd Eriksson moved that the Association provide name tags for members, seconded by Sandy Milne and carried. Bonnie Cox advised that her sister had designed the Association logo, which could be used on name tags.

Phyllis Inglis advised that she has a preliminary tune list for the 2009 concert.

Dave Foster suggested that the handout at the concert should say "Selections from the set list".

Frank Cox suggested that the program for the concert should start with all musicians on stage and then small groups should be featured.

Gary Giesbrecht suggested that Roxanne's advice should be sought regarding concert planning.

Bertha Smith asked for help with the piano.

7. Election of Officers

Lloyd Eriksson acted as Chairman for the election of officers.

For President Gary Giesbrecht was proposed and since there were no other nominations was declared elected by acclamation.

For Vice President Darrel Suddaby was proposed and since there were no other nominations was declared elected by acclamation.

For Treasurer Jerry Hall was proposed and since there were no other nominations was declared elected by acclamation.

For Secretary Bob Gentles was proposed and since there were no other nominations was declared elected by acclamation.

For Directors the following were proposed:

- Martin Boutet - presently a director
- Phyllis Inglis - presently a director
- Jim Leung - presently a director
- Barrie McCombs - presently a director
- Sandy Milne - presently a director
- Jack Manns - new

Since there were no other nominations the six were declared elected by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Secretary



Robert Gentles