

# ACPBA Executive Meeting - Minutes

Mar. 24, 2024, 7:30pm to 9:20pm, Zoom.

## Attendees

Dan Knee, Christina Oliver, Pamela Newcomb, Trevor Kellock, Gordon Murray, Larry Amirault, John Murray, Tom Cumming, Matt Clark, Hugh Goldie, Colton Patterson

**In absentia:** James MacHattie, Kylie MacHattie, Ray Halliday

## Agenda

### Meeting Agenda

Motion: Approving meeting agenda

Notes:

Motion initiated by: Matt    Seconded by: Gordon

### Approving Feb. 18 Meeting minutes

Motion: Approve previous meeting's minutes

Notes:

Motion initiated by: Gordon    Seconded by: John

### Old Business:

#### 1. Follow up on: Review of current constitution and make changes as necessary - potential committee to complete this

Presenter: Dan/Christina

Notes: Colton, Dan, and Larry to form committee. Awaiting one or two more names to arrive, callout was sent on FB page. Goal to have as much leg work as possible done prior to competition season. Motions for constitution amendments need to go out a minimum 30 days prior to AGM.

Next Action: set up a meeting for committee once another volunteer or two come forward.

#### 2. Follow up on: Social media/webpage updates - clarity of links was mentioned at AGM.

Presenter: Christina/Dan

Notes: Christina spoke with Lynn re: logo, quote \$1800. Criteria : all Atl provinces, either all instruments or no instruments represented, colour as well as monotone versions.

Next Action: Christina to forward quote and site example to exec. via email. Larry to do the same with his contact (masthead), exec. to compare and contrast. Send any additional logo criteria to Dan by the end of this week (Mar. 29).

#### 3. Follow up on: Membership issues raised at AGM.

Presenter: Dan/Christina

Notes: Christina says there are other companies to also look into besides Wild Apricot. Can use different parts of wild apricot (doesn't necessarily have to replace square space if we don't want it to).

Next Action: Christina to look a little more into Wild Apricot as well as others and come back to more information.

#### **4. Follow up on: Judging issues/judges list (requirements for new judges)**

Presenter: Dan/Music Board

Notes: Discussion of music board meeting on Feb. 19. Reviewed minutes. Reviewed judge list. Barry Shears to possibly end up on the list depending on the outcome of BC accreditation. Dave Coleman to upgrade ensemble, Kylie MacHattie and Trevor Kellock to be upgraded, Scott Long and Blaise Theriault to be considered as adjudicators after completion of shadow judging. Amendment to solo piping rules discussed so that a player can compete at a different level of ceòl beag than piobaireachd - voting to happen by music committee at next meeting. Need event numbers for tenor and bass competitions to pass on to games committees.

Next Action: Colton will get event numbers that Fredericton used for Bass and Tenor competitions and pass on to Dan. Need to let games know what numbers they are. Dan to reach out to Rodd re: Sean Morton judging and playing at competitions. Encourage games committees to increase competitions offered to drummers. Dan to remind judges to pay membership fees if not already paid.

Motion: Ratify judges list

Motion initiated by: Gordon Seconded by: Larry

#### **5. Follow up on: Suggestion Box**

Presenter: Christina

Notes: Christina has re-worded the comment area on the website. Colton suggested consideration of a survey to be sent out to members and non-members (send to bands for them to distribute). Question ideas: how members perceive the efforts of the ACPBA, how many games have you attended in 2023 vs. 2019, are you getting value for your membership cost, do you feel you have an avenue to contact your executive, do you have access to your association's meeting information and finances, sections on games info vs. communication vs. satisfaction, are you a member/were you at one time/not currently, are you a band member, do you compete solos, demographics collection.

Next Action: Matt will look at a survey he uses at work and collect general questions from it. Tom, Colton, and Matt to assemble a survey committee and create a survey. Goal to have survey assembled by Mar. 31

Motion: \$50 gift card to MacLeod's for survey participation incentive

Motion initiated by: Dan Seconded by: Larry

#### **6. Follow up on: Instructor List**

Presenter: Dan

Notes: Wasn't addressed at most recent music committee meeting

Next Action: Dan to bring it to Rodd's attention for discussion at next music committee meeting.

**7. Follow up on: Knockout Competition**

Presenter: Dan/Tom

Notes: Dan and Tom have had some back and forth regarding this.

Next Action: Dan and Tom to discuss and come back with information in the future, request to remove this from future agendas for now.

**8. Follow up on: "Landing Pad"**

Presenter: Tom

Notes: Tom spoke with Shelena and received meeting minutes. Extensive discussion on dress requirements for solo competitions and possibility of relaxing them for grade 5 and also implementing an exception to be made at any level on a case-by-case basis prior to the date of the highland games or event in question.

Next Action: Tom to send list of action items from meeting minutes he acquired from Shelena to executive. Dan to come up with wording surrounding dress relaxation exceptions and send it out to executive for approval.

**9. Follow up on: Agnew-Harrison Drumming Competition**

Presenter: Tom

Notes: no update - will remove from agendas going forward

Next Action:

**10. Follow up on: AGM 2024 Proposal (Nov. 2-3, 2024)**

Presented by: Trevor, Christina

Notes: \$250 deposit has been paid.

Next Action: Workshop/Instructors group meeting to be held before end of April.

**11. Follow up on: Communication with Association re: Membership Registration Deadline**

Presenter: John Murray

Notes: Christina sent out reminder - complete.

Next Action: n/a

**12. Any other old business**

Presenter:

Notes:

Next Action:

**New Business:**

**13. Charitable Status update/forward movement**

Presenter: Dan

Notes: Dan has asked John to contact CRA to enquire what is required for reinstating

charitable status. Once we have requirements it will be presented and voted on at AGM as to whether we will pursue acquiring charitable status or not.

Next Action: John to reach out to CRA to get requirement information.

#### **14. St. F.X. room block difficulty for Antigonish Games**

Presenter: Larry

Notes: St. FX booked up due to another event being held the same weekend as games. Bands typically block rooms themselves.

Next Action: n/a

#### **15. Expenses submitted by Rick Crawford for accommodations for 2023 NB Highland Games**

Presenter: Christina

Notes: Rick Crawford submitted an expense report for accommodations for the 2023 NB Highland games and ACPBA paid it but it should have been paid by NB Highland Games Organization.

Next Action: Dan to reach out to Rick regarding this. Dan to discuss with Kylie which expenses games pay for. Kylie to reach out the Antigonish and Fredericton games to enquire about bookings for accommodations for Chief Steward and pass info on to Gordon.

**Motion to convene:** Christina    Seconded by: Tom

**Next meeting: Apr. 21 at 7:30pm via Zoom**

**\*\* Meetings to be 3rd Sunday of every month \*\***

**Action items for next meeting: 1-8, 10, 13, 15.**

**Agenda items for next meeting:** Follow up on action items from Mar. 24 meeting.