

ACPBA 2016 AGM Minutes

October 22, 2016, Halifax Citadel National Historic Site, Halifax, Nova Scotia



- 1. Attendance:** Blaise Theriault, Michael J Daine, Jen Coleman, Dave Coleman, Robin, Denise, Reilly and Carter Green, Jenna-Marie Gallant, Tammy Gallant, Pat MacKay, Kevin Dugas, Rick Crawford, Jill Ramsay, Bruce Gandy, James and Kylie MacHattie, Ray Halliday, Mike Dupuis, Mark Campbell
- 2. Call to Order:** President Kevin Dugas called 2016 ACPBA AGM to order at 12:50pm

3. Review of minutes from AGM 2015

Motion to pass minutes by Kevin, seconded by Rick Crawford, motion passed

4. Reports:

President's report: Presented by Kevin

This marks one year for Kevin as President. Tara, taking over from Danielle Kershaw, secretary, couldn't be here. Had a successful season, both in individual and band competitions. Acknowledgment to the highland games committees for their successful organization of games. May have a new competition in the coming season around Truro.

Kevin moves to accept, Pat Mackay seconds, motion passed

Chief Steward's report: Presented by Rick

Thanks to games organizers for a great job and acknowledgment to volunteers and sponsors. Judging was less of a problem this season, thanks to judges and organizers. Amateur contestants were mostly all registered with the ACPBA this year; we must let members know they have to be a member of the association. Band lists must be in before the first competition of the season as they are checked prior to games. Thanks to stewards, helpers, runners, who help with flow of games.

Rick moves for report to be accepted, Kevin seconds, motion passed

Grading Report: Presented by Rick

Gave recommendations for upgrades. Sarah, Brandon, Blaise had success in grade 1. Upgrade can be challenged by instructor. Cannot go back unless they submit formal request.

Rick moves to pass, seconded by Dave Coleman, motion passed

Communications and Social Media Report: Presented by Kevin on behalf of Amy MacKenzie

Amy and Nick could not be here. Plans for this year:

- More profiles about association members for online content
- Would like bands to send in updates about plans for year or reflections, news, etc
- Making a stronger commitment to being in touch with members regularly

Kevin moves to accept, seconded by James M, motion passed

Games Liaison Report: Presented by Kevin on behalf of Kylie MacHattie

Had requested that games send reports and received 4 reports: Piobaireachd Challenge, Moncton, Antigonosh, and New Brunswick Highland Games. Games are working on accepting online registrations. NB Highland Games would like ACPBA to take charge on administering centralized registration for games. Bruce Gandy agrees that this registration is a good idea but has its downfalls: A portion will go to paypal, ACPBA, etc, so games need to be aware that there is an effect on their bottom line. Rick – The association has done this in the past but the games began opting out because the association does not personally run all the games, as is the case with the PPBSO. Agreement that times have changed and this is something to revisit. Games dates for next three years will be posted on website. Moncton Chair has changed.

Kevin moves to pass, Mike Daine seconds, motion passed

Membership Report: Presented by Jillian Ramsay

Membership of both bands and individuals are down this year. Bruce proposes that each individual of bands be charged a fee for ACPBA membership. Everyone benefits from the organization and the games for that day, and therefore should be paying members of the organization. Dave raises logistics problems – maybe we incorporate this with band member lists. Probably would not dissuade bands or individuals from being paid members. Only have to pay once between a band or individual membership. Kevin moves to accept, Bruce seconded, motion passed

Music Committee Report: Presented by Kevin

We now have a functioning music, grading committee which we haven't had in quite a few years. Good representation from Fredericton, Halifax, PEI – lots of experience and knowledge. Continuing work on accreditation of judges. Emphasis on workshops in winter and spring with high profile pipers and drummers to facilitate. Dave thanks Kevin for his leadership on this subject. Rick comments that it makes his job easier, thanks to the music committee.

Kevin moves that report is accepted, Dave seconds, motion passed

5. Regional Rep Reports:

NB North Regional Rep is still vacant. Will be compiled and put on website. Cape Breton hoping to field a band this year.

Northern NS – Ray Halliday

Correctional Services from Amherst is getting further into active grade 5 competition. Clan Thompson was unable to compete in the 2016 season for membership reasons but looking to compete again next year. Not much happening in way of solo players.

PEI – James MacHattie

4 active bands. Belfast very active in their area. College of Piping Grade 4 and Grade 2 bands planning on going to Scotland this year.

Remaining regional reports will be posted on the website.

6. Financial Report: Presented by Jillian Ramsay

Jillian motions to accept finance report, Mike Daine seconds, motion passed
Jillian motions to accept budget, Ray seconds, motion passed

7. New Business:

- Need a name for Grade 5 drumming plaque sponsorship. Bruce proposes that funding gets supplied for names to appear on trophies and that trophies go home with members – can introduce a fine for unreturned trophies or trophies returned in bad condition. Proposal to have trophies kept in central location – Citadel Hill?
- Out of medals for Piobaireachd challenge - Three sets of medals for 3 years costs about \$2000.
- Halifax Mini Gathering dates have been set – Jan. 28, March 4, April 8
- Dave Coleman brings up the PPBSO music board recommending that they change grade 4 requirement from mini MSR back to march medley. Concerned that they're losing grade 4 bands who don't feel ready to play a mini MSR. Request made that we stay consistent with PPBSO – at least most grade 4 bands in Atlantic Region agree with this.
- Colchester Highland Games proposed for Sept. 9 in Bible Hill. A committee has been struck and will be asking for ACPBA sanction for individual and band competition. Website and Facebook page available – colchesterhighlandgamesandgathering.com

8. Elections:

- VP spot needs to be filled again
- Dave Coleman nominates Denise Green as Northern NB rep. By acclamation Denise Green has been accepted into position.

Kevin calls meeting to close at 2:24pm