

**Saskatchewan Music Festival Association  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2014**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Karen MacCallum.
2. Canada was sung, led by Joy McFarlane-Burton, accompanied by Karen Unger. A moment of silence was observed in memory of all those who have been an integral part of our music festival journey.
3. Karen MacCallum introduced the SMFA office staff, Carol Donhauser and Sandra Kerr and current Board members.
4. Karen MacCallum appointed Donna Kreiser as recording secretary.

**Motion: Cheryl Leptich/Janet McGonigle to accept the agenda as circulated.  
CARRIED**

5. Joy McFarlane-Burton conducted the roll call of district festivals. Representatives from the following districts were present: Biggar, Carnduff, Estevan, Humboldt, Kindersley, Kipling, Lafleche, Maple Creek, Meadow Lake, Naicam, Prince Albert, Quill Plains, Regina, Rosetown, Sask. Valley, Saskatoon, Shaunavon, Swift Current, Twin Rivers, Unity, Watrous, Yorkton.
6. Joy McFarlane-Burton reported for the Nominating committee that Sherry Sproule has been selected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and there are two Board member positions to be filled. Two nominations have come forward. They are, Wendy Thienes from Shaunavon and District and Kelly Stein from Watrous and District. Joy made the first call for nominations from the floor.
7. The minutes of the 2013 AGM as recorded in the circulated Annual Report were read by those members present and declared approved by the President.
8. **BUSINESS ARISING**
  - a. Nancy Toppings introduced Leander Dueck, the founder and manager of Beyond Wealth, which manages the SMFA Trust Funds and various other non profit organizations. Leander Dueck stated that they are the custodians of the portfolio, working towards the preservation of the capital and minimizing the down risk. He reported that the portfolio is doing extremely well and exceeded the TSX by 3% last year. Leander Dueck recommended that the portfolio be rebalanced in the next 60 days to protect its diversification.

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Nancy Toppings referred to the Audited Financial Statement found in the 2014 Annual Report on pages 61-75. She stated that the SMFA was successful in maintaining a balanced budget and that \$10,000 was transferred to a reserve fund for unexpected cash flow shortages.

Total Assets for 2014 = \$633,709  
Total Liabilities = \$147,230  
Net Assets = \$486,479

**MOTION: Nancy Toppings/Linda Alberts to adopt the Auditor's Report as printed. CARRIED**

**MOTION: Anita Kuntz/Robin Swales to appoint Marcia Herback as Auditor for the 2014-2015 fiscal years. CARRIED**

**MOTION: Sandra Senga/Robyn Rutherford to rescind the motion relating to changing the SMFA year-end from July 31 to August 31 effective 2012-2013 operating year. CARRIED**

Nancy Toppings referred to the SMA Summer Music Camp report, provided encouragement and an invitation to become a "Festival Friend" and acknowledged the generous support of the Sponsors of SMFA.

Nancy Toppings also noted that if a local festival district is not regulated as a non-profit, it is important that this be done.

- b. Joy McFarlane-Burton made the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for nominations from the floor.
- c. Karen MacCallum presented an overview of the 2014 Annual Report.

**MOTION: Doris Lazecki/Ruth Warkentin to adopt the Annual Reports. CARRIED**

**MOTION: Linda Alberts/Claire Seibold to ratify the motions of the board from the past fiscal year. CARRIED**

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9. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2015 Shurniak Concerto Competition will be held on February 21-22, 2015, in Saskatoon at the Quance Theatre at the University of Saskatchewan. The judges will be Jasper Wood (violinist, teaching at UBC), Karen Finnsson (Woodwinds, Professor at the University of Regina), and Mark Turner (Executive Director of the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra).
- b. 2015 Provincial Finals Competition will be held June 5-7, in Saskatoon at the University of Saskatchewan.
- c. Carol Donhauser made reference to the Syllabus and Directory Changes and Corrections that were distributed. These changes would be beneficial to be included in the adjudicator's briefing. Carol Donhauser also noted that the Directory will no longer include the local festival information, this will be found on-line. Also, this is the last year of the current 2013-2015 Syllabus.

**MOTION: Robin Swales/Diane Swanson to increase the adjudicator daily rate from \$300 to \$350, effective the 2015/2016 operating year. CARRIED**

**MOTION: Sherri Singer/Linda Alberts to increase travel compensation for adjudicators, board, and staff from \$.40/km to \$.42/km, effective 2015/2106 operating year. CARRIED**

- d. Anita Kuntz spoke to the need to fundraise to make our local festivals viable and to look into the possibility of raising entry fees. Scholarships are also important at the local level and how, with simply approaching people regarding scholarships, you may find they do want to donate. In return you need to acknowledge them as they wish, and have recipients send them thank you notes. Anita also suggested that locals or regions could entertain the idea of providing a provincial scholarship.
- e. Laureen Kells, President, brought greetings from the Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers' Association (SRMTA).
- f. Joy McFarlane-Burton made the 3<sup>rd</sup> call for nominations from the floor. There were none. Joy declared, "If not, nominations are closed." Joy declared the election by acclamation of both nominees, Wendy Thienes and Kelly Stein.

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Wendy Thienes outlined her involvement locally in the Shaunavon area which highlights children, community, and culture. Kelly Stein outlined her involvement locally in the Watrous area which involves Music for Young Children and teaching piano.

- g. Sandra Kerr presented the Best Program Award to the Unity Music Festival. Sandra noted that it fulfilled the criteria of having the SMFA logo on the front cover and the program had included all the mandatory advertisements and logos.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Acknowledgements were given by Karen MacCallum to the staff of SMFA, Carol Donhauser and Sandra Kerr for all their tireless and amazing work for the SMFA.
- b. Retiring Board members, Anita Kuntz and Joy McFarlane-Burton were thanked for their contributions to the SMFA and parting gifts were presented.

Karen MacCallum adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.