



2015 AGM Minutes
Saskatchewan Music Festival Association, Annual General Meeting
November 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by President Nancy Toppings.

Joy McFarlane-Burton, accompanied by Sherry Sproule led the singing of O Canada. This was followed by a moment of silence in memory of volunteers and committee members who have passed away.

Nancy Toppings introduced the current Board members, Executive Director, Carol Donhauser and Adjudicator Liaison, Sandra Kerr.

Nancy Toppings appointed Sandra Senga as recording secretary.

Motion: to accept the agenda as circulated
Darren Schwartz/Dianne Swanson CARRIED

The roll call was conducted by Karen MacCallum. Representatives from the following District Festivals were present: Assiniboia, Battlefords, Biggar, Carnduff, Central Sask, Estevan, Gravelbourg, Kindersley, Kipling, Lafleche, Maple Creek, Meadow Lake, Moose Jaw, Moosomin, Prince Albert, Quill Plains, Regina, Rosetown, Sask Valley, Saskatoon, Shaunavon, Swift Current, Twin Rivers, Unity, Watrous, and Weyburn.

Karen MacCallum noted that there are two Board positions to be filled. Two nominations have been made: Tammy Villeneuve (Meadow Lake) and Kari Mitchell (Oxbow). Karen called for further nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

The minutes of the 2014 AGM as recorded in the Annual Report were presented.

Motion: that the minutes be approved as circulated
Linda Alberts/Robin Swales CARRIED

Business Arising

Karen Unger introduced Leander Dueck from Beyond Wealth which manages the SMFA financial Portfolio. He reported that the balance in the portfolio is \$377,560. A strategic decision to re-balance the portfolio was made to execute the objectives of protecting us from volatile markets. He stated that the portfolio is designed to minimize the downward risk and reap more from the upside and this has been successful.

Karen Unger presented the auditor's report as printed on p.69 of the Annual Report.

Motion: to accept the auditor's report
Karen Unger/Robyn Rutherford CARRIED

Motion: to appoint Marcia Herback as Auditor for the 2015-2016 fiscal year
Anita Kuntz/Dave Sproule CARRIED

Total Assets for 2015 --- \$636,645 Total Liabilities --- \$125,606 Net Assets --- \$511,039

Karen MacCallum made the 2nd call for nominations from the floor. None were received.



Nancy Toppings presented an overview of the 2015 Annual Reports. She also orally presented the Sask. Music Alliance report. She also gave a brief report on National's stating that all seven Saskatchewan competitors placed in the top three ranking in their respective categories with Godwin Friesen (Piano) and Bryan Allen (Percussion) placing first.

Motion: to ratify the motions of the board from the past fiscal year
Linda Alberts/Gail Mergen CARRIED

New Business

The 2016 Wallis Opera Competition will be held on February 20 & 21 in Saskatoon (Convocation Hall – University of Saskatchewan). The judges are Robyn Driedger-Klassen and Michele Capalbo.

The 2016 Provincial Finals will be held in Regina on June 3, 4 & 5.

The 2016 FCMF Conference/AGM/National Music Festival will be in Edmonton from August 8-13.

Greetings from the SRMTA were brought to the assembly by Lauren Kells. Nancy read an e-mail greeting from Jerry Lonsbury from the FCMF.

Carol Donhauser reported on the new website. Due to technical difficulties she was not able to visually present it. The new website was launched in early September. It was designed to improve navigation of the site and make it more visually appealing.

Karen MacCallum made the third and last call for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Motion: to close nominations
Linda Alberts/Robin Swales

Tammy Villeneuve and Kari Mitchell were declared elected by acclamation. Following their election, Kari and Tammy introduced themselves and outlined their involvement with their local festivals.

Nancy Toppings thanked outgoing Board members Donna Kreiser (who was unable to attend the AGM) and Sandra Senga for their service over the past three years. She also thanked ad hoc member Joy McFarlane-Burton for all her hard work and congratulated her on being elected Vice President of the FCMF. Congratulations was also extended to Karen MacCallum for being elected to the Board of the FCMF.

Nancy Toppings extended our sincere gratitude to Carol Donhauser and Sandra Kerr for all of their hard work and dedication to the organization.

Sandra Kerr presented the Best Program Award to the Sask Valley Music Festival. The program fulfilled all the criteria which include having the SMFA logo on the front cover and including all the mandatory advertisements and logos.

Karen MacCallum extended her thanks to all who have said that they would allow their name to be put forward to serve on the Board at a future date.

Nancy announced that the 2016 SMFA Conference and AGM will be held in Swift Current. The dates for the Fall Conference are October 28 & 29.

Dave Sproule adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.
