



2020 AGM Minutes

Saskatchewan Music Festival Association, Annual General Meeting

November 7, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Via Zoom

Sherry Sproule, President, welcomed everyone to the 2020 Saskatchewan Music Festival Association Annual General Meeting after a photo album of past conferences was played for delegates to enjoy, as everyone waited to be let into the meeting.

The roll call was conducted by Nancy Toppings as delegates admitted into the meeting. Sherry Sproule confirmed the roll call. Representatives from **40 District Festivals** were present: Assiniboia, Battlefords, Biggar, Borderland, Carnduff, Central Sask, Estevan, Eston, Gravelbourg, Hafford, Humboldt, Kindersley, La Ronge, Lafleche, Lanigan, Last Mountain, Lloydminster, Mainline, Maple Creek, Meadow Lake, Melfort, Moose Jaw, Moosomin, Nipawin, Outlook, Parkland, Potashville, Prince Albert, Quill Plains, Redvers, Regina, Rosetown, Sask Valley, Saskatoon, Twin Rivers, Unity, Vanguard, Watrous, Weyburn and Yorkton. Not attending were Kipling, Prairie Sunset, Qu'Appelle Valley, Sand Hills, Shaunavon, Spiritwood, and Swift Current.

Sherry recognized that SMFA programs reach lands covered by Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10, the traditional lands of the Cree, Dakota, Dene, Lakota, Nakota and Saulteaux peoples, as well as homeland of the Métis. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

The singing of O Canada by Isabella Girardin was played, followed by a moment of silence in memory of volunteers and committee members departed. Larry Johnson (Music Festival Organizer), Mr. William Shurniak (Concerto Competition sponsor), Greg MacLean and Sandra Ryba (SMFA Adjudicators), Mr. Alan Few (long-time scholarship donor), and June Sutton (past SMFA President) were recognized.

Sherry Sproule appointed Carol Donhauser as recording secretary.

Motion: To approve the agenda. Kaylene Bagwell/Bonnie Nicholson. CARRIED.

Karen Unger announced one Board position to be filled. Myra Schmidt (Nipawin) has been nominated for the 3-year position. Karen called for further nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

The minutes of the 2019 AGM as recorded in the Annual Report were presented. Sherry noted a dating error under Business Arising – fourth line should read Total Assets for **2018/2019**.

Motion: That the minutes be approved with changes. Bren Kennan/Yvonne Sutherland. CARRIED.



Business Arising

Finance Chair Tammy Villeneuve, presented a summary of the Investment Report.

“SMFA investments are managed by Leander Dueck of Beyond Wealth Management. Leander reports that our rate of return for the period of August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 is -0.99%. During the same period the TSX was -0.01%. The rate of return was caused by the timing of redemptions for scholarships in October of 2019 and Wallis Opera Competition in July of 2020 and the percentage of Canadian equity. Given the uncertainty the Canadian and financial markets have faced, this is considered satisfactory performance.”

The auditor’s report was presented as printed on page 64 to 77 of the Annual Report.
Total Assets for 2019/2020 - \$672,309; Total Liabilities - \$165,535; Net Assets - \$506,774

Motion: To accept the auditor’s report. Carmen Ledding/Chelsea Cox. CARRIED.

***Motion: To appoint Marcia Herback as Auditor for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
Karen Unger/Michelle Blohm. CARRIED.***

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

Sherry Sproule presented an overview of the 2020 Annual Report.

Motion: To adopt the annual report as presented. Carmen Ledding/Pam Dmytriw. CARRIED.

***Motion: That the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association withdraw from the National Music Festival.
Kelly Stein/Krista Brost. CARRIED.***

***Motion: That the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association enter into a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with Alberta and BC to participate in a Western Canadian Festival starting in 2022.
Krista Brost/Kaylene Bagwell. CARRIED.***

New Business

Syllabus Changes can be found in your conference handouts. You will note some 12 & under Provincial classes added, as well as the SK Excellence Classes.

Adjudicator Hiring: As many of you know, Saskatchewan is unique in that the Provincial Office performs the adjudicator hiring, recruiting, and training for our member festivals. Some of you may not know that you can make requests for adjudicators on your adjudicator time-frame form when you submit your dates. There is an Adjudicator Directory (under Guides and Forms) on the SMFA website to assist you with your selection. Please do not contact the adjudicator directly until the hiring process has been completed. For the 2021 festival season, we will attempt to slot in adjudicators that were hired last year when possible.

SDA & SMFA Spoken Word e-Festival: The Saskatchewan Drama Association (SDA) and the (SMFA) Spoken Word e-Festival is for Saskatchewan students, ages 5 to 17 years and any level. This program seeks to allow students to prepare, perform and develop their ability to speak with purpose to an audience. Entering the Festival will give you a chance to work towards a goal, improve your public speaking skills, perform and have fun! Deadline for the next Spoken Word e-Festival is November 30, 2020. Classes offered & entry information can also be found on the SMFA home page.



The 2021 Concerto Competition will be held February 20, 2021 as a virtual competition. The Competition is a partnership project with the Regina and Saskatoon Symphony Orchestras and sponsored by the late Mr. William Shurniak. The winner earns a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 and the opportunity to appear as a guest artist with the Regina and Saskatoon Symphony Orchestras. There are also 2nd and 3rd place prizes of \$750 and \$500.

The 2021 Provincial Finals Competition will take place June 4 to 6, 2021. This competition will also be virtual.

Claire Seibold brought greetings from Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers' Association.

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

Motion: To close nominations. Carmen Ledding/Krista Brost. CARRIED.

Motion: To elect, by acclamation, Myra Schmidt, to the SMFA Board of Directors for a 3-year term. Carmen Ledding/Yvonne Sutherland. CARRIED.

Myra outlined her involvement with music festivals. Sherry Sproule welcomed Myra to the Board. Sherry thanked outgoing Board members Karen Unger and Bonnie Nicholson (ad hoc) for their service over the past number of years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.
