

Annual General Meeting of the Western United States Pipe Band Association Held Saturday October 19, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada

Meeting called to order (8:42am)

Welcome and introductions of the Executive Committee and Music Board (8:43am)

Minutes of the 2012 AGM: (8:46am)

Motion to waive the reading of the 2012 minutes, and approve by acclamation (BJ Gunn, 2nd Andrew Lenz)-Approved

Officer Reports:

Vice President Stu Baker (8:49am)

Will be focusing on trying to cut down AGM costs for next year.

Southern Branch President Scott Larson (8:50am)

Happy to have the branch running after the problems with the vote this last year.

Northern Branch President Lisa Graves (8:52am)

In 2014 would like to add a workshop or recital. On Nov.2 big event with workshop and awards dinner.

Intermountain Branch President Drew McPheeters (8:54am)

The area has been hit hard by floods and fires. They have revitalized games that have been dormant several years.

Great Basin Branch President Mike Gibbs (8:56am)

Focus on education and scholarship program. Branch cookout and ceilidh competition was a great success.

Solo Registrar Erin Gunn (8:58am)

510 registered soloists, 41 adjudicators. 29 solo contests held in WUSPBA during 2013.

Band Registrar Kylene Tanner (8:59am)

Kylene is happy to be leaving the band registrar office better than when she got it. Some of the milestone accomplishments for her have been the implementation of a grade 5 competition, the blue sheets, and the online database.

Executive Secretary Andrew Lenz (9:00am)

This year was a bit easier, didn't have to run the vote. Happy to have participated in creating a new WUSPBA logo.

Treasurer Matt Biggs (9:01am)

Presented 2013 budget

Read the audit report

Presented 2014 budget

For this next year we will be trying to cut down on expenses, however it will be mostly consistent with past years. We will be cutting down on printing costs and putting more money into IT development. The presidential discretionary fund was increased to allow the president to travel to all branch AGM's. Motion to approve 2014 budget (BJ Gunn, 2nd Andrew Lenz)-Approve

President Jeff Mann (9:06am)

Thank you for all your work. We have had a great 50 years. Read congratulatory letters from the College of Piping and the National Piping Centre. Introduced the MDAP

committee, they will be focusing on non-competitive events. Started the Commission of Education and Learning (WUSPBA piping and drumming school). John Partanen is the Commissioner. We have established a WUSPBA foundation to raise 4.5 million; going to raise funds to support the school.

Music Board Chairman Andy Trimble (9:16am)

Listed projects the music board has been involved in during 2013. Introduced the WUSPBA 50th anniversary tune book. A few copies of the book were passed around for everyone to see.

New Initiative Reports:

Website-Andy Trimble (9:19am)

In Beta testing, currently there is a link from old website. The new website will go live in a month.

CTAMS-Andy Trimble

The goal is to go paperless for all contests.

Commission of Education and Learning –John Partanen (9:20am)

We have created a certificate program that can be taken to universities. Certificates will be offered in both light music and piobaireachd. Eventually going to have a certificate program for drumming and drum majoring.

MDAP-(9:22am)

Details given during the president's report.

Chief Steward-Larry Erdmann (9:23am)

Encouraged everyone to look at the Contest Handbook available on the WUSPBA website. Would like to have a WUSPBA rep at each event, to perform the same function the same way at each event.

Brief talk about the tune book; we wanted to create a good collection. Very proud-Andy Trimble and Lorne Cousin

Audit committee-Matt Biggs (9:27am)

With an established committee we will have an audit performed every year.

Election of new officers (9:30am)

President-Jeff Mann (nominated by John Partanen, 2nd Mike Gibbs)

Motion to elect by acclamation (Lisa Graves, 2nd BJ Gunn)

Executive Secretary-Erin Gunn (nominated by Mike Gibbs, 2nd Scott Larson)

Motion to elect by acclamation (Drew McPheeters, 2nd?)

Band Registrar-Nancy Theraiult (nominated by Kylene Tanner, 2nd?)

Motion to elect by acclamation (Mike Gibbs, 2nd Kylene Tanner)

Treasurer-Matt Biggs (nominated by Kylene Tanner, 2nd?)

Motion to elect by acclamation (Erin Gunn, 2nd Jeff Mann)

Took a break (9:35am)

Meeting called back to order (9:40am)

We will appoint a solo registrar due to Erin's election to the office of Executive Secretary. Asked the meeting participants to introduce themselves.

Amendments to Bylaws:

Band regrading (9:46am)-Passed by acclamation

Appointment of branch presidents (9:48am)-Passed by acclamation

Solo regrading (9:50am)

Some changes in wording from what was originally sent out-considering them friendly amendments.

Vote on change of grade wording-Passed by acclamation

Vote on change of outside soloists wording-Passed by acclamation

Took some time to discuss how soloists are going to be moved up, what is the mechanism. We are looking at the process and began to test this this weekend. Lise has suggested that judges know that they need to fill out CPL. Have talked to other associations on how they do it.

Vote on amendment with accepted wording change-Passed by acclamation

EC grant waivers (10:07am)

Changed some wording from the original sent out- Friendly amendment to the wording.

Vote on change of wording-Passed by acclamation

Split voting on changes:

Adding "and contest rules" to the existing wording-Passed by acclamation

Adding wording of power to grant waivers. Amendment to add wording requiring any waivers to be published for view by the general membership within 10 days. (Proposed by John Partanen, 2nd Scott Larson)-in favor: 118 Opposed: 115-Passed

Adding wording "due to a natural disaster or an act of God"(proposed by Andrew Morrill, 2nd Kevin MacIntyre)-in favor: 85 Opposed: 104-Failed

Vote to close discussion on amendment-Passed by acclamation

Vote on amendment with accepted wording change- in favor: 143 Opposed: 110-Passed

Amendments to contest rules:

Bass drum grade addition (11:18am)-Withdrawn

Band roster exception-Withdrawn

Removing vote procedures (11:19am)-Passed by acclamation

Band 15 day transfer (11:20am)-Passed by acclamation

Registered instructor vote by EC (11:22am)-Passed by acclamation

Break (11:24am)

Presentation of the 50th anniversary cake (11:34am)

Lunch (11:58am)

Meeting resumed (1:03pm)

Same day game sanctioning (1:03pm)

Motion to table and refer to committee (John Partanen, 2nd John Biggar)-Passed

Scheduling single organization band (1:15pm)-In favor: 136 opposed: 87-Passed

Solo piping music sheets (1:39pm)-Failed

Grade 5 MS68 elimination (1:42pm)-Failed

Grade 5 bands replace MS68 with TLM (1:58pm)

Friendly amendment proposed by the MB: 2-4 parts of march, slow march, 2-4 parts of march. Tunes may also be used in another set. (Andy Trimble, 2nd Mike Gibbs)-Passed
Vote on amendment with wording change-Passed

Grade 4 bands MMSR (2:09pm)-Failed

Solo drumming recorded music (2:15pm)

Proposed amendment from the MB accepted as a friendly amendment: there can be no drum score on the recording for snare drummers, tenor and bass may have a snare drum accompaniment. Vote on amendment with wording change-Passed

Games announcements (2:25pm)

Logo contest winners (2:42pm)

Andrew Lenz-1st
Dale Hawkins-2nd
Bob Cameron-3rd

Tune Contest (2:44pm)

Tom Robinson-1st place, 1st tune in the WUSPBA tune book

Presidents closing remarks (2:45pm)

Possibility of a contest starting in Mesquite, the AGM will be held in conjunction with this event. The AMG would be on Friday with the games being Saturday and Sunday.

Meeting adjourned (2:46pm)