

Annual General Meeting of the Western Unites States Pipe Band Association

Held Saturday November 18, 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona

Meeting called to order, quorum was established (8:11am)

Minutes of the 2016 AGM (8:12am)

Motion to waive the reading of the 2016 minutes, and approve by acclamation (Jeff Mann, 2nd BJ Gunn)-APPROVED

Welcome by President Andrew Morrill (8:13am)

Attendee Introductions (8:15am)

Report from Music Board Chairman Ken Sutherland (8:23am)

Budget Presentation by Treasurer Nate Lorenz (8:38am)

2017 budget and actuals were presented

2018 proposed budget was presented

Motion to accept the treasurer report and approve the 2018 budget (BJ Gunn, 2nd Lise Nelson)-APPROVED

Officer Elections (8:46am)

President-Kevin Conquest was nominated

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

Executive Secretary-Christina Marshall was nominated

Motion to close nominations and elect by acclamation (Jeff Mann, 2nd Ryan Ballchuck)

Treasurer-Nate Lorenz was nominated

Motion to close nominations and elect by acclamation (Suzan Karayel, 2nd Christina Marshall)

Band Registrar-Jeff Mann was nominated

Motion to close nominations and elect by acclamation (Lise Nelson, 2nd Jeff Henderson)

Amendments to Bylaws

Authority to refuse membership (8:54am)

Motion to send to committee (Lise Nelson, 2nd Stu Baker)-passed. This amendment will be sent to a committee to be named by the Executive Committee.

Amendments to Contest Rules

Adding a small pipes category (9:02am)-FAILED

Motion to refer to the Music Board (Stu Baker, no second)-motion was withdrawn.

Playing in another grade (9:06am)-PASSED

Change to rules regarding solo leets

Friendly amendment to restore the word approximately-passed (185 for, 77 against)

Vote on proposal with amendment-PASSED

Method to determine aggregate (9:35am)-PASSED

Exclusion of solo competitors (9:50am)-FAILED

Exclusion of band competitors (9:55am)-FAILED

BREAK (9:56am)

Called back to order (10:13am)

Dress Requirements in heat (10:14am)

Author struck out specific temperature requirements, and a friendly amendment was accepted with the following wording “However, in the event that the above presents some issue of health or safety, the above may be waived by the contest organizer or WUSPBA Rep. In such conditions, bands may wear the uniform designated by the Pipe Major, provided that it is in good taste and does not conflict with any local contest rules.”-passed

Vote on proposal with amendment-PASSED

Band Disqualification due to tardiness (10:38am)

Friendly amendment to change within to after their-passed

Friendly amendment to change disqualified to will not play-passed

Motion to send to committee (Ken Sutherland, 2nd Christina Marshall)-passed. This proposal will be sent to committee to be assigned by the Executive Committee

Clarify band circle, final tuning location, etc. (10:57am)

Author requested that this proposal be sent to committee along with the previous proposal. This proposal will be sent to committee to be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Changes to Registered Instructor (11:04am)

This proposal was withdrawn by the author.

Change to Grade 5 QMM requirements (11:05am)

Friendly amendment delaying this proposal take effect until 2019 (Ross Naismith, 2nd Rose Hadden)-passed.

Friendly amendment deleting the requirement for simple time marches (Ross Naismith, 2nd unsure)-passed (174 for 84 against)

Vote on proposal with amendments-PASSED (180 for, 98 against)

Change to Grade 4 MSR requirements (11:29am)

Friendly amendment delaying this proposal take effect until 2019 (Ross Morrill, 2nd Chris Hossick)-passed

Motion to close discussion and vote (Amara Reddick, 2nd Scott MacDonald)

Vote on proposal with amendment-PASSED (245 for, 36 against)
Change to the number of required pipers in Grade 4 (11:56am)-PASSED
Comprehensive Reorganization of rule 7 of Contest Rules (11:58am)-PASSED

Closing Remarks by Andrew Morrill (12:02pm)

Thank you to the Desert Branch for hosting this year's AGM.

2018 AGM will be held in Denver, CO

2019 AGM will be held in the Northern Branch

Meeting Adjourned (12:06pm)