

OCTOBER 2022 AGM

Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: Annual General Meeting
 Meeting Called by: Edmonton String Players Association
 Date: October 1, 2022
 Time: 10:00 am
 Location: MEP Office - Ascension Lutheran Church
 8405 83 St., Edmonton AB T6C 2Z2



ATTENDEES			
Karen Hipson President	Maryse Bouchard Vice-President	Miriam Ferguson Conductor	Sheila Hart
Chissa Schmuhl	Ward Chickoski	Gina Haberstock	Maria Suchocki
Madeleine Leger	Cam Regehr	Mat Stepney	Alana Shrubsole
Daniel Spanu	Heather Fehr	Marjan M.Jaberi	Liliana Filipoiu
Frank Cavaliere	Yan Li	Marlaine Osgood	Julie Zettl
Margaret Ushko			

MINUTES
<p>Call to Order: 10:00am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was established that the meeting has quorum. Member attendance was recorded from the sign-in sheet.
<p>Agenda Approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION: Frank Cavaliere moved to approve the agenda. Daniel Spanu seconded the motion. Motion carried.
<p>Adoption of 2021 AGM Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION: Cam Regehr moved to adopt the 2021 AGM Minutes. Chissa Schmuhl seconded the motion. Motion carried.
<p>Adoption of Minutes from last General Meeting (held on May 12, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION: Ward Chickoski moved to adopt the Last General Meeting Minutes. Gina Haberstock seconded the motion. Motion carried.
<p>President's Report & Financial Update: KAREN HIPSON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2021-2022 season was a season of transition , from COVID restriction to slowly returning to a new kind of normal. The rehearsals were held the whole year, with health protocols in place, and we were able to have a live concert in May! (the first live performance since our Winterfest concert in December 15, 2019!)

- Last season we had two Thursday orchestra for youth and two adults groups that grew slowly through the year. Under the direction of Patricia and Miriam they worked really hard all year and they were fantastic at the year-end celebration!
- Another project last year was a video performance in December that shared online with parents and members. Special thanks to Brian Dunsmore who donated his time to record the videos at Christmas, and to Jonathan Ehlers who recorded our May performance!
- Both our secretary and treasurer had to vacate their positions before the end of the year. We have 2 nominees for the positions.
- The financial impact of the past two years has been significant, as highlighted in the financial reports that all members received. Because of COVID restrictions and delays, the funds from AGL Casino and AGL Bingo that our organization was able to secure in the past years, were not available in 2020 and 2021! Thankfully our financial reserves as able to keep us going, and we are still in reasonably good financial shape! We are also scheduled for Casino in November, which will get our finances back on track.
- We have successfully applied and received the City of Edmonton's Community Investment Operating Grant in the amount of . Christine Regehr, Andrew Hoskins and the Grants Committee members made this possible and we are greatly appreciating their efforts!
- Many thanks to Kathy Walters, our fundraising coordinator, for her hard work! Anyone who has ideas for fundraisers or wants to help Kathy please feel free to contact her.
- Karen encouraged everyone to be involved in our organization, share their ideas and help when needed!
- Karen presented the executive members for the 2021-2022 season, encouraged everyone to show their appreciation to board members for their work.
- This season enrollment was higher than last year, we have three ensembles for youth and two for adults, and we have again three conductors :Miriam for beginners and adults on Monday, Patricia for Thursday orchestra, Daniel for Fiddlinists ensemble on Monday.
- Karen presented next a brief financial update, acknowledging our previous treasurer Tony's work.
- A budget summary was circulated. Last year we budgeted for a net loss of , based on the expectation of the costs that are fairly constant. In actuality , even though we had slightly higher registration and additional income from smaller fundraisers, but a lower grant amount than we hoped for, we ended the year with a net loss of
- Nguyen Scott Chartered Professional Accountants prepared our year-end financial documents, they will be the ones doing it for this year also.
- Our year-end financial report will be posted on our website when complete, if members want to see the report during the year that can be arranged.
- For this year our anticipated revenue is expenses , with a net gain of , leaving us with just over in the bank for the 2023-2024 season.

- Question answered about the reason for the much higher revenues prior to 2020. Music Enrichment Program was running school-based group classes at that time, with many students enrolled across the city. Those classes ended along with our relationship with EPSB.
- MOTION: Liliana Filipoiu made a motion to approve financial statements and budget. Julie Zettl seconded it. Motion carried.
- Auditor Appointments. Two members volunteered to be auditors. Much appreciated.

Election of Executive Officers

- President: Karen Hipson is willing to continue for one more year as President. (uncontested)
- Vice President: Maryse Bouchard is willing to continue her term as Vice president. (uncontested)
- Secretary: The board recommends Liliana Filipoiu, the sole nominee for the position of Secretary. All in favor. Carried
- Treasurer: The board recommends Daniel Spanu, the sole nominee for the position of Treasurer. All in favor. Carried.

Election of Directors of the Board

- The two active directors agreed to continue one more term: Judith Jenei Director\Casino Chair and Kathy Walters Director\Fundraising Coordinator.
- We have one nominee present for the third director position - Julie Zettl. All in favor. Carried.

Changes to Bank Account Responsibilities

- MOTION- Frank Cavaliere moved to remove past executives. Alana Shrubsole second it. Motion passed.
- MOTION- Margaret Ushko moved to add all new elected executives to all ESPA bank accounts of MEP. Heather Fehr second it. Motion passed.

Additional Volunteer Needs:

- Two members volunteered to be Assistants to Treasurer and Secretary.
- In the absence of an adult interested in the position, we will consider one of the older students from Monday Orchestra who is willing to help with promoting the Music Enrichment Program online.

New Business

- The pros and cons of keeping the Bingo License was brought up to members. The members decided to cancel the license. Cam Regehr moved to approve the

motion. Liliana Filipoiu second it. Motion carried.

Reminders

- No Monday rehearsals on October 10 and no Fiddlinists rehearsal on October 31.
- Volunteers are still needed for the Casino in November.
- Dates for the General Meetings for this year will be sent out by email.

Meeting Adjourned

- MOTION: Daniel Spanu moved to adjourn the meeting. Julie Zettl seconded . Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.