November 19, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: Board
Meeting Called by: Edmonton String Players Association
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location:Zoom

Attendees:
Cam McCormick, President
Kathy Walters, Vice President
Krista Hewson, Events Coordinator
Liliana Filipoiu, Secretary/Treasurer
Margaret Usko, Fundraising Coordinator
Amy Archibald, new board member at large

Call to order: 7:01 PM
It was established that the meeting has a quorum.

Introductions- Round table.

Agenda Approval
MOTION: Krista moved to approve the agenda. Liliana seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes from the last Meeting
Last meeting was the AGM in June 8th, they must be approved at the next AGM, in 2025.

President's Report- Cam McCormick

Getting up to speed with the bylaws (reviewing and making notes of the bylaws and policies that need to be updated) getting to know the financial situation of the organization and what else is needed to be able to support better the organization. (One

pressing matter is that we need to find someone willing and capable of taking over for the Treasurer position.)

Treasurer Report

• Audit for 2022-2023 complete, pending report and submission to AB Societies
• Audit for 2023-2024 still pending
• General Operating Account
• Casino Account
• As of Oct 31, 2024, remaining from Nov 2022 casino funds, which needs to be spent by Nov 2025.
• E-transfer Account (to be transferred to GOA end of month).

Reports from Chairs or Special Committees

Kathy

Enrollment:

- Adults-this year we have 2 adults' groups, for a total of 28 members
- Level 1- 16 members (plus 1 new enrollment).
- Level 2- 38 members (most of them are violins, with 2 on the waiting list).
- Level 3- 10 members (we had 12, but 2 decided that it is not a good fit for them at this moment).

Photos:

The parents had a positive response to having pictures of their children with the instruments last year, so we think it is a good idea to pursue this year also, but we will do it after Christmas, since this time of the year is usually very busy, and we are right before the winter concert. One great suggestion is to add our organization's logo and the year on one corner of the pictures.

Safety concerns

There have been some issues with the homeless people sleeping around the entrance and hanging out in the parking lot. So, if we won't have volunteers to watch the entrance, we will lock the doors 15-20 minutes after the rehearsals begin.

Ryan

Not present, but Cam was informed that the membership responded positively to the call for volunteers for Casino and Concert, so there are no concerns for now regarding volunteering.

Margaret

FundScrip going out a bit later than usual, but it is out, and we are hoping for a good turnout.

Newsletter it is a good idea, but Margaret does not have the time for it, so we will pursue it at the next meeting.

Unfinished business

We need to purchase 20 additional folding chairs- table that for the next meeting. (no decision was made).
Looking for a bookkeeper for longer term- Karen is not present, so we will table that for one of the next meetings.
We need a new Treasurer, we hope that enough parents will be present to our next general meetings and one of them will be willing to take over this position,
New board member at large
MOTION: Cam moved to vote Amy Archibald as new board member at large. Kathy seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

New business

No new business for now.

MOTION: Cam brought up the motion to approve the reports that we just got during this meeting. Kathy moved. Liliana seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Scheduling or reminder of next meetings date

Next meetings are set as following:
December 3rd, 2024; January 14th ,2025; February 11th, 2025; March 11th ,2025; April 8th 2025.
The AGM will be sometimes in May 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM