December 3, 2024

Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees:
Cam McCormick, President
Kathy Walters, Vice President
Ryan Heit, Volunteer Coordinator
Liliana Filipoiu, Secretary/Treasurer
Margaret Usko, Fundraising Coordinator
Karen Hipson
Gavin Lam
Vanessa Kay
Heather Reimer
Corey Haberstock
Sharene Gator
Jessica Gagne
Ratidzayi Nyenya
Jie Zheng

Call to order: 7:02 PM
It was established that the meeting has a quorum.

Introductions- Round table.

Agenda Approval

- MOTION: Margaret moved to approve the agenda as presented. Liliana seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes from the last Meeting

- MOTION: Kathy moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Corey seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

President's Report- Cam McCormick

- There are a lot of things going on right now, the winter concert is the main thing we are focussing our attention on. At the same time, the board is aware of the fact that we might be in need of finding a new location in the future, currently we are looking at different options , and we will bring to the members attention when we find the best option (if necessary).
- On behalf of all members of the board, Cam would like to acknowledge and thank Ryan for his extraordinary effort to have this Casino run as smoothly as it has. THANK YOU, RYAN!

Treasurer Report

- Operating Account:
- Casino Account:
- E-transfer Account:

- There remains from the November 2022 casino funds, which needs to be spent by November 2025. We are using these funds for more than just teacher wages now and shouldn't have an issue with spending it, but it would be prudent to consider spending some of it on items that have been discussed in the past or recently like more folding chairs, a locking office file cabinet; a 3/4 bass or two. Historically casino money was used only to pay the teachers and admin staff, because that made up the majority of MEP's expenses when we had programs running in multiple schools in addition to the orchestras. MEP has an approved list of uses on file; if anything does not fit that list or exceeds the limits, it must be paid for out of the operating account.

- The members audit for 2023-2024 will need to be done in the near future and that provides an opportunity for another member to fulfill their volunteer commitment. Marvin said he'd be willing to do that one as well. We are waiting on Marvin to complete the summary from the 2022-2023 audit and get it signed

Reports from Chairs or Special Committees
Kathy- Vice President

- Not a lot on the list today, most pressing is the matter of the extra 20 chairs that we need to acquire. I have a quote from Costco, it will cost $600.00 plus GST for all. This is something that we need, it has been requested by Patricia for a while now.
- MOTION: Kathy moved to approve this expense. Cam seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ryan

- Casino is done, everything went great, we had more than enough volunteers, the application for next year is already filed, just need to finish the Casino report.
- I am tracking the volunteers on a spreadsheet to be available for everybody, if anyone needs to see it, please send an email. On the same note, all volunteer positions for the upcoming concert are filled, except MC and photographer\videography. (Corey might be interested in offering his expertise in creating audio and video recordings for the concert)

Krista

The report was presented by Cam tonight:

- Emails for the venue were sent out
- Advertising for the concert was also done on social media

Margaret

- With Kathy's and Karen's help, we submitted the first FunScrip(we sold about $18,000 and our share is about $600-$800) of this year. It is easy to do, our members love this type of fundraiser, even if the profit is not that big, it is something that is worth doing.

MOTION: Cam brought up the motion to approve the reports that we just got as presented. Kathy moved. Ryan seconded. All in favor. Motion carried

Unfinished business

- Looking for a bookkeeper for longer term- Karen is our bookkeeper at the moment, but this is going to be her last year, so it will be great if we can have someone that will have the chance to get the training much needed for this position before the season is done.

- Newsletter – Margaret has volunteered to do a Template for a Newsletter, and we hope someone will be able to take it from there

New business

- Silent auction
- 50/50 Fundraiser
  One of our members has some great ideas for our end of the year concert, these include having a silent auction and a 50/50 fundraiser, we think all of these are wonderful ideas that are worth looking into.

Scheduling or reminder of next meetings date

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

MOTION: Corey brought up the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM