



PPBSO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 19, 2024

Present: Michele Curtis, Andrew Giles, Jim McGillivray, Jamie Blacklock, Charlie MacDonald, Kevin Shand, John Allen, Brian Robertson, Julie Stewart, Malkie Bow, Brad Davidson, Dylan Whittemore, Michael Grey, Don Elliott

Apologies: Anne Siegmiller, Sharon Duthart

Call to order – 9:00 am

The minutes of the meeting was proposed and seconded and was unanimous.

The minutes of both May and September meetings was proposed and seconded and was unanimous.

President's Report

Update to board on legal counsel related to suspended member's lawsuit against the PPBSO and individual board members.

Confirmed that, as has been customary, the PPBSO is using the correct meeting rules, Wainberg's Rules of Order.

Committee Reports

Finance

Motion to approve draft year-end financials – proposed and seconded and was unanimous.

Where we qualify we will continue to pursue available government grant programs.

Music Committee

Report from Drum Major Shannon Brooks was read related to the September Canadian Armed Forces piping, drumming and drum majoring workshop. A very successful workshop from D/M Brooks' perspective

Motion to approve 2024 band upgrades – was proposed and seconded and was unanimous.

Grade 5 – Grade 4 Ottawa Caledonia

Grade 4 – Grade 3 Guelph Pipe Band

Grade 3 – Grade 2 Guelph Pipe Band

Grade 2 – Grade 1 No upgrades



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Motion to approve two 2024 solo upgrades – Grade 1 to Professional – Henry Paluch and Adam Tingskou - proposed and seconded and was unanimous (Jim McGillivray and Michael Grey recused themselves from this vote due to their teaching involvement)

Governance Committee

Special General Meeting: voting summary reviewed

Draft Code of Conduct and Ethics reviewed. Governance Committee will continue to fine tune.

Chairing of the AGM and Rules of Order was discussed.

AGM: Confirmed - December 7th – 10 am.

Updated Code of Conduct - reviewed and discussed. Board to convene in the coming week for consideration.

Discussion related to updated bylaws and the grandfathering of member term limits. Motion to determine years of service on the board starting as of December 7, 2024 – proposed and seconded and was unanimous.

Ombudsmen role: updated details to be determined.

Updated voting proxy policy in development and soon to be presented to the board for consideration.

Education Committee — no meetings, no report - meeting in October

Administrator's Report – Memberships will be open after the AGM.

Update on meetings with games committees. A reminder that all committees need to submit names of active members so that Confidentiality agreements are signed.

Kincardine games discussed. The board feeling is that a message will be sent to members related to our position.

Secretary's Report – Championship Supreme Gala – November 23 plans well underway.

New Business

A PPBSO-managed and sponsored games was discussed (Rockton Fairgrounds, Hamilton, ON). We will continue to investigate.

Governance committee representatives reminded all that with updated bylaws record keeping is extremely important,



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Branch Reports/Round Table

Toronto– Logistics required Knock-out contest dates to change. AGM postponed.
Branch website has been compromised (hacked) and is still an issue.

Niagara Hamilton – AGM Nov 9

Western - AGM coming up.

Windsor – Brian – AGM held last Tuesday – A discussion on merging both W-D with Western was discussed.

Motion to make the Chair of the MC as an ex-officio member of the board – was proposed and seconded and was unanimous.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – was proposed and seconded and was unanimous.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD, 9th November, 2024

Secretary: Michele Curtis