

Nov. 28th, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: General
Meeting Called by: Edmonton String Players Association
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Online



Attending:

Karen Hipson, President
Tony Tucci, Treasurer
Andrew Hoskins, Vice-President
Christine Regehr, Secretary
Courtney Cline, Registrar
Patricia Estrabrooks, Program Coordinator
Judit Jenei, Member at Large (joined for a few minutes at 10:42)
Guillaume Tardif, Member at Large

Tracy Lee-Kong
Kay Oladele
Karen Louie
Jeanet Eneng
Teresa Truong
Kathryn Dong
Danny Lee
Elaina Babij
Arun Bhowmick
Sylvie Lambert
Zhiyuan Fu
Daliborka Skobic
Gina Salcedo

MOTION: Karen Hipson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3rd Annual General Meeting. Tony Tucci seconded the motion. Danny Lee, Karen Hipson, Sylvie Lambert, Guillaume Tardif, Teresa Truong, Karen Louie, Elaine Babij, Tracy Lee-Kong, Dali Skobic, Arun Bhomick, and Christine Regehr voted in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION: Guillaume Tardif made a motion to adopt the agenda. Karen Hipson seconded the motion. Tracy Lee-Kong, Zhiyuan Fu, Danny Lee, Karen Louie, Sylvie Lambert, Karen Hipson, Christine Regehr and Tony Tucci voted in favour. Motion carried.

Executive Update

REPORT by Karen Hipson: Board members were introduced. Karen Hipson reported on the last two executive meetings. She also reported on the removal of the previous executive from bank accounts and CRA corporate registries and the addition of the new executive to these accounts.

Karen reminded members that MEP is a non-profit organization and is able to issue tax receipts.

Financial Update

REPORT by Tony Tucci:

An audit was completed on Oct. 31st 2020 by Stephen Walt, Omar M., Toni Tucci and Sherlyn. Sherlyn submitted the audit.

Tony also updated the membership on the budget. MEP projects a \$55,000 deficit for the coming year, mainly because registrations are down. Refunds due to Covid-19 also account for decreased revenue last year. The trend needs to reverse or MEP will only be able to operate for a couple of years more.

Expenses can be reduced slightly but will not compensate for lower revenues. In addition, the casino is not likely to happen this year.

Tony attached the budget file to the chat box.

ACTION: Tony Tucci will separate teachers from orchestra conductors in the budget for 2017 and 2018 to give a clearer picture.

Sustainability/Vision

REPORT by Andrew Hoskins on a sustainability subcommittee:

Andrew strongly encouraged interested members to contact him about joining the subcommittee and to get involved. The sustainability subcommittee will consider the vision of MEP, make a plan for the future of MEP and put plans into action. A discussion followed including the subject of fundraising.

ACTION: The board will collect testimonials communicating the value of MEP for promotional purposes.

Programming

REPORT: Tony presented the revised description recently written for CRA to reflect MEP's current reality.

Covid-19

REPORT: Karen Hipson reported on the newly established Covid-19 subcommittee and invited parents to join. The subcommittee will keep informed of AHS recommendations and respond accordingly.

REPORT: Karen Hipson reported on the board's agreement to allow parents to warm up in the entrance way with various conditions, as previously emailed out. She thanked members for their help with sanitizing and announced that Courtney will put out a new sign up list for second semester.

ACTION: Courtney will create a new sign up list for second semester.

Casino

ACTION: Courtney will distribute an update from Judit Jenei on the casino and send it to members.

Volunteering

Karen Hipson encouraged members to consider areas of expertise they could offer to benefit the program.

The next board meeting will occur in approximately two months, but an appeal was made to please reach out before then.

ACTION: The board will set a date for the next general meeting and Courtney will send it out to the membership.

Adjournment

MOTION: Karen Hipson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11 a.m. Guillaume seconded the motion. All voted in favour. Motion passed.