

“H” Division Mounted Police Pipes & Drums Society

2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes Sunday, March 29, 2015

1. **Call To Order** – Meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by Heather Pomeroy (for Chair Denis Stairs).
2. **Welcoming Remarks** - Chair welcomed all present and confirmed presence of a quorum to conduct the meeting.
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Moved by Michael Sears, 2nd by Bill Pritchard. Carried.
4. **Approval of Previous AGM (2013) Minutes.** – The Chair noted that minutes of the previous AGM could not be located. Through discussion with the membership, it was generally determined that the business carried at the meeting was in the normal course of the Society’s operations. Should minutes be later located or reconstructed based on recollections of those present, they would be presented to the membership for approval at a later date.
5. **Reports:**

Pipe Major: Heather Pomeroy, P/M, gave a PowerPoint presentation covering:

- Overview and confirmation of the band’s purpose and mandate.
- Review of 2014 activities, including the band’s major trips to St. Pierre and Europe, as well as the celebration of the organization’s 10th anniversary in April 2014.
- Noted the transition of the Pipe Major position from Wayne Moug to Heather Pomeroy in August 2014 due to Wayne’s leave of absence, and the addition of Bill Pritchard to Pipe Sergeant. Another transition for the band was the official retirement of Pipe Sergeant Bob Smith on December 31, 2014.
- Total of 12,630 volunteer hours in 2014, and the organization’s roster was 65-70 personnel, including 38 dressed and active band members (a decline from prior years due to retirements and health and family commitments), 6 members of the flag party, and a dance troupe of 20-25.
- P/M presented an outlook for 2015, including planned trips and opportunities, future plans for practice format, and a presentation of ongoing challenges, including recruitment.

Treasurer: Mac Fyfe presented financial position of band as of 31 December 2015:

Cash in bank, January 1, 2014	\$30,918
Net change in cash for 2015	<u>(731)</u>
Cash in bank, December 31, 2014	\$30,187
Plus 3 GICs	<u>27,189</u>
 Total cash available	 <u>\$57,376</u>

A listing of cash sources and cash expenditures was also provided for 2015. Members requested that future financial summaries also show the prior year figures. The treasurer agreed that this would be tried on future reports.

Band Manager: No formal report. Michael Sears discussed the band’s plans for 2015.

BED: No formal report.

6. **Motion to Approve Reports as submitted:** Moved by Mac Fyfe, 2nd by Kevin MacDonald. Carried.
7. **Proposed 2015 Budget:**

Budget for 2015: Heather Pomeroy and Mac Fyfe presented a draft budget for anticipated revenues and expenditures for 2015. The band must continue efforts to raise funds as the budget for cruise ship revenue was decreased based on expected schedule.

Motion to approve 2015 Budget. Moved by Mac Fyfe, 2nd Michael Sears. Carried.

8. **Nomination Committee Report:**

Denis Stairs, Chair of the Nomination Committee, provided an overview of the nominations process and subsequent appointments articulated in his report. The Nomination Committee for the year was Denis Stairs, Heather Pomeroy, Allan Rogers, and George Farmer. The Nomination Committee recommended that the following members of the Society be elected as Directors by the membership at the AGM:

1. Heather Pomeroy
2. Angela Corscadden
3. Marion Fraser
4. Forest ("Mac") Fyfe
5. Kevin MacDonald
6. Donald Margeson
7. Bill Pritchard
8. Allan Rogers
9. Michael Sears
10. Paul Smith
11. Denis Stairs
12. Patti Tabor
13. Aileen Davis & Andrea Salisbury (Co-Directors representing the Dance Troupe)

The Committee further recommended that the following be elected as Officers:

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| 1. Heather Pomeroy | -- | Chair of the Society |
| 2. Denis Stairs | -- | Vice-Chair |
| 3. Mac Fyfe | -- | Treasurer |
| 4. Marion Fraser | -- | Secretary |
| 5. Allan Rogers | -- | "H" Division P. & D. Volunteer Program Coordinator |

The report also listed the Society's current Executive appointments and musical leadership holdings as of the date of the AGM.

Motion: Denis moved to have report accepted and approved, 2nd Kevin MacDonald. Carried.

9. **BREAK.**

10. **Elections:** Call for nominations further to those in Denis' report. As none were forthcoming, the Chair called for the acceptance of the slate presented, 2nd by Kevin MacDonald. Carried.

11. **Honours & Awards:**

K. MacDonald reiterated that band wishes to recognize those who contribute significantly. He then offered a breakdown of those nominated recognizing their positive contributions to the band.

- Distinguished Service Award – P/S Brian Morrison, CD
- Taylor-Graham-Gillis Espirit de Corps Award – P/S Bob Smith and Ian Taylor
- Moug-Margeson Fir Granite Award – Wayne Moug, D/S Donald Margeson

12. **By-Laws Review Committee Report:**

A Notice of Motion to approve revised by-laws of the Society was sent to the membership by Kevin MacDonald, Honorary Legal Counsel, on March 20, 2015, as well as a copy of drafted by-law revisions. The Society's by-laws had not been previously reviewed and edited since 2010. A By-Law Review Committee was put in place by the Executive during the year to review the current by-laws and propose edits and make the language more consistent and in line with the Society's actual practice.

The By-Laws Review Committee consisted of Kevin MacDonald, Heather Pomeroy, and Allan Rogers.

Discussion of the proposed by-law changes ensued. As members felt that more time was needed for review and certain further changes were suggested for consideration, it was felt that the approval of by-law changes be deferred to a later meeting.

13. Other Business:

The Pipe Major noted that recruitment was necessary to the long-term goals of the band and noted that the minimum playing standard was Grade 4 competitive level.

14. Motion to Adjourn:

There being no other business meeting was adjourned at 1345 hrs. Moved by Bill Pritchard. Carried.