

Ukulele Club of Winnipeg
AGM Minutes
September 19, 2017

Present: Linda, Kate, Fred, Susan, Bob, Elmer, Kaj, Keith, Roger, Tim

Regrets: Scott, Carole, Tony, Leanne, John, Lynn

Meeting was held at the Casa Grande.

1. President welcomed members and noted regrets. Since the Secretary was not present, the Minutes of the last AGM were not read. Because the Year in Review took up each of the decision items from the previous AGM, the business arising was handled in the discussion of that Review. Kate agreed to take the minutes.
2. President presented 2016-2017 Year in Review Report including 2016 AGM decisions:
 - a. President registered the Ukulele Club of Winnipeg with the Province.
 - b. President opened a bank account with Assiniboine Credit Union at 1210 St. Mary's Road.
 - c. President organized Open Mic Nite events.
 - i. Two were held at the Belgium Club to great success and a third was part of a picnic at Upper Fort Garry Hilderman Memorial Picnic in June.
 - d. President found and negotiated a home for the Club Jams at the Viscount Gort Hotel, which has provided free space (a value of about \$2500 over the year) and favourable rates for the ukulele conference next year.
 - i. A decision to place a deposit to hold the biennial festival space is needed in this AGM.
 - e. Discussion about the old Strum and Suds jams at the Kings Head and the new arrangements at the Viscount Gort, noting the loss of atmosphere and acknowledging the benefit of consistent availability, steady welcome, available parking, bar services, and enough space for members to play together.
 - f. Discussion on how to arrange seating in orchestra lines to make it easier for players to keep together and to include some seating for people who want to visit or sing along.
3. President and others continue to work on the Winnipeg Song Book.
 - a. Song list is nearing completion with the gathering of more Canadian songs.
 - b. One third of the songs are formatted.
 - c. Completing and Publishing the Song Book is slated for the upcoming year.
4. The Executive met three times over the year to address issues and manage the decisions of implementing the Club's goals.
5. Achievements of the Club over 2016-2017 included but not limited to:
 - a. First Annual Upper Fort Garry Hilderman Memorial Picnic on June 30
 - b. Flash Mob at the St. Vital Mall in December 2016
 - c. Strides for Melanoma event in September 2016
 - d. Numerous gigs in Seniors' Residences and Retirement Centers, including several Prairie Aloha performances
 - e. two Manitoba Hal Workshops
 - f. Several paid gig opportunities for interested members
6. President provided stats for the use of the Web Site which included;
 - a. 26,000 visits over the last 2 years

- b. Visitors to the site came from 40 places in Manitoba, 30 places in Canada, 30 places in the US, and included international visits from Europe, Turkey, UK etc.
 - c. Currently 300 subscribers to the Club E-list receiving the Club Newsletter
 - i. 68% open rate & 35% click-through rate
7. Preview of year ahead included;
- a. Continuing the Web Site and Newsletters
 - b. Hosting Open Mic Nites
 - c. Jams at the Viscount Gort every other Sunday
 - d. Monthly jams at Casa Grande
 - e. Presenting workshops as opportunity permits
 - f. Publishing the Winnipeg Song Book
 - g. Planning for the ukulele festival, scheduled for September 27-28, 2018.
8. Restatement of organization's vision.
- a. The members discussed changing the Constitution so that the terms of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are changed to two years to coincide with the two year run up to the festival.
9. Treasurer's Report. Carole was absent, so Tim presented overview of 2016-2017 UCW Assets & Liabilities.
- a. A Statement of Accounts was presented showing Revenue of \$4595.30 with Expenses of \$3030.94 leaving a net balance of \$1,564.36 for the fiscal year.
 - b. Fred/Keith Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Passed unanimously.
10. Election of Officers
- a. President. Fred/Roger Motion to nominate Tim. Elmer Motion to close nominations. Passed.
 - b. Vice-President. Elmer/Keith Motion to nominate Kate. Consensus to close nominations. Passed.
 - c. Secretary. Fred/Kate Motion to nominate Keith. Consensus to close nominations. Passed
 - d. Members applauded the work done by our Executive Committee
11. UCW Festival
- a. President summarized some positions for the festival planned for September 27-28.
 - i. Recruitment to start in the fall
 - b. Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer have agreed in principle to come, present workshops and a concert.
 - c. CF Casey Guitars has made a donation to cover their plane fare. Applause.
 - d. President and Vice President to work on Agreement with Cathy & Marcy to secure them for the festival.
 - i. C. F. Casey Guitars announced that it would pick up any shortfall in the amount owing to Marcy and Cathy in the event that the Festival cannot cover their \$1500 US appearance fee, airfare and accommodation. Applause and thanks!
 - e. President will contact the Winnipeg Folk Festival to seek publicity and support for the festival.
 - f. Fred/Roger Motion to pay the Viscount Gort a deposit for the festival dates September 27-28, 2018. Passed.

- g. Working Festival budget shows 120 attendees for the Full Festival package (\$125CDN) to break even.

12. General Business

a. Workshops.

- i. Members approved offering one Workshop by Manitoba Hal with a focus on Beginners.
- ii. Decision to not plan a second workshop for intermediate at this time.
- iii. We also agreed to not pursue a concert by Hal in that the payment would depend on the attendance since we could not guarantee \$500 at the door.

b. Fund Raising.

- i. President discussed a Raffle to continue over the year and culminate at the Festival. Paperwork needs to be filed with provincial regulatory body first.

13. Decision to hold next AGM October 16, 2018, to allow enough time after the festival for planners to wrap up the information.

14. Meeting adjourned. Members stayed to eat delicious pizza and play ukulele.

Recorded by Keith Fulton and Kate Ferris