

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UKULELE CLUB OF WINNIPEG HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16th, 2018 at the VISCOUNT GORT

Members in attendance: President Tim Hogue, Kate Ferris, Fred Casey, Scott Sauder, Kelly Ryback, Bob Cooper, Keith Fulton, Margot Morrish, Phil Natividad, Roger Ross, Pam McConnell, Colin Milroy, Kathy Creasy, Anthony Ducharme, Glen Napady, Roseitha Napady, Garry Frankel, John Prentice, Leanne Canty, Shirley Canty, Janet Pelletier.

Proxy votes sent and held by Tim Hogue: Wendy Chapman, Twinkle Reyes, Janice Chase, Elmer Kuber, Linda Kuber.

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Welcome** by President and **appointment** of Shirley Canty as recording secretary for the meeting.
2. **Minutes** of the Sept. 19, 2017 AGM reviewed. Moved by Garry, seconded by Glen to approve the minutes. All in favour. No business arising from the minutes.
3. **President's report: 2017 - 2018 in review.**
 - a. Appointment of Directors at Large:
 - i. Doug Henry, Phillip Natividad, Twinkle Reyes, Janice Chase, Wendy Chapman
 - b. Appointment of Directors Emeritus:
 - i. Kate Ferris, Fred Casey, Elmer Kuber & Shirley Canty.
 - c. Rebranding was done
 - i. Created new UCW Logo and wordmark
 - ii. Updated website to reflect new look
 - d. Membership review: 2016-2017 we had 99 members, 2017-2018 increased to 147, and to date for 2018-2019 we have 60 paid members. Facebook has 564 members.
 - e. E-lists include 341 subscribed, 85 media, 77 inactive, 22 bounced & 33 performance group.
 - f. Newsletter. Open rate of 66.85% readership which is an excellent response.

- g. Website. 4617 visits from 2590 unique IP's totalling 14,747 page visits.
 - h. Other events held included: Carman picnic, St. Norbert Farmers Market, UFG Picnic, BeachScape, a Memorial and several seniors groups and associations.
 - i. Songbook publication: First run of 150 sold out, second 30 sold out, third of 45 is selling fast. Profit to be determined by how many are sold.
 - j. Online Store had 101 customers with a \$1,914. revenue. Sold items include songbooks, shirts, memberships, workshops and buttons.
 - k. Prairie Jamboree Ukulele Festival
 - i. A huge WOW! A tremendous success.
 - ii. An earlier start of the committee recommended for the 2020 festival.
 - iii. A media person to be appointed for the 2020 festival. (Kate would be willing to take on the position and John would be willing to assist her.)
 - iv. Financial we are in the black by \$120.02. Fantastic for a first-year festival. John, on behalf of all members, expressed the sincere thanks to Tim, who was the Heart and Soul of the Festival.
 - l. Financially, for the club, we are projecting a \$967.08 profit once all outstanding revenue and expenditures are in.
 - i. Going forward we are going to be exploring applying for grants. **(ACTION REQUIRED)**. We are in good shape financially.
 - m. Fred moved the President's report, seconded by Anthony. All in favour.
1. **Election of Officers: President, Vice-President and Secretary.**
- a. No persons nominated stood for election.
 - b. Margot made the motion to form a nominating committee, made up of the Directors at Large & Directors Emeritus, plus the President, to fill the vacant positions.

- c. The status quo of the current Executive will remain until November 25th at which time the nominating committee will report to the membership. Glen seconded the motion. All in favour. **(ACTION REQUIRED)**.

2. Appointments

- a. Musical Director: Janet Pelletier has volunteered.
- b. Treasurer: Anthony Ducharme has volunteered.

4. Open Mic Nite home: Discussion followed.

- a. Decision not to use the Belgian Club.
- b. Several other ideas were discussed.
- c. What is needed is a place with good parking, no charge to use, food available for purchase, and a bar.
- d. Decision made to table this and the Directors at Large & Emeritus, along with Tim will explore options available and report back to the membership on Nov. 25th.

5. New Business:

- a. Kate reported on the positive comments received from the Inclusion Statement in the Festival Program. Namely: **Our aspiration is for the Ukulele Club of Winnipeg to be safe, welcoming and inclusive. We believe in the dignity of all people and their right to respect and equality of opportunity. We value the strength that comes with difference and the positive contribution that diversity brings to our community. We welcome: All races; all genders; all abilities; all countries of origin; all sexual orientations and all belief systems. We stand with you. You are safe here.**
- b. **School Program:** Has started in a small way with giving ukuleles to the Children of the Earth. Long term goal is to develop a program.
- c. With no further business, Meeting adjourned at 8:05. Follow-up meeting to take place at the Sunday, November 25th, 2018 Strum and Suds.