



Edmonton Folk Music Festival Society
Minutes
Annual General Meeting
April 14, 2019

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1. **Call to order** 1:03 p.m. by Peter Guest, EFMFS Chair

The Chair opened the meeting by stating that quorum had been met. He acknowledged our presence on Treaty 6 land and territory.

A representative of the festival's external auditors (PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP) would be present. There was a review of the contents of the meeting materials that were provided to members in attendance (agenda, minutes of 2018 AGM, copies of board reports, and voting ballot/cards. The rules for voting were reviewed.

It was also noted that the manual, policies and minute book of the EFMFS were on-site and available for review by members.

Note: there is a casino this year.

Introduction of the current board of directors:

Chelsea Donelon - vice chair
Andrew Currie - secretary
Gerrit Bjalek - treasurer
Brad Odsen - director
Carol Jones - director
Craig Muir - director
Kathie Goertz-Thompson - director
Tami Romanchuk - director

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to accept the agenda.

Cam McCormick, Karen Hutzcal (M/S/C)

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2018 AGM.

Gordon Holt, Greer Currie (M/S/C)

4. **Reports**

- a. Board of Directors report - Peter Guest - Board Chair
- b. Treasurer's Report/Endowment Fund: Gerrit Bjalek -Treasurer
 - i. Supplemental comment- recommended PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for the next audit.
- c. Member Services Committee Report: Carol Jones - Committee Chair
 - i. Also thanked her committee and Marianne Stover for their assistance.
- d. Report from the Producer - Terry Wickham
 - i. Addition comments to the report: Despite our worst weather ever, the festival broke even.
 - ii. Liquor License changes - there will be no on-site liquor consumption at this year's festival. We are looking at the increasing the number of patrons in the beer tent area.

- iii. Pot legalization - this will be treated as is the current smoking policy. We are looking to see if the City of Edmonton has any thoughts on this matter. There will be no sale of cannabis on site by EFMFS or vendors.
- iv. Police Presence - there will 4 EPS members on site at our cost.
- v. Funding - we will be meeting with the federal MP regarding funding.
- e. Report from the Manager of Volunteers: Marianne Stover

Motion to accept reports as presented.

Bob Myer, Michelle Guest-Moore (M/S/C)

5. Motion to accept the current membership fees

Motion that the Annual Membership Fees for the EFMF Society for 2018/2019 for volunteers remain unchanged at \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

Mike McKinney, Charlotte Martyniuk (M/S/C)

6. Motion to appoint auditors

Motion that PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP be appointed as auditors for the year ending January 31, 2019

Brad Odsen, Claudia Kennedy (M/S/C)

7. Election of Board Members (Three 3-year terms)

- a. Review of voting procedures
- b. Call for nominations for 3-year terms (Chair seconds all nominations)
 - i. Stuart Muir nominated by Carol Jones
 - ii. Andrew Currie nominated by Andrew Mah
 - iii. Chelsea Donelon nominated by Shelley Morrison
 - iv. Tami Romanchuk nominated Kathie Goertz-Thompson
- c. Speeches by candidates
- d. Call for ballot counters and scrutineers

Motion to accept Melanie Cheek and Richard Stuart as ballot counters with Anna Coghill (PricewaterhouseCoopers) as scrutineer

Brad Odsen, Blayton Ernst (M/S/C)

- e. Election

REFRESHMENT BREAK

- f. Election results: Andrew Currie, Stuart Muir, Shelley Morrison
- g. *Motion to destroy ballots*
Cam McCormick, Michelle Guest-Moore (M/S/C)

8. Presentation of 2019 Visual Image

9. Open Forum

- a. Marianne Stover addressed a comment on the word "volunteer" on the back of the t-shirts and said there had been a mixed reaction. The word is there to identify the individual as a volunteer.
- b. Is the Folk Festival a "soft target"? Marianne said there will be no change to the bag check process at this time. Terry commented that we are safer than ever before, and we pay to have an ambulance on site. Again, there will be 4 EPS uniformed members on site to be used as needed. Traffic police will still be assigned to direct the traffic.
- c. Will there be a change of date for the next members' appreciation night? Not known at this time.
- d. Jerry Forbes Centre - so far there are no problems with the relationship and the Folk Festival will have a place on the board of directors for the centre. Tours of the facility will be available after the AGM for anyone interested.
- e. Parking at TELUS field will be available this year.
- f. Will there be WiFi offered at the festival? Richard Stuart said this may be possible somewhere down the road.

10. Thank you to outgoing board members Kathy & Tami

11. Adjournment: Cam McCormick 2:30 pm