

Saskatchewan Choral Federation Annual General Meeting

Saturday, October 30, 2021

2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – James Hawn

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board: James Hawn (President), Cynthia Peyson Wahl (President-Elec), Bob Nicholls (Secretary), Joshua Hendricksen (Treasurer), Kelsey Kuz, Deborah Nelson, Marley Duckett, Stewart Wilkinson

Members: Erich Chang, Megan Kent, Rita McLeod, Audrey Bayduza, Melissa Morgan, Norma Wallace, Chloé Golden, Diane Taylor-Neale, Kyera Levesque, Clayton Braybrook, Dorianna Holowachuk, Brianna Penner

Staff: Sheryl Neher, Kayla Stadnick

Guests: Chris MacRae, Patricia Deibert, Marlene Taylor, Fred Barker, Dean McNeill, Paul Denham, Cathy LaFleche, Paul Gingras, Deidre Baird, Russ Baird, J & P (guests of Dean McNeill)

2. **Introductions & Opening Remarks** – James Hawn

President James Hawn mentioned that we will be recording the meeting today to ensure that we have a complete record of the meeting.

He acknowledged with gratitude that the SCF is privileged to live, work and sing on the traditional territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Nakota, Lakota, Dakota, Dene and the homeland of the Metis.

He also acknowledged the significant funding we receive from Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

- James welcomed attendees including SCF members, award recipients, and other guests, Paul Gingras (SaskCulture representative), Chris MacRae (new voice teacher at the University of Regina), and Brianna Penner (NYC singer).

3. “Zoom” voting procedures were explained.

4. **Adoption of Agenda** – James Hawn

MOTION: THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Mover – Cynthia Peyson-Wahl

Seconder – Rita McLeod

Vote – Carried

5. Adoption of October 17, 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes – James Hawn

MOTION: THAT the minutes of the October 17, 2020 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Mover – Bob Nicholls

Seconder – Rita McLeod

Vote – Carried

6. ***Business Arising from the Minutes*** – James Hawn

None.

7. ***Reports***

President's Report – James Hawn

Nominations Report – James (in absence of Past-President)

Executive Directors Report – Sheryl Neher

Reports are included in the Annual Report. James expressed thanks to Sheryl Neher and Kayla Stadnick for their considerable efforts during the pandemic, and to SaskCulture for their continued financial support.

8. ***Nominations Committee Report*** – James Hawn

James explained the process of Nominations to the Board of Directors and that nominations are no longer accepted from the floor of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations and/or applications from interested candidates must be received in advance and approved by the Board prior to going to the membership for election at the AGM as part of a vetting process. Last year two Board members Daryl McKinnon and Stewart Wilkinson were going to step off the board at the end of their term. When filing required documentation with the Corporations Branch it was brought to our attention that paperwork necessary to have a board of minimum eight members had not been registered correctly. The Board approved the appointment of both Daryl McKinnon and Stewart Wilkinson (who were eligible to let their name stand for another two-year term to the Board) for a one-year term which they accepted. They will now be stepping away from the Board. Here is the current Board status:

- Two positions are entering the second year of their term:
 - Marley Duckett (second year of first term)
 - Bob Nicholls (second year of second term)

- Four people will be stepping off the Board this year:
 - Bryn Frape
 - Deborah Nelson
 - Daryl McKinnon
 - Stewart Wilkinson

- Two positions are up for election for two-year terms. The remaining incumbents are:
 - Kelsey Kuz
 - Joshua Hendricksen

Two members have offered to let their name stand for election to the Board:

- Erich Chang, Saskatoon
- Megan Kent, Saskatoon

James welcomed the new members and gave brief biographies of Erich and Megan.

Due to extenuating circumstances last year and there not being a President-Elect to move into the President position last year at the AGM, membership approved that James Hawn fill the President position for an additional one- year term and that Cynthia Peyson Wahl be President-Elect position for one year at which next time she would move into the position of President for a two year term.

Cynthia Peyson-Wahl acknowledged the guidance and leadership that James has given to the SCF over the years, for taking on the President's position for an extra year, and for his involvement in music in general.

One of the duties of the Nominations Committee is also working on the Awards and Recognition Program.

The 2020 recipients' photos and categories are included in the annual report. Unfortunately we were not able to present awards in person and are hoping to STILL acknowledge them at upcoming events this year if possible

James announced the Award recipients for 2021 and thanked them for their many years of service to choral music and music in general. A number of them are in attendance on the Zoom meeting today.

Deidre and Russ Baird – Pro Musica

Dean McNeill – Outstanding Administrator

Patricia Deibert – Community Service

Cathy LaFleche – Community Service

Fred Barker – Golden Note – 25 years of involvement

Paul Denham – Golden Note – 25 years of involvement

Marlene Taylor – Golden Note – 25 years of involvement

9. **Treasurer's Report** – Joshua Hendricksen

The audited financial statements were reviewed and were considered acceptable by the accountants.

Highlights:

The balance at the moment is also substantial, most of this coming from our main funding source.

Depending on funding circumstances, funds are sometimes required to be repaid to the Sask Lotteries Trust Fund.

Memberships are down due to the pandemic.

Several programs did not happen, again, due to the pandemic.

Office rental agreement continues until 2023.

MOTION: THAT the audited financial statements for 2020/2021 be approved

Mover – Joshua Hendricksen

Seconded – Audrey Bayduza

Vote – Carried

Appointment of the Auditor – Joshua Hendricksen

MOTION: THAT the accounting firm of MWC (Mintz Wallace Ceholski) be appointed as auditors for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Mover – Joshua Hendricksen

Seconded – Stewart Wilkinson

Vote – Carried

10. ***APPROVAL OF Reports*** - James

A motion accepting the Annual Reports

MOTION: THAT the Reports be accepted as presented.

Mover – Kelsey Kuz

Seconded – Rita McLeod

Vote – Carried

11. ***Ratification of Board Actions*** - James

MOTION: THAT the actions of the Board of Directors for the 2020-21 fiscal year be ratified.

Mover – Deborah Nelson

Seconded – Audrey Bayduza

Vote – Carried

12. ***ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIRECTORS*** – James Hawn

James thanked the outgoing board members for their work with the SCF and choral music in general - Bryn Frape, Debby Nelson, Daryl McKinnon, and Stewart Wilkinson.

With the departure of four directors and the addition of two new directors an election is not required.

The 2020-2021 Saskatchewan Choral Federation Board will be:

James Hawn, Past-President
Cynthia Peyson Wahl, President
President-Elect, vacant
Erich Chang
Marley Duckett
Joshua Hendrickson
Megan Kent
Kelsey Kuz
Bob Nicholls

The remaining two executive positions – Treasurer and Secretary – will be elected or appointed by the Board at their first meeting.

13. ***New Business*** – James Hawn
None

14. ***Adjournment*** – James Hawn 2:40 p.m.

MOTION: THAT the 2021 Annual General Meeting be adjourned

Mover – Cynthia Peyson Wahl

Vote – Carried