



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Folk Music Ontario

Delta Ottawa City Centre, Ottawa, ON

Saturday, October 22, 2016

10:30am ET

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The President, Rachel Barreca assumed the chair and the Secretary, Amie Therrien acted as the Secretary of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:36 am ET. Rachel Barreca declared that quorum was met.

MOTION: *Moved by Paul Mills and seconded by Gary Waterfield that the agenda be accepted. Motion Carried.*

2. Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes

Draft minutes of the October 17, 2015 AGM of Folk Music Ontario were distributed via paper copy to members during the meeting.

An amendment to correct the spelling of Malcolm Byard's name in item number 6 was proposed.

MOTION: *Moved by Paul Mills and seconded by David Warren that the 2015 AGM Minutes be approved with the amendment proposed above. Motion Carried.*

3. President's Report

The President's Report was presented in the printed 2015 conference program distributed to all conference delegates as well as verbally presented by Rachel Barreca. The verbal presentation included:

- Notification of the new Annual Report and Year In Review printed in the conference guide.
- Thank you to board members whose terms are expiring: Brad McEwan, Jerry Switzer, Nicole Colbeck, and Rachel Barreca who are not returning and Amie Therrien who is running again.

4. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's Report was presented in the printed 2016 conference program distributed to all conference delegates as well as verbally presented by Alka Sharma, FMO Executive Director. The verbal presentation included:

- Conference registrations at 720 delegates
- Current membership numbers: 305 individuals, 25 Ontario organizations, 10 Non-Ontario organizations , 27 festivals
- Thank you to funders including FACTOR, Department of Canadian Heritage, and Ontario Music Fund

5. Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statements

The Treasurer's Report was presented verbally by Jan Cody and the audited financial statements were included in the printed 2016 conference program and sent by earlier email to all members. The verbal report included:

- A five year deficit reduction plan began after a \$107,000 deficit was recorded in 2013, which was reduced to \$86,000 in 2014, and to \$57,000 in 2015. This year was \$8,000 off of target but we feel optimistic that we will continue moving in the right direction with the deficit reduction.
- The main reason for not achieving the deficit reduction target was not achieving revenue targets.
- Increased office costs were related to the creation of the Strategic Plan.
- Increased conferenced expenses were show but were balanced by a new grant.

A member asked if there is a policy about short term loans. The board responded yes.

MOTION: Moved by Joel Leblanc and seconded by Malcolm Byard that the Audited Financial Statements be accepted. ***Motion Carried.***

6. Appointment of Auditors for Fiscal year Ending March 31, 2017

MOTION: Moved by Sandra Stubbert and seconded by Shawna Caspi that David Burke Auditing Firm be appointed as the auditors for fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. ***Motion Carried.***

7. New Business

Questions were raised related to timing of showcases at the conference, getting member input about showcase room in the post-conference survey, and the use of social media. The Board committed to review and respond to the new business raised.

8. Adjournment to Awards Brunch

Rachel Barreca the meeting adjourned on Oct 22, 2016 @ 11:31am to be called back to order at the Awards Brunch.

9. Election of Directors

Meeting was called back to order by Rachel Barreca on Oct 23, 2016 @ 11:00am. Nicole Colbeck, Chair of the FMO Nominating Committee announced that the Board members elected by the membership were:

- Darin Addison
- Dave Cool
- Sage Paul
- Liz Scott
- Amie Therrien (returning)

MOTION: Moved by Shawna Caspi and seconded by Candace Shaw that the election results be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION: Moved by Rachel Barreca and seconded by Sandra Stubbert that the ballots be destroyed. **Motion Carried.**

10. Adjournment

Rachel Barreca declared the meeting adjourned on Oct 23, 2016 at 11:43 am. The next regular meeting will be held during the 2017 Annual Conference and AGM.



Amie Therrien, Secretary
FOLK MUSIC ONTARIO

October 21, 2017

Date of Approval