



DEEP ROOTS
MUSIC COOPERATIVE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Market, Wolfville, NS
January 26, 2014 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Don called meeting to order

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda was approved and no items were added

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM 2013 AGM, JANUARY 27.

Donna Holmes approved 2013 AGM minutes; Peter Mowat 2nd

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (DON)

- Successful year; 4 events and improved financial situation
- Increased board members and will continue to recruit
- Thank yous and acknowledgement to hard work of volunteers
- Noted DRMC award from Contact East – Community Presenter Award 2013

4. FINANCIAL REPORT (LESLIE)

Total Assets – \$56 090.00

Total Liabilities - \$20 741.00

Total Equity – \$35 349.00

- Generally felt budget was managed well; indicated fees will be handled differently ongoing – fees attached to events rather than reported generally
- Profited from every event; discussed importance of maintaining balanced budgeted
- Discussed importance of not taking on reoccurring costs in response to healthy financial position – remaining 'in the black' allows DRMC to handle possible financial crisis + allows DRMC to negotiate more risk in events
- Noted new accounting program Simply Accounting – easier/more useful to DRMC bookkeeping volunteers
- Informed Board created two reserve funds to ensure continued stability in difficult financial times; \$5000 to cover overdraft + \$15 000 as general reserve; the Board initiative was well received by attendees
- Introduced new volunteer bookkeeper Jerry Robertson (not present)

- Upcoming costs – updating website to allow for use on newer devices (ie smartphone etc) + ease in updating by board; upgrading database to record sponsors + volunteers etc.
- Leslie invited people to help with general office duties
- Angela Baxter moved to accept budge; Donna Holmes 2nd

5. GALA MARCH 22ND REPORT (Angela Baxter)

- Big effort for volunteers; although not well attended, enjoyable event which went well
- Holly Carr raffle profit of approx \$400
- Successful silent auction
- Low profit for effort
- Queried if having event in New Minas negatively affected attendance
- Queried if need for more/different advertising

6. BLOSSOM BLUES REPORT (Francois Cote)

- Huge success - Matt Anderson/Old Crow Medicine Show
- Profit approx \$7000/sold out quickly/tickets being scalped on Kijiji
- Noted DRMC did not profit high % due to negotiated risk sharing
- Due to many factors; only OCMS concert with MA, ticket sales opened the day before ticket sales for Hfx show etc
- Ticket Pros shoes ½ sales came from outside Valley region (Hfx, Yarmouth, Ontario)
- All agreed show was phenomenal
- Francois currently negotiated/looking for 2014 BB act

7. MUD CREEK DAYS REPORT (Peter Mowat)

- 2nd year providing music; 5 performers – Caleb Miles, Laura Roy ...
- Difficulties in location; acoustic performers competed with skate boarders, roller derby and drumming session; will negotiate better location for next year
- All agreed to continue to participate to continue positive relationship with Town

8. FESTIVAL REPORT (Lisa Hammett Vaughn)

- Dave Carmichael sends regrets (Florida!)
- Congratulation on SUCCESSFUL festival (SUN!!!) Yeah volunteers!!
- Move to Festival Theatre considered successful with a few minor adjustments
 - Box office small – need to address for next year
 - Reduced seating = less volunteer seating
 - Offered T shirts to volunteers and sold surplus (worked well, liked T shirt design)
 - Photographers loved lighting
 - Concessions worked well

- Festival Club, although not well attended but those who attended really appreciated it (consider revamping for more success next year)
- Overall team pulled together to overcome all minor crisis

9. Election of Board Members (Don Regan)

- Don called for nominations for Board participation
 - Keith Forsythe nominated to Board (Peter M will contact with info)
- Peter Williams moved to accept current 5 Board members as ongoing members; Terry Taylor 2nd

10. Other business

- Discussed recent House Concert Circuit initiative (Birdie)
 - DRMC is interested in developing a list of people willing to host house concerts and interested in attending house concerts; DRMC will not act as sponsor but rather facilitate information

11. Motion to Adjourn

Attendees enjoyed pizza, coffee and pot luck sweets

Attendees:

1. Don Regan
2. Peter Mowat
3. Leslie Dixon
4. Birdie Bezanson
5. Kevin West
6. Francois Cote
7. Lisa Hammett Vaughan
8. Peter Williams
9. James R. Skinner
10. Angela Baxter
11. Elizabeth MacArthur
12. Will MacKay
13. Terry Taylor
14. Stephanie Forsythe
15. Keith Forsythe