

Minutes from 2024 Prairie Section AGM & Follow-up Board Meeting

Monday, April 29, 2024 – 6pm CST

Taken by Michael Duggan – Prairie Section Secretary-Treasurer

AGM MINUTES

Motion of approval of agenda – Michael Duggan; passed

1. Call to Order / Chair's Welcome Remarks – Chair John Dyck

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by John Dyck

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Michael Duggan to approve; passed

3. Minutes from 2023 AGM

Minutes appear to be missing, no motion

4. Report of the Chair – John Dyck

- Not much to report this year. A few training workshops took place and were successful. John was invited to National for their strategic planning and was encouraged by discussion and the strategic initiatives planned. Approves of the path planned for the prairies.
- Motion to accept report as read from Patrick James; passed

5. First call for Board Nominations

- Shauna Jones is appointed to the board by acclamation (Manitoba rep.)

6. 2023 Financial Report – John Dyck

- Funding from national received to start year with \$1393. Payments to zoom. Now directly withdrawn for zoom. Monthly account fees of \$3.75 per months. Programming honorariums. \$1.50 for e-transfer fees. Current balance \$629.59. Michael notes that we had more plans to spend honorarium money that was unspent. Russell notes that National is shifting to a consistent deposit of annual funding instead of a request by each section. Notes a shift to funding process for extra programming.
- Motion to approve report from Michael; Patrick seconds; passed

7. Report of the Winnipeg Rep – Michael Duggan

- Winnipeg had slower activity this year. Appreciates having another Manitoba representative on the board. Michael was able to meet up with Rick Boychuk informally in person in Saskatoon in December 2023, representing the first in person meeting between provinces for the section. Notes programming committee actions of a Green Theatre infosession with Daina Leitold, and a Working for the Winnipeg Fringe Info session with Allison Loat from the University of Winnipeg and Tori Popp from the Winnipeg Fringe. Notes the meet and greet was well attended in Winnipeg. Uptake on Winnipeg membership is slow.

8. Report of the Regina Rep – Patrick James

- Slow in Regina for events as well. Has taken upon himself to train new people in the industry on various boards. Darke Hall is intending to send 4-5 staff members to Rendezvous 24 to get EOS training from Christie Lights. Andrew Panara is a new prof at U of R tech program, former PM at the Globe Theatre. Globe theatre should be open for the fall or Christmas this year.

9. Report of the Saskatoon Rep - Craig Langois

- Slow in Saskatoon too. CITT national has visited the city in relation to Rendezvous. The Ralton centre is looking for a casual technician.
- Motion to accept regional reports from Russell Martin; passed

10. Second call for Board Nominations (none present)

11. Unfinished Business (n/a)

12. New Business

- a) Student membership: No new members from students. Michael: some students attend our events. Russell: awareness of benefits may be needed for students, and if their institution is already a member what that means for them. John: Rendezvous may bring in more students too. Michael: changing the meet and greet to a 'speed-dating' model might be more helpful instead of a large table.
- b) Programming suggestions: Michael suggests going to more zoom chats of informal discussions rather than specific discussions with experts. Craig suggests a backstage access in-person event for members. John suggests a meet up at a central point between the three cities. Moosamin?
- c) 2024 CITT Rendezvous – Russell and Craig. Craig intending to meet with Rick Boychuk in the near future. Submitted a section proposal to do a live sound mix workshop. Russell notes Jackie is working hard behind the scenes on registrations etc. National level is feeling good and energized by Saskatoon and the Persephone. Jackie Josh and Kevin had been trying to build up vendors at Expo-scene to come to Rendezvous. Student volunteers didn't feel engaged last year so working on how to engage and recognize them. Shifting payment structure and schedule to presenters. Board members would not get paid for a session. Feels we are ahead this year compared to past years.

13. Nominations close/voting (n/a)

14. Announcement of new members (Shauna Jones already introduced at acclamation)

15. Questions from the members (n/a)

16. Good and Welfare

- Note the recent and sudden passing of Royal MTC House Stage Hand & Head Flyman Gary Plouffe.

17. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn from Craig Langois; passed

MINUTES FROM FOLLOW-UP BOARD MEETING AFTER AGM

Monday, April 29, 2024

Present: John Dyck, Patrick James, Michael Duggan, Shauna Jones

Regrets: Rick Boychuk, Celeste Pinder

- Officer positions selected:
 - Chair:** John Dyck continues (not up for change this year)
 - Vice-Chair:** Craig Langois (from Patrick James)
 - Secretary-Treasurer:** Michael Duggan (from vacant/Zahra Larche)
 - Chair-Elect:** Patrick James

- Patrick motions to have Michael Duggan added to sections's bank account as Secretary-Treasurer, and for Zahra Larche to be removed; Craig seconds; passed

- Shauna Jones joins the membership committee

- Google link of section files to be shared to board members

- Meeting adjourned