

**Alliance of North American Pipe Band Associations (ANAPBA)**

**Second Annual Summit Meeting**

Saturday Afternoon Session, October 28, 2000, 1:30 pm

St. Andrew's Scottish Home

Chicago, Illinois

Present: Jeff Mann, Susan Thornton, Paula Glendinning, Rob MacNeil, Jim Laughton, Paul McCormack, Ray Holmgren, Ian Moir, June Hanley, Jim Bell, Rob Hossack, Reid Maxwell, Al McMullin, Chris Hossack, Elaine Douglas, Bruce Woodley, Roddy MacDonald, Charlie MacDonald, Bob Allen, Iain MacDonald, David Noga, Dale Morton, Carolyn Morton, Greg Gordon, Drew Hoinacki, Chuck Jamison, Chuck Crowley, Tyler Kirkham, Lindsey Johnson, John McCray

A group photo was taken at 1:15 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

**Music Requirements**

Al McMullin suggested that for the piobaireachd music requirements, the premier games submit two tunes and the smaller games submit one to help solve the issue with WUSPBA wanting different requirements for piobaireachd.

Susan stated that this is more of an internal issue for WUSPBA.

Ian Moir has a concern that if WUSPBA is doing something different, that unification might not be the goal, however Bruce stated that his goal is unification and hopefully in 2003 they will be able to have two piobaireachd tunes submitted.

**Code of Conduct Committee – Dale Morton**

A draft code of conduct is contained in the ANAPBA summit handbook.

Registering complaints – The initial complaint may be registered verbally, but must be formalized within ten business days by a written statement, signed by the complainant. There should also be a right to appeal.

If sanctioning happens outside of your home association, Dale believes it should be best directed through the alliance.

Ian Moir disagrees that ANAPBA should not be involved with sanctioning, because it makes us a governing body.

Ray Holmgren would like to extend the sanctioning section to include something regarding a probationary period.

Chris Hossack is concerned that if ANAPBA is involved with sanctioning, they might become a “doer” rather than an “advisor”. ANAPBA should only recommend the code of conduct to the associations and the associations should adopt it.

Ian Moir stated that the home association should take care of disciplinary actions. Therefore, ANAPBA will stay out of the course of action.

Susan Thornton stated that WUSPBA has many bylaws to prevent lawsuits and will offer this information to ANAPBA for review.

Discussion ensued about how the suspension process should be handled.

Chris Hossack mentioned that the lawsuit filed against WUSPBA contained a complaint that WUSPBA notified other associations of a complaint against a band and “de-famed” that band.

Susan Thornton stated that this is a very hard issue to handle. Reid Maxwell stated that Dale Morton should take the issues that have been presented today and continue to work on the code of conduct. Bruce Woodley will give Dale Morton the WUSPBA appeals process to incorporate into the ANAPBA code of conduct.

It was noted that the code of conduct should be separate from the disciplinary actions. Dale Morton, Chris Hossack, and June Hanley will look at revising the code of conduct this evening.

Dale Morton then discussed the adjudicators’ code of conduct. This included how adjudicators should interact with one another as well as their actions.

Reid Maxwell feels that the adjudicators’ certification will handle many of the issues contained in the code of contact, however Susan Thornton feels that it doesn’t hurt to leave the issues in the code of conduct.

Bruce Woodley noted that the adjudicators’ certification should reference the code of conduct to avoid duplication of committees. The sub-committee will also work tonight on revising the code of conduct for adjudicators.

### **Finance Committee – Jim Laughton**

In order to do the things we want to do, we need to raise money. How are we going to do this? The proposed budget contained in the summit handbook does not include many of things that we have talked about doing today. The proposed budget does not include any expenses for the North American Championships. Also, the issue of money allocation needs to be addressed. Should distance learning be an important factor?

Chris Hossack stated that we need to look at possible grant money. With a continental organization, there is a voice and a connection that money could probably be obtained through private and governmental grants, however this will take much work and time to track these grants down.

Jim Laughton proposed the question “Are we willing to ask bands to pay additional money for ANAPBA”?

Reid Maxwell stated that he thought it would be fine to increase band fees and divert some of the funds to ANAPBA. He feels that band fees are low anyway.

Ian Moir stated the question “Is it equitable to charge each band? What about solos?”

Drew Hoinacki brought up the point that it might be best to leave it up to the associations of how to raise the money for the ANAPBA annual meeting.

Discussion ensued on how much should be charged to each band and/or soloist to put towards the ANAPBA annual meeting.

The simplest solution would be to charge the bands rather than soloist because soloists change more frequently.

Al McMullin stated that it might be a good idea to ask for voluntary contributions to raise the money.

Jim moved that we request a donation for the calendar year of 2001 equal to \$20 for U.S. association bands and 30 Canadian dollars for Canadian bands.

Vote:

All in favor – 9

Opposed – 1 (Atlantic Canada Pipe Band Association)

A short break was then taken at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

### **North American Championship Committee – Ian Moir**

A championship subcommittee report was passed distributed. Ian Moir discussed the proposal. The proposal is for a national pipe band competition to be planned for the year 2003, under the working title of “The ANAPBA Championship”.

The following points are contained in the proposal:

1. To keep the first championship clean, no substitutions will be permitted. Each association will notify ANAPBA of their representative band 60 days prior to the event, for advertising and travel logistics reasons.
2. The timing of a championship is very challenging due to the difference in start date and duration of each association's competition season. The home association will designate the champion.
3. The first full weekend of November has been chosen as the target for the competition. To ensure that the Championship could be held outdoors, a location in the Southern United States is preferred, however it would be preferred to move the competition each year.
4. It is being considered to award the first ANAPBA Championship to the Tampa Highland Games.

Also, the format of the championship rules, selection of judges, and budget are contained in the subcommittee report.

It was also noted that it would probably not be an annual event, but possibly every 2-4 years because of the amount of money that it takes to fund this event.

Reid Maxwell noted that he had a problem with it being a strictly invitational competition. For example, there are several grade one bands in Ontario that are exceptional bands. He believes that any band should have the opportunity to participate rather than only one band per association. Also, if more bands attend the championships, more revenue can be accumulated. He also stated that the prize money should be more evenly disbursed among the grades.

Ian Moir stated that they are looking for simplicity in that they only invite one band per association for the first championship and maybe later on it could be an open championship.

Rob MacNeil has a concern of how many people we are looking at will attend. Some bands may be hesitant in attending a first time competition in case of failure of the host not being able to pay prize money. Also, is it the best option to jump into such a large competition for anyone to attend if things (budget) do not go as planned? Rob Hossack and Chris Hossack make the point that if the funding is not raised, then the competition will not be held, that way, failure is not an option.

David Noga made note that if bands are to support ANAPBA, maybe we should allow more than one band per association to attend.

This discussion was tabled until tomorrow in order to make time for other issues.

### **Future Structures Committee – Susan Thornton**

The following are changes that should be made to the draft bylaws contained in the summit handbook:

1. Article III, “Membership” needs to be changed to “Alberta Society of Pipers and Drummers” rather than “Alberta Pipes and Drums Association.”
2. The last sentence contained in the bylaws should read “shall be distributed equitable among the member associations.”
3. Article X should read “who is a member of a pipe band in good standing of an ANAPBA association.”

Paul McCormack stated that a treasurer should definitely be included among the committee.

It was noted that the President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president be in terms of 2 years. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president and Secretary should be in terms of 1 year for the first year to allow the positions to be staggered.

Ian Moir noted that it might be more appropriate to have a Chair rather than President and everyone agreed.

Ian Moir made a motion that the 3 executive advisors for ANAPBA be included in the Executive Committee.

Susan stated that it would be added in the bylaws that the executive committee would appoint 3 executive advisors annually.

Ian Moir stated that maybe there should only be one Vice-Chair rather than two, however Jeff Mann feels very strongly about have two.

Paul McCormack motioned that the executive committee be kept as stated in the bylaws with a Chair, 2 Vice-Chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer with no advisors at this time being formalized.

Vote:

All in favor – 8

Opposed – 1 (Midwestern)

Abstained – 1 (Prairie Pipe Band Association of Manitoba)

Susan dissolved the Executive and Advisory Committees and it was the consensus of the group that Greg Gordon, President of the Australian Pipe Band Association should run the election as our honored guest. Greg accepted and proceeded to run the elections.

**Nominations were opened for the position of Chair**

Ian Moir nominated Jeff Mann

Rob Hosack Seconded

Paul McCormack nominated Susan

Al McMullin seconded

Nominations were closed

Greg Gordon asked if Jeff was willing to stand and Jeff agreed

Susan declined the nomination

Nominations were reopened

No further nominations

Nominations were closed and Jeff Mann was elected as Chair of ANAPBA by acclamation.

**Nominations were opened for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair**

Chris Hossack nominated Susan

David Noga seconded

Susan declined the nomination

Ian Mori nominated Bob Allen

Nomination was seconded

Reid Maxwell nominated Al McMullin and Al declined the nomination

Rob Hossack nominated Paula Glendinning and Paula declined the nomination

No further nominations

Nominations were closed and Bob Allen was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair of ANAPBA by acclamation.

**Nominations were opened for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair**

Dale Morton nominated Roddy MacDonald and Roddy declined the nomination

Jeff Mann nominated Susan Thornton

Bob Allen Seconded

No further nominations

Nominations were closed and Susan Thornton was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair of ANAPBA by acclamation.

**Nominations were opened for the position of Executive Secretary**

Jeff Mann nominated Bruce Woodley

Bob Allen seconded and Bruce declined the nomination

Ian Moir was nominated and Ian declined the nomination

It was asked if Lindsey Johnson was a member of an association. Lindsey is not currently a member, however Chris Hossack agreed to make her an honorary member of WUSPBA.

Bob Allen nominated Lindsey Johnson

Jeff Mann seconded the Nomination

No further nominations

Nominations were closed and Lindsey Johnson was elected as Executive Secretary of ANAPBA by acclamation.

**Nominations were opened for the position of Treasurer**

Susan nominated Al McMullin

Jeff Mann Seconded

No further nominations

Nominations were closed and Al McMullin was elected as Treasurer of ANAPBA by acclamation.

It was also noted that the term of Treasurer term would be amended into the bylaws.

Time was turned over to Jeff Mann to close the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.