

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

**Second Annual Summit Meeting**

Sunday Morning Session, October 29, 2000, 8:30 am

St. Andrew's Scottish Home

Chicago, Illinois

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

**Drum Major Guidelines – Jeff Mann**

Jeff opened the meeting in hopes to get a recommendation with regards to drum majors. Kevin MacHeffner's recommendation was to follow the RSPBA's guidelines for drum majors

Reid noted that he would like to see the RSPBA's guidelines before making the recommendations. The discussion was tabled.

Chris Hossack volunteered to follow up in getting the RSPBA guidelines. Ray Holmgren will also help on this committee. EUSPBA will also send their requirements to Chris. Chris Hossack will chair the committee and will have Kevin MacHeffner to assist on the committee.

**Boundary Recommendations – Jim Laughton**

It was proposed that Idaho become a part of WUSPBA and Arkansas become part of EUSPBA. It was also noted that Hawaii and Alaska should be discussed. It is recommended that Alaska and Montana stay nebulous until next year. Detroit will also be left as a crossover area. The city on Montreal will be added to Ontario.

Therefore, it is recommended that Alaska, Yukon, Montana, and Texas be left alone, Hawaii and Idaho will go to WUSPBA, the Detroit area will be left as a crossover area, and Quebec will go to Ontario. It is recommended that bands and soloist join associations in their home association first and then they may join other associations, with the exception of Texas, Alaska, Montana, and Yukon where boundaries have not yet been defined. The Detroit area will be allowed to join Ontario or the Midwest as this time. Also, Alaska, Yukon, Montana, and Texas will be contacted so that boundaries can hopefully be established next year.

Vote:

All in favor – unanimous

### **Next Summit Meeting – Jeff Mann**

Bob Allen offered to hold the meeting in Toronto, Canada. Reid noted that the World's next year is schedule for the last weekend in October, so make sure that the summit does not conflict with any major events. Jeff asked if April would be a better time or maybe January or February. It was decided that the weekend of January 11-13, 2002 would be the date for the meeting next year.

### **Code of Conduct – Dale Morton**

Dale Morton, June Hanley, and Chris Hossack met last night to revise the code of conduct.

The following changes should be made to the adjudicators' code of conduct:

1. In the "General" section, second paragraph, the sentence that starts with "whenever an adjudicator travels in piping..." is deleted.
2. In the "Responsibility to Competitors" section, the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph should be deleted and the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence in the third paragraph is also deleted.
3. In the "Responsibility to Colleagues" section, the first sentence should have a period after "number of associations" and the rest of the sentence should be deleted. Also, the last sentence should be deleted.
4. The following should be inserted: "Judges shall not publicly make statements or engage in any conduct that causes insult disrespect or intimidation to any other judges, competitors, games organizer, official or any other member of the public."
5. The "Sanctions" and "Appeals" sections are deleted.
6. The "Adjudicator Acceptance" section should also be deleted.

Bob Allen felt that the Adjudicator Acceptance section and the signatory block were not necessary, therefore it was decided that it would be deleted.

It is recommended that the adjudicators' code of conduct be recommended to each association.

The following changes should be made to the band code of conduct:

1. The first paragraph should have a period after "Pipe Band Association" and the rest of the sentence should be deleted.

2. In the “Conduct” section, first sentence, there should be a period after “affiliated members” and the rest of the sentence should be deleted. The second sentence should start with “All members will be expected...”, therefore the first part of the sentence should be deleted.
3. In the “Conduct” section, second paragraph, delete “Alliance and/or local association”.
4. In the “Responsibility” section, first sentence, delete “within the alliance”. Also, the last sentence also needs to be deleted.
5. The following should be inserted: “Failure to adhere to this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action from the appropriate association(s).”
6. “Registering Complaints”, “Sanctions”, and “Appeal Process” sections should be deleted.

Vote was unanimous to recommend the code of conduct to the associations with the changes listed above.

#### **Letter of Accord – Rob MacNeil**

Rob MacNeil stated that in recognition of the attendance of Greg Gordon from Australia, he thought it appropriate to have a letter of accord between ANAPBA and Australia with regard to reciprocity of membership and sharing of information. Rob proceeded to read the letter of accord.

Jeff Mann and Greg Gordon proceeded to sign the letter of accord. Pictures were also taken at this time.

#### **National Championship**

The issue of the National Championship was then re-opened for discussion. Should it be an invitational or an open championship? Also the timing of the championship was discussed. Reid Maxwell asked if July would be a better time?

Paula Glendinning mention that is might be a good idea to rotate grades for championships; therefore each grade would have a championship every five years. However, it was noted that it might be difficult to find judges for a grade five championship. For the first year, grade one would have a championship.

Rob MacNeil stated that it might be a good idea to schedule a conference call in a couple of months to discuss the National Championships when we have more information to base our decision on.

Chris Hossack made the point that if we are asking our associations/bands to support us, they might not like the idea that the first championship is strictly a grade one championship.

Al noted that it might be a good idea to have a raffle in each association for a free trip to the championship to see the grade one bands perform. This would be a great opportunity for others to participate by watching the grade one bands.

Bob Allen made the suggestion of Ontario confronting Maxville to hold the grade one-championship games.

Reid had a couple of concerns: (1) The championship would need to be held in an appropriate venue and (2) it was also suggested that judges be representative of each association, similar to that laid out in the initial national championship subcommittee report. He also encouraged other associations to look for games that might be available to hold a grade one championship.

All associations will need to gather information and report back by January 1, 2001 on any associations that would be interested in hosting the national championship.

A short break was taken at 10:30 a.m.  
The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

#### **New Business – Susan Thornton**

Susan noted that some of the issues that have come up for discussion are as follows:

1. Grading – How many piping judges should we have, etc... Rob MacNeil noted that maybe there should be a rules committee. Volunteers for the committee included Rob MacNeil, Iain MacDonald, Charlie MacDonald, Bruce Woodley
2. Should judges be required to be members of an association? Ontario does not require their panel members to join the association. This issue should be addressed in the judges certification committee.

Rob MacNeil asked if most associations have the ability in grading to promote a grade one amateur to professional, or do they allow the individual to decide when they want to turn professional?

Saskatchewan allows the individual to decide when to move up or down in grading.  
Midwest allows their grading committee to move them up.

A recommendation might be for each association to have a grading committee to help address this issue.

Al McMullin stated that it might be a good idea for each committee to put up periodic status reports on the web site so that those not on the committee know what is being discussed. This will help to inform everyone about ideas and concerns in each committee.

Ray Holmgren brought up the idea of possibly standardizing judging sheets. This could be a next step after rules standardization has been discussed.

Ideas were discussed of having an Intranet that would be password protected for committees to discuss different issues. It was also noted that not only presidents, but also advisory members of each association have access to this site.

Greg Gordon stated that he feels the progression of ANAPBA is moving at a very comfortable progression rate and has been impressed with the issues discussed at the summit.

Rob MacNeil noted that something that has not been addressed is software programs to run highland games. He stated that their association has a program that will print out judging sheets, forms, labels, etc. This dramatically cuts down on the work for the games secretary. It was mentioned that it might be a good idea to download this information onto the Internet for associations to look at.

Jeff Mann brought up the issue of how you handle judges that back out. EUSPBA requires judges to be financially responsible for charges incurred. If they do not reimburse the association, they are taken off the judging panel. Jeff suggested that the judges buy their own airfare ticket and are then reimbursed when they arrive at the games. This issue will be referred to the judges/adjudication certification committee.

**Committee Review – Susan Thornton**

Adjudication Committee – Al McMullin (Chair), Jim Bell, Reid Maxwell, Bruce Woodley, Bob Allen, Rob MacNeil

Solo Recommendations Committee – Dissolved

Distance Learning Committee – Rob MacNeil (Chair), Ian MacDonald, Paula Glendinning

Code of Conduct Committee– Dissolved

Finance Committee – Dissolved

National Championship Committee – Executive Committee

501C3 Application and D&O Insurance – Jeff Mann and Jim Laughton

Drum Major Committee – Chris Hossack (Chair), Ray Holmgren, Kevin MacHeffner

Boundaries Committee - Jim Laughton (Chair), Rob MacNeil, Paul McCormack, Chris Hossack

Competition Rules Committee – Bob Allen (Chair), Bruce Woodley, Rob MacNeil, Charlie MacDonald, Iain MacDonald

Al noted that it is probably important to say that those people on the above committees should remain on the committee even if they are not the association representatives. This will help to gain continuity.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.