



**MIDWEST PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2017, 1pm**



AGENDA

Officers and Advisory Board, 2017:

President:	Jim Sim	Advisory Board (East):	Keith Murphy
Vice President:	Scott McCawley	Advisory Board (Central):	Andrew Lockwood
Secretary/Treasurer:	Stuart Barr	Advisory Board (Central):	Bill Smillie
Registrar – Bands:	Tad Myers	Advisory Board (West):	Cliff Davies
Registrar – Solos:	Tom Jewell	Chief Steward:	Keith McDonald
Music Board Chair:	Tom Weithers	Education Committee Chair:	Mike Kotch

1. Call to order Jim Sim
2. Roll call of member bands Stuart Barr
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2016 AGM Stuart Barr
4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report Stuart Barr
5. Registrar's Report – Band Tad Myers
6. Registrar's Report – Solos Tom Jewell
7. Chief Steward's Report Keith McDonald
8. Education Committee Report Mike Kotch
9. Music Board Report Tom Weithers
10. Vice-President's Report Scott McCawley
11. President's Report Jim Sim
12. Business Items

a. Advisory Committee Proposals

i. Submitted by Stuart Barr:

Re: By-law modification to cover MWPBA dissolution

In May 2017, Not for Profit Articles of Incorporation were filed in the State of Illinois for the MWPBA by MWPBA Secretary-Treasurer Stuart Barr, as a necessary precursor to filing for 501(c)(3) status. To qualify as a Federal not for profit, it is mandatory that the organization organizing document contains a dissolution provision. This is not included in the current MWPBA by laws, last edited January 2015.

[Note that the MWPBA was granted 501(c)(3) not-for-profit status in 1995. This status expired over 15 years ago.]

The proposal is therefore that the MWPBA By Laws be amended to add the following dissolution statement:

ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the MWPBA, any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) with a charitable purpose substantially similar to those for which the MWPBA is organized, as the Executive Committee by majority vote designate.

- ii. Submitted by Stuart Barr:

Re: Sustaining Members

Whereas the MWPBA is organized and authorized by member bands to sanction competitions and grade competitive pipe bands and solo competitions, it is incorporated to further develop the arts of highland piping and drumming, and not just through competition. There are a large number of bands throughout the midwest that are social or service bands, or just not competing at this time, or building towards competition. However, only competition bands are members of the association, and only those bands are sustaining the MWPBA.

There are a number of advantages to MWPBA membership of non-competing bands, including ready and direct access to MWPBA resources, being listed on the MWPBA website, being informed of and attending MWPBA workshops and events, including many only existing because of MWPBA support, and indeed sustaining the MWPBA so that it exists and will continue to exist to serve its membership throughout the midwest.

Whereas there is the concept of an 'associate' solo member of the MWPBA, there is no equivalent at this time for non-competing bands to support the work of the MWPBA without incurring the expense of full-blown membership at \$200.

The proposal is therefore:

That a Sustaining Band Member category be created for band membership, and that there is an effort to reach out to those organizations and encourage that they support the MWPBA through membership. They would then be included on the List of Bands on the MWPBA website, and the maps of member bands, which is direct advertising of the band for those looking for a band or piping/drumming instruction in their area, and enjoy the satisfaction of supporting the arts and the work of the MWPBA. Sustaining Member bands would be non-voting members of the MWPBA.

It is proposed that membership for sustaining bands be \$100 per year.

As a corollary to this proposal, it is also proposed that Associate solo members be re-categorized as Sustaining Members, and that Sustaining Member annual dues be reduced to \$20 to encourage membership and support of the organization.

- iii. Submitted by Stuart Barr:

Re: Live event camera for capturing and/or streaming of MWPBA events

The proposal is that the MWPBA invest in a live event HD camera that would support live streaming and event archive recording. This could be used by a volunteer at Games recording each band performance as a service to each band, and at the Pro and Regional Solos, MWPBA AGM, or seminars, etc. At the moment, band contests are not officially recorded, and some other events rely on the goodwill and availability of ad hoc borrowed equipment, that may or may not be available, or up to the task.

A good example would be the Movo, as used by Dojo University to stream the Winter Storm events, and a solid, tall, tripod. The total cost would be around \$1000.

- iv. Submitted by Stuart Barr:

Re: Contest entries, grace period, and late fees

It is not uncommon for some contests to receive requests for entry after the deadline has passed. At the moment, standard Games entries must be submitted 3 weeks before the contest, and there is a 48-hour grace period built into the online forms to allow late entry without penalty. Thereafter, the form rejects entry, and there are often last minute requests for late entry, which incurs work by volunteers to either open up the entry form or manually create entries and send and process invoices for entry fees. Since mid-2017, the orders of play have been generated rather than manually created, and the work required to process entries is therefore greatly reduced, such that the 3-week deadline may be longer than actually necessary, other than the obvious advantage of knowing early how many judges are required and securing their availability.

It is proposed that standard Contest entries remain due the Sunday evening three weeks prior to the event (as today), but the original two-day grace period be eliminated. Late entries would be accepted thereafter up to the Sunday evening two weeks prior to the event, and an appropriate late fee assessed. Thereafter, no exceptions for later entry would be granted.

In order to encourage future 'on time' entry, a late fee of \$10 to enter a solo Contest could be appropriate (regardless of the number of Events entered on that particular day of competition). The corresponding band late fee could be \$30.

- b. Membership Proposals

- i. Proposed by Jim Williamson:

I propose the MWPBA establish a twitter account and use it to disseminate important information in real time. For example, there was misinformation being circulated in the band area when the rain hit at the Chicago game and in the hour or so after regarding the cancellation of massed bands. An official Twitter account would be the perfect medium in this kind of situation to share accurate, up-to-the-minute information in real time.

I would also suggest that it could be used to disseminate lots of other information, too, like entry deadlines and exciting news headlines with a link back to the MWPBA website for the full story.

ii. Proposed by Meredith Richmond:

I would like to propose a non-discrimination statement as an amendment to the MWPBA by-laws as a second paragraph in Article II. Purpose.

Here's my proposed language:

"In order to foster a strong Scottish Arts community, the MWPBA is committed to providing an inclusive, welcoming, and harassment-free environment for all event participants and volunteers. The MWPBA does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. The MWPBA holds individual members, band members, judges, stewards, and other volunteers to these same standards of behavior during their participation in MWPBA events."

Rationale: To affirm that this organization and the community it supports welcomes all people and does not tolerate harassment or discrimination. This is especially the case given the stories women came forward with following Andrew Berthoff's recent blogpipe post, <http://blogpipe-pipesdrums.com/metoo/>.

This is a first step in the right direction. It is my hope that, if the MWPBA adopts a statement like the one above, in the future there might be a discussion on how to enforce this policy.

c. Discussion items

i. Any other business

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| 13. Election of Officers | Jim Sim |
| 14. Presentation of Champions Supreme Awards | Jim Sim |
| 15. Announcements | |
| 16. Adjournment | |

**Midwest Pipe Band Association
Financial Report 2017**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 10,359.17	\$ 11,161.24	\$ 7,261.78
Income			
Membership Dues (Band)	9,900.00	9,450.00	9,350.00
Membership Dues (Individual)	7,235.00	6,345.00	7,435.32
Games Income	23,986.06	19,896.00	23,351.56
MWPBA Contests	1,006.00	770.00	n/a
Sponsorship	4,770.00	3,270.00	3,270.00
Miscellaneous	1,910.00	-	-
	<u>48,807.06</u>	<u>39,731.00</u>	<u>43,406.88</u>
Expenses			
Games	23,128.17	18,728.00	26,480.99
MWPBA Contests	7,228.20	8,848.34	n/a
Bank fees	1,603.24	1,339.68	1,539.61
Seminar	47.24	1,377.16	7,182.00
Sponsorship	7,519.96	7,693.62	n/a
Printing and postage	n/a	n/a	5.94
Annual Awards	139.20	81.00	137.20
Meetings	200.00	200.00	852.20
Supplies	573.57	864.76	1,189.48
Miscellaneous	3,581.80	1,920.47	-
	<u>44,021.38</u>	<u>41,053.03</u>	<u>37,387.42</u>
 Expected Cash balance at year end	 <u>\$ 15,144.85</u>	 <u>\$ 9,839.21</u>	 <u>\$ 13,281.24</u>
 Ending balance per Bank	 \$ 17,167.82	 \$ 10,259.17	 \$ 11,754.81
Ending balance per PayPal	-	100.00	1,526.43
Liabilities (outstanding checks)	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (519.96)	n/a
 Total balance at year end	 10/31/17 <u>\$ 15,167.82</u>	 10/31/16 <u>\$ 9,839.21</u>	 Sep-15 <u>\$ 13,281.24</u>
			Oct-15 \$ 11,161.24 (See Note 1)

Submitted by Stuart J Barr, MWPBA Treasurer, Nov 1, 2016

Note 1

Since 2016, the MWPBA financial report is stated to cover periods end of October to end of October, changed from end of September which was the practice until 2015. This is to allow time for processing of financial transactions occurring near the end of the season to be included in the relevant season accounting.

The cash balance at end of Sept 2015 was \$13,281.24, and \$11,161.24 at the end of October 2015.

Midwest Pipe Band Association Financial Report 2017, additional notes

General

- Year over year finances are stable overall, and no concerns are reported
- Hurricane relief fund recorded as miscellaneous income/expenses, received \$1850 after bank fees. MWPBA will add \$150 for a total of \$2000 to distribute. Thank you for your generosity!
- MWPBA has been (re)incorporated in the State of Illinois (cost \$76)
- MWPBA will file for 501(c)(3) status in 2018 (cost \$275)

Income

- 2 more sponsors this season (Claymore Brogues, Duncan Highland Supply), 10 total
- Increase in number of number of band registrations
- Increase in number of soloist registrations
- Increase in number of contest entries
- In general, tracking close to budget and expectations

Expenses

- Fewer expenses than originally budgeted for seminars, supplies, meetings.
- ANAPBA 2015 membership fee check re-issued (\$250)
- In general, tracking close to budget and expectations

2016 - 2017 Actual Expenses versus Budget YTD

Category	Actual	Budget	Remaining \$	Remaining %
Sponsorship	\$ 7,519.96	\$ 7,176.00	\$ (343.96)	-4.79%
Bank Fees	\$ 1,603.24	\$ 1,486.00	\$ (117.24)	-7.89%
Annual Awards	\$ 139.20	\$ 140.00	\$ 0.80	0.57%
Supplies	\$ 573.57	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 626.43	52.20%
Meetings	\$ 200.00	\$ 870.00	\$ 670.00	77.01%
MWPBA Contests	\$ 7,228.20	\$ 6,815.00	\$ (413.20)	-6.06%
Games	\$ 23,128.17	\$ 21,300.00	\$ (1,828.17)	-8.58%
Seminars	\$ 47.24	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,152.76	96.06%
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,581.80	\$ 520.00	\$ (3,061.80)	-588.81%
TOTAL	\$ 44,021.38	\$ 40,707.00	\$ (3,314.38)	-8.14%

2016 - 2017 Actual Income versus Projected YTD

Category	Actual	Projected	Shortfall \$	Actual %
Membership Dues (Band)	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 9,450.00	\$ (450.00)	104.76%
Membership Dues (Individual)	\$ 7,235.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (235.00)	103.36%
Games Entry Fees	\$ 23,986.06	\$ 22,000.00	\$ (1,986.06)	109.03%
MWPBA Contests	\$ 1,006.00	\$ 900.00	\$ (106.00)	111.78%
Sponsorship	\$ 4,770.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ (1,470.00)	144.55%
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,910.00	\$ -	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	\$ 48,807.06	\$ 42,650.00	\$ (4,247.06)	114.44%

2016 - 2017 Monthly Expenses

Category	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	2016 - 2017
Sponsorship	\$ 519.96	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,519.96
Bank Fees	\$ 0.60	\$ 78.48	\$ 219.76	\$ 115.65	\$ 270.04	\$ 200.58	\$ 398.29	\$ 74.51	\$ 31.06	\$ 136.72	\$ 76.05	\$ 1.50	\$ 1,603.24
Annual Awards	\$ 139.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139.20
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323.07	\$ 573.57
Meetings	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
MWPBA Contests	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 565.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 5,738.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,228.20
Games	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,435.26	\$ 6,082.91	\$ -	\$ 4,825.00	\$ 2,785.00	\$ 23,128.17
Seminars	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47.24
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00	\$ 59.88	\$ 427.08	\$ 768.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,561.80
TOTAL	\$ 909.76	\$ 7,838.36	\$ 646.84	\$ 1,448.73	\$ 695.04	\$ 6,189.28	\$ 475.05	\$ 9,557.01	\$ 6,113.97	\$ 136.72	\$ 4,901.05	\$ 5,109.57	\$ 44,021.38

2016 - 2017 Monthly Income

Category	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	2016 - 2017
Membership Dues (Band)	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,900.00
Membership Dues (Individual)	\$ -	\$ 1,265.00	\$ 1,405.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 7,235.00
Games Entry Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,007.00	\$ 2,843.00	\$ 4,385.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 1,298.00	\$ 776.06	\$ 2,768.00	\$ 809.00	\$ -	\$ 23,986.06
MWPBA Contests	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 256.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,006.00
Sponsorship	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,770.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 505.00	\$ 1,305.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,910.00
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 6,461.00	\$ 3,372.00	\$ 8,858.00	\$ 7,015.00	\$ 11,220.00	\$ 2,428.00	\$ 956.06	\$ 3,778.00	\$ 2,144.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 48,807.06

INCOME				EXPENSE				BANK BALANCE		ACTUAL	
Date	Description	Category	Reference	Amount	Category	Reference	Amount	Calculated	TCF Balance		
10/31/2016	Actual TCF Bank Statement Balance									\$	10,259.17
11/1/2016	Balance Brought Forward							10,259.17			
11/1/2016	Jim Sim flight to Winter Storm				Sponsorship	Check 2502	\$ 219.96	\$ 10,039.21			
11/9/2016	George Sherriff Scholarship				Sponsorship	Check 2500	\$ 300.00	\$ 9,739.21			
11/21/2016	Annual awards engravings				Annual Awards	Check 2501	\$ 139.20	\$ 9,600.01			
11/21/2016	ANAPBA 2015 dues (check re-issued)				Miscellaneous	Check 2503	\$ 250.00	\$ 9,350.01			
12/2/2016	AGM Hall rental				Meetings	Check 2504	\$ 200.00	\$ 9,150.01			
12/7/2016	Sponsorship of Winter Storm Workshops	Sponsorship	Check 2197 (partial)	\$ 500.00	Sponsorship	Check 2197 (partial)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,150.01			
12/28/2016	Sponsorship - MHAF				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2505	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,150.01			
1/3/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer	Funds Transfer	86594778GN318700E	\$ 1,856.04	Miscellaneous	Check 2506	\$ 177.08	\$ 3,986.05			
1/19/2017	ANAPBA Meeting Expenses				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2508	\$ 125.00	\$ 9,826.97			
2/4/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer	Funds Transfer	591198320E3477708	\$ 6,118.00	MWPPBA Contests	Check 2510	\$ 245.00	\$ 9,801.97			
2/21/2017	Reg Solds Judging - St Paul				Miscellaneous	Check 2509	\$ 76.00	\$ 9,480.97			
2/22/2017	Reg Solds Judging - Alma				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2511	\$ 195.00	\$ 9,285.97			
2/28/2017	PO Box rental							10,285.97			
3/9/2017	Reg Solds Judging - Milwaukee	Sponsorship		\$ 1,000.00	Miscellaneous	Check 2198	\$ 677.09	\$ 9,608.88			
3/28/2017	Sponsorship - Hugh Cameron, Claymore							12,176.24			
3/28/2017	ANAPBA Meeting Expenses	Funds Transfer	7M/J73548RP9430142	\$ 3,107.36	Bank Fees	Wire Transfer Fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 13,171.24			
3/10/2017	Sponsorship - Andante	Sponsorship		\$ 470.00	MWPPBA Contests	Check 2507	\$ 125.00	\$ 13,046.24			
3/13/2017	Reg Solds Judging - Kansas City				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2512	\$ 300.00	\$ 12,746.24			
3/16/2017	Sponsorship - RG Hardie				Bank Fees	Wire Transfer Fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 13,231.24			
3/27/2017	Sponsorship - RG Hardie	Sponsorship	74X06938H533735N	\$ 500.00				19,871.20			
4/1/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer	Funds Transfer		\$ 6,639.96	MWPPBA Contests	cash	\$ 96.00	\$ 19,775.20			
4/3/2017	Pro Solds - Judges dinner expenses							20,055.20			
4/3/2017	Pro Solds - Spectator tickets	MWPPBA Contests	cash	\$ 280.00	MWPPBA Contests	Check 2122	\$ 400.00	\$ 19,655.20			
4/4/2017	Pro Solds Judging and expenses				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2204	\$ 300.00	\$ 18,355.20			
4/4/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2199	\$ 400.00	\$ 18,955.20			
4/4/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2207	\$ 500.00	\$ 18,455.20			
4/4/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2205	\$ 200.00	\$ 18,255.20			
4/4/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2211	\$ 100.00	\$ 18,155.20			
4/5/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2201	\$ 200.00	\$ 17,955.20			
4/5/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2202	\$ 100.00	\$ 17,855.20			
4/7/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2203	\$ 400.00	\$ 17,255.20			
4/10/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2209	\$ 300.00	\$ 16,955.20			
4/10/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2200	\$ 300.00	\$ 16,655.20			
4/10/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2206	\$ 100.00	\$ 16,555.20			
4/10/2017	Pro Solds - prize money				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2208	\$ 400.00	\$ 16,155.20			
4/11/2017	Pro Solds Judging and expenses				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2213	\$ 485.00	\$ 15,670.20			
4/12/2017	Sponsorship - Bart1, Henderson	Sponsorship		\$ 1,000.00	Supplies	Check 2514	\$ 250.50	\$ 16,419.70			
4/12/2017	Sponsor signage							15,733.70			
4/24/2017	Pro Solds - trophies and engraving				MWPPBA Contests	Check 2513	\$ 686.00	\$ 15,182.50			
4/25/2017	Pro Solds - Judges hotels / staff lunch	Funds Transfer	1EX336934U83410Y	\$ 5,549.66	MWPPBA Contests	Check 2516	\$ 571.20	\$ 20,712.18			
5/2/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer							20,635.40			
5/22/2017	Incorporation Fees	Funds Transfer	21P52657P539200E	\$ 10,821.71	Miscellaneous	Check 2214	\$ 76.76	\$ 31,457.11			
6/2/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer				Seminars	Check 2518	\$ 47.24	\$ 31,409.87			
6/6/2017	Adjudicator's Examinations - lunch					Check 2519	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 28,939.87			
6/22/2017	Milwaukee Games entry fees				Games	Check 2520	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 22,489.87			
6/22/2017	Chicago Games trophies				Games	Check 2521	\$ 222.00	\$ 22,267.87			
6/26/2017	Sponsorship - Mayor Drum Supply	Sponsorship		\$ 300.00				22,567.87			
6/26/2017	Late solo contest entries	Games Entry Fees		\$ 28.00				22,593.87			
6/30/2017	Judges dinner etc.				Games	Check 2522	\$ 293.26	\$ 22,300.61			
7/3/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer	Funds Transfer	4UW63170H0859233D	\$ 2,027.49				24,328.10			
7/11/2017	MWPPBA staff breakfast/coffee				Games	Check 2523	\$ 107.91	\$ 24,220.19			
7/18/2017	Minnesota Games entry fees				Games	Check 2524	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 22,620.19			
7/19/2017	Alma Games entry fees				Games	Check 2517	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 18,245.19			
7/21/2017	Chicago Games trophies	Games Entry Fees	c.t. Check 2521	\$ 222.00				18,467.19			
8/4/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer	Funds Transfer	8B970561JL458431M	\$ 722.19				19,189.38			
9/6/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer	Funds Transfer	7DE376942V059384R	\$ 3,645.06				22,834.44			
9/19/2017	Wisconsin Games entry fees				Games	Check 2525	\$ 3,255.00	\$ 19,579.44			
9/19/2017	Kentucky Games entry fees				Games	Check 2527	\$ 540.00	\$ 19,039.44			
9/19/2017	Columbus Games entry fees				Games	Check 2526	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 20,076.44			
10/2/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer	Funds Transfer	0SY10936NV192002J	\$ 2,067.05				18,491.49			
10/2/2017	St Louis Games entry fees				Games	Check 2528	\$ 1,585.00	\$ 18,591.49			
10/3/2017	Hurricane Relief Fund donation	Miscellaneous		\$ 100.00				18,690.88			
10/23/2017	Paypal to TCF Bank Account Funds Transfer	Funds Transfer	3V/F44639D1048814Y	\$ 99.40	Games	Check 2215 (partial)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 17,490.88			

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PROJECTED INCOME

CATEGORY	2017 projection	2016 actual
Membership Dues (Band)	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 9,450.00
Approx 43 bands	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 9,450.00
Membership Dues (Individual)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,345.00
Approx 270 soloists	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,345.00
Games Entry Fees	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 19,896.00
Entry fees (Springfield back on, bigger Chicago games)	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 19,896.00
MWPBA Contests	\$ 900.00	\$ 770.00
Regional Solo entry fees (50 entrants x \$10)	\$ 500.00	\$ 850.00
Open Solo Piping Event (10 entrants x \$20, plus door of 20 x \$10)	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
Sponsorship	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
Barr1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Henderson Imports	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Andante	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mayor Drum Supply (Mayor also covers Trophies)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
RG Hardie	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Cameron's Drumming Studio	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Winter Storm / MHAF	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -
other	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	2017 \$ 42,650.00	2016 \$ 45,600.00

BUDGETED EXPENSE

CATEGORY	2017 projection	2016 actual
Sponsorship	\$ 7,176.00	\$ 7,176.00
Winter Storm Workshops (includes \$500 reciprocal sponsorship)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Winter Storm Attendance by MWPBA Rep	\$ 176.00	\$ 176.00
Bank Fees	\$ 1,486.00	\$ 1,486.00
TCF Bank statements = \$3 x 12	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.00
Paypal for Band Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Paypal for Individual Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Paypal for MWPBA Contest Entry Fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Paypal for Highland Games Contest Entry Fees	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Annual Awards	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Champion Supreme Award engraving, per 2015	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Meetings	\$ 870.00	\$ 870.00
ANAPBA (flights, accomodation for MWPBA Rep = Music Board Chair)	\$ 470.00	\$ 470.00
AGM (location rental, photocopies)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Board Meetings (teleconference, rooms)	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
MWPBA Contests	\$ 6,815.00	\$ 6,815.00
Regional Solos Qualifier - Alma, MI	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
Regional Solos Qualifier - St Paul, MN	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Regional Solos Qualifier - Lexington, KY	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Regional Solos Qualifier - Kansas City, MO	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Regional Solos Qualifier - Cleveland, OH	\$ -	\$ -
Regional Solos Qualifier - Milwaukee, WI	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Regional Solos Final	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Regional Solos Awards engraving	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Open Solo Piping Event	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Open Solo Piping Awards	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Games	\$ 21,300.00	\$ 21,300.00
Collected Entry Fees to Games Hosts (add 1A)	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 19,500.00
Honorarium for Chief Steward (now paid by each Games)	\$ -	\$ -
Honorarium for Sheets, Results processing (\$200/games)	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
Seminars	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Stewarding / Volunteering Seminar	\$ -	\$ -
Judging Workshops	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
ANAPBA Membership Dues	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Printing and Postage	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Website	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
other	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE	2017 \$ 40,707.00	2016 \$ 40,707.00

2017
Band Registrar's Report
Midwest Pipe Band Association

	Bands 2017	Change in 2017	Bands 2016	Bands 2015	Bands 2014	Change in 2014	Bands 2013	Change in 2013
Grade 1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0
Grade 2	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
Grade 3	6	0	6	5	5	0	5	-4
Grade 4	13	-1	14	15	16	-1	17	1
Grade 5	25	3	22	22	24	2	22	1
Totals	46	2	44	43	46	1	45	-2

2017 MWPBA Band List

Band Name	Band ID#	Band Name	Band ID#
Alma College PB	PB-173-IV	Greater Midwest	PB-180-II
Billy Mitchell Scottish	PB-140-IV	Heather and Thistle	PB-188-V
Blackhawk P&D	PB-152-V	Kansas City St. Andrews	PB-111-III
Brian Boru	PB-165-IV	Kansas City St. Andrews	PB-176-IV
Cabar Feidh	PB-141-V	Louisville Pipe Band	PB-179-V
Cameron and District	PB-187-V	Macalester College	PB-143-III
Celtic Cross	PB-127-V	Macalester College	PB-163-V
Celtic Nations	PB-103-IV	Madison P & D	PB-135-V
Chicago Celtic	PB-129-III	Michigan Scottish	PB-178-V
Chicago Highlanders	PB-115-IV	Midlothian Scottish	PB-137-II
Chicago Stockyard Kilty	PB-147-IV	Milwaukee Scottish	PB-162-IV
City of Chicago	PB-131-III	Minnesota Police PB	PB-107-V
City of McPherson	PB-109-IV	North Coast	PB-136-III
City of Rockford	PB-133-V	North Coast	PB-175-V
Clan Donald	PB-121-V	Omaha P & D	PB-122-V
Doonaree	PB-113-V	Saint Louis Caledonian	PB-124-IV
Dundee Scottish PB	PB-166-IV	St Andrews Society IL	PB-126-IV
Firefighters Highland Gd.	PB-170-V	Superior Pipes and Drums	PB-185-V
Flint Scottish	PB-146-V	Tunes of Glory	PB-119-V
Fort Wayne Scottish	PB-171-V	Turlach Ur	PB-149-IV
Fountain Trust	PB-125-III	Twin Cities Metro	PB-100-IV
Glen Erin Pipe Band	PB-186-V	White Pine P & D	PB-110-V
Grand Traverse	PB-142-V	Wichita Caledonian	PB-104-V

2017
Solo Registrar's Report
Midwest Pipe Band Association

2017	Piping Light Music	2017	Piping Piobaireachd	2017	Snare Drum
Open	12	Open	12	Open	7
Grade 1	25	Grade 1	20	Grade 1	6
Grade 2	17	Grade 2	20	Grade 2	None
Grade 3	21	Grade 3	29	Grade 3	9
Grade 4j	28	Grade 4	51	Grade 4	17
Grade 4s	60			Beginner	4
Junior Novice	9				
Senior Novice	25				
Practice Chanter	7				

2017	Tenor Drum	Bass Drum	Drum Major
Open			6
Advanced	2	2	
Intermediate	3	1	
Novice	11	6	
Beginner	3		

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Total Membership	287	247	296	321	305	259	241
New**	73	61	71	89	86	76	44
Renewal**	214	186	225	232	219	183	197
Adjudicators**	23	21	21	21	20	17	16
Associate Members**	2	1	1	5			

Year	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006*
Total Membership	283	277	281	343	387
New**	82	74	69	101	137
Renewal**	201	203	212	242	250
Adjudicators**	16	21	16	12	22

* No records earlier than 2006

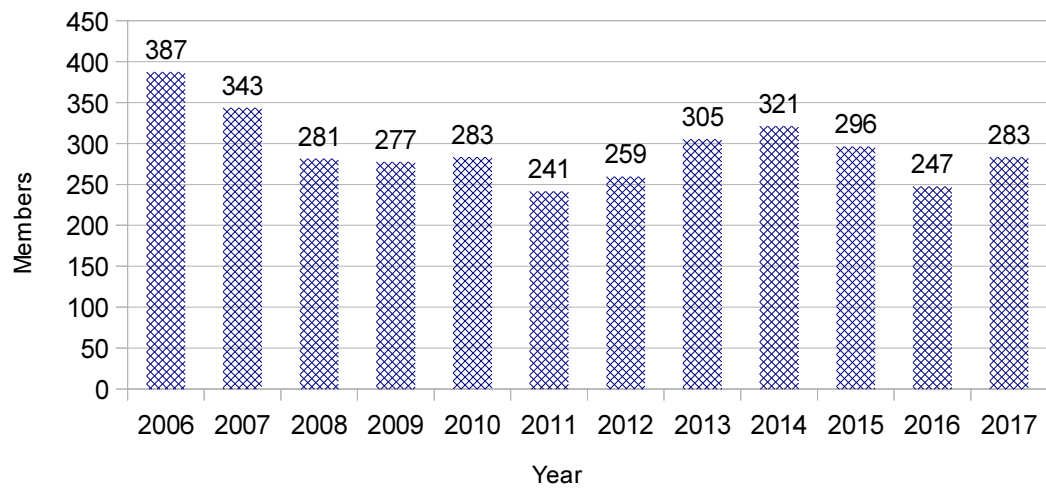
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Prepared by:



Tom Jewell
Solo Registrar

MWPBA Membership



Discipline	Total Judging Time
Piping + Piobaireachd	9312
Drumming	1167

Discipline	Event	Judge	Split	Num entries	Time Allotment (minutes)	Event Duration (minutes)
PIOBAIREACHD	Open Piobaireachd	Full	15	24	20	480
	Grade 1 Piobaireachd	Full	15	37	20	740
	Grade 2 Piobaireachd		15	30	15	450
	Grade 3 Piobaireachd		15	74	15	1110
	Grade 4 Piobaireachd		25	73	10	730
PIPING, LIGHT MUSIC	Open Piping MSR	Full	25	20	10	200
	Open Piping 6/8 March	Full	25	19	5	95
	Open Piping H/J	Full	25	19	7	133
	Grade 1 Piping MSR	Full	25	50	10	500
	Grade 1 Piping 6/8 March	Full	25	40	5	200
	Grade 1 Piping H/J	Full	25	47	7	329
	Grade 2 Piping 2/4 March		25	28	5	140
	Grade 2 Piping 6/8 March		25	24	5	120
	Grade 2 Piping S/R		25	29	7	203
	Grade 2 Piping H/J		25	23	7	161
	Grade 3 Piping 2/4 March		25	81	10	810
	Grade 3 Piping 6/8 March		25	57	5	285
	Grade 3 Piping S/R		25	73	7	511
	Grade 3 Piping Jig		25	76	5	380
	Grade 4 Sr. Piping 2/4 March		25	120	5	600
	Grade 4 Sr. Piping 6/8 March		25	68	5	340
	Grade 4 Jr. Piping 2/4 March		25	51	5	255
	Grade 4 Jr. Piping 6/8 March		25	31	5	155
	Grade 4 Piping Slow Aire		25	16	5	80
	Sr. Novice Piping 2/4 March		25	39	5	195
	Jr. Novice Piping 2/4 March		25	9	5	45
	Novice Piping Slow Aire		25	3	5	15
	Prac. Chanter 2-part March		25	10	5	50

Discipline	Event	Judge	Split	Num entries	Time Allotment (minutes)	Event Duration (minutes)
SNARE	Open Snare MSR	Full	25	7	10	70
	Open Snare H/J	Full	25	7	7	49
	Grade 1 Snare MSR	Full	25	6	10	60
	Grade 1 Snare H/J	Full	25	6	7	42
	Grade 2 Snare MSR		25	2	10	20
	Grade 2 Snare H/J		25	2	7	14
	Grade 3 Snare MSR		25	17	10	170
	Grade 3 Snare 6/8 March		25	18	5	90
	Grade 4 Snare 2/4 March		25	23	5	115
	Grade 4 Snare 6/8 March		25	4	5	20
	Beg. Snare 2/4 March		25	6	5	30
TENOR	Adv. Tenor Solo MSR	Full	25	8	10	80
	Adv. Tenor Solo H/J	Full	25	6	7	42
	Int. Tenor Solo MSR		25	11	10	110
	Nov. Tenor Solo 2/4 March		25	21	5	105
	Nov. Tenor Solo 6/8 March			0	5	0
	Group Tenor 6/8 March		15	36	(concurrent)	10
BASS	Adv. Bass MSR	Full	25	5	10	50
	Int. Bass MSR		25	5	10	50
	Nov. Bass 2/4 March		25	10	5	50
DM	Open DM 6/8 March		6	14	(concurrent)	10

MWPBA MUSIC BOARD REPORT

2017 Annual General Meeting

News

This year the Music Board qualified three additional adjudicators for Piobaireachd (Chris Apps, Adrian Melvin and Matt Pantaleoni). Chris Apps has completed his Ensemble shadow judging assignment and is now Ensemble qualified. Dave Hickling has taken and passed the Drumming examination and completed one of his shadow judging assignments. He needs to complete one more shadow judging assignment to be fully qualified as a Drumming adjudicator. Scott MacLeod was previously an adjudicator for the WUSPBA. He recently moved to Michigan and has been added to the panel as an Associate Piping adjudicator. We also had an applicant from Ontario but his application was rejected because he did not live within the boundaries of the MWPBA.

The Music Board offered an adjudicator training session in April on Ensemble adjudication. The session was offered as a Webex seminar and it was well attended. The seminar itself was a re-broadcast of a seminar originally given by Reid Maxwell and Jack Lee to the EUSPBA.

The member associations of ANAPBA have agreed to make efforts to share adjudicator training materials and seminars whenever possible. As the first step toward that initiative, the British Columbia Pipers Association invited adjudicators from other associations to participate in their online Adjudicators Conference last February. It was quite informative to hear how other associations handle common adjudicator issues.

The Music Board representatives to ANAPBA have set up a permanent working group with its own Dropbox file share site. Currently, the group is working on drafting grading guidelines that will define the expectations for each grade. When completed, these guidelines will also be shared with the member bands so that band leadership knows what is expected in a given grade and can focus on developing their bands to meet these grade-appropriate expectations.

Proposed Rule Changes

The Music Board intends to reorganize the Rules by moving certain rules to a more logical location in the Rules document and include a few rules that were previously adopted but have not yet been added to the document. There are no proposed rules changes for this season.

Grading Decisions

PIPING

Senior Novice to Grade 4

Derek Bonczkowski

Colin Gavin

Susan Martin

Kolleen Monahan-Sarns

Jennifer Toussaint

Junior Novice to Grade 4

Benjamin Johnson

Riley Miracle

Note: any other player that has competed in a Novice Grade for a season may register in Grade 4 without Music Board approval

Grade 4 Senior Light Music to Grade 3 Light Music

Brian Neal

Grade 4 Junior Light Music to Grade 3 Light Music

Elizabeth Curiskis

Thomas McCollum

Gabrielle Neal

Chris Spreen

Grade 4 Piobaireachd to Grade 3 Piobaireachd

Elizabeth Curiskis

Samuel Jonas

Brian Neal

Gabrielle Neal

Thomas McCollum

Grade 3 Light Music to Grade 2 Light Music

Robert McCallum

Rhys O'Higgins

Duncan Petersen-Jones

Thomas Stonehouse

Grade 3 Piobaireachd to Grade 2 Piobaireachd

Rhys O'Higgins

Grade 2 Piobaireachd to Grade 1 Piobaireachd

Kolya Sier

DRUMMING

Grade 3 Snare to Grade 2 Snare

Andrew Jirsa

Novice Tenor to Intermediate Tenor

Kathryn Byszewski

Katherine Craig

BANDS

Fountain Trust Pipe Band from Grade 3 to Grade 4 by request

Reminder: Any band or soloist that would like to file a Grading Application must do so by March 31, 2018.

For the Music Board,

Tom Weithers

Chairman