



MIDWEST PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2020, 1pm



AGENDA & MINUTES

Elected Officers, 2020:

President:	Jim Sim	Regional Rep' (East):	Keith Murphy
Vice President:	Scott McCawley	Regional Rep' (Central):	Andrew Lockwood
Secretary/Treasurer:	Steve Stuart	Regional Rep' (Central):	Keith McDonald
Registrar – Bands:	Tad Myers	Regional Rep' (West):	Cliff Davis
Registrar – Solos:	Dan Tesch		

Appointed Positions, 2020:

Chief Steward:	Sherry Sievewright	Website Administrator:	Steve Stuart
Music Board Chair:	Tom Weithers	Score Keeper:	Julie Parry

1. **Call to order**
Jim Sim called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm **Jim Sim**

2. **Roll call of member bands**
Steve read the roll of member bands **Steve Stuart**

3. **Approval of Minutes of the 2019 AGM**
Minutes of the 2019 AGM were approved **Steve Stuart**

4. **Secretary/Treasurer's Report** **Steve Stuart**

5. **Registrar's Report – Band**
None given; Tad not present on the call **Tad Myers**

6. **Registrar's Report – Solos**
Discussion about changing the back-end process or registering soloists **Dan Tesch**

7. **Chief Steward's Report**
Talked about Swinton on 5/1, and desire to have a steward zoom call to go over expectations with judges
Sherry Sievewright

8. **Music Board Report**
No written board, no adjudicator news; one upgrade – player in OK requested an upgrade, and attended 9 contests...if you're able to grab the opportunities that are out there, you can have a good chance of having a successful upgrade...unusual in that it was all indoor contests, but they are out there. **Tom Weithers**

9. **Vice-President's Report**
No report, audio was bad... **Scott McCawley**

10. **President's Report**
Jim thanked the board and the area-representatives for their contributions to the association; a lot of experience in our area-representatives. Overview of the interview #1 of the interview series hosted by MWPBA and published on YouTube. Thanked everyone for the donations from the 2020 Contest Entry refunds. Members (band & solo) from 2020 will be carried over to 2021, so no need to re-register, as the MWPBA is in a financial position to do so. Bands will have to participate in the program. We are unsure if the MWPBA will have regional contests, but scholarships will move forward for 2021. All of the game sponsors but one have indicated that their games will be happening in 2021, at the same weekends as they normally occur on; RSPBA

PDQB learning certificate program should be available soon; further discussion of the proposed Springfield Highland Games on 5/15/2021.update/refresh their rosters & registered instructors for 2021, though. Robert Irwin scholarships (Grade 3 & Grade 4 Jr.) are to be expanded in 2021 to include snare drumming; individuals still under age 18 to be qualified to win. **Jim Sim**

11. Business Items

a. Advisory Committee Proposals

i. none

b. Discussion items

i. Any other business

none

12. Election of Officers

Voted in all 2020 officers to 2021

Jim Sim

13. Presentation of Champions Supreme Awards

No CS award winners in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions preventing events

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14. Announcements

None

15. Adjournment

I hope you and all of your band mates are continue to practice and prepare for 2021. Hopefully we'll have a season, keep your eyes peeled on the website/FB/e-mail for the announcements...leaning towards a two-day event around May 1, based on the COVID situation