

MINUTES OF MEETING TO ESTABLISH THE P. E. I. FIDDLERS SOCIETY

MAY 22, 1977, at ST. PIUS X HALL, PARKDALE.

1. Opening:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the day, Neil McCannell. Mr. McCannell indicated Fr. Faber MacDonald was willing to act as Secretary for the day if there was no objection. There was none so.....

2. Sharing from Groups:

A. Queens: Mr. Bill MacDonald reported that the Queen's Co. group began in the fall meeting in Parkdale Fire Hall. The group meets each Thursday at 8:p.m. There is a canteen of coffee, tea and cookies provided each week. A weekly collection of \$1.00 is taken to cover this and also the rent. Each week the program consists in playing together, learning new tunes and some times an individual playing for ten minutes or so. Fellowship and friendship have grown and fiddlers have been experiencing a spirit of unity. Some have taken lessons during the winter to read music. Presently the group is practicing tunes for the Glendale Festival in Cape Breton July 8, 9 and 10. The group is grateful to Neil McCannell for his assistance.

B. Summerside: John Gauthier reporting.
This group came together as a result of being brought together in Bloomfield. It is now formed and the aims are to foster and propogate old time fiddling. The first phase has consisted in learning to read music. This has gone well as all fiddlers have taken it seriously. The next phase which will begin soon will consist in learning to play together.

C. Souris: Mr. Joseph Chaisson reporting.
The group met once a week for the winter. The group put on several concerts in different places. For this the Queens Co. group joined in. The concerts were most successful. Kenny Chaisson learned to read music during the winter, and so will now probably have to be "pushed out." (not taken seriously.)

3. Discussion on proposed guidelines:

A. Introduction: Fr. Faber gave an introduction by making the following points.

1. Every organization needs something in the nature of a Constitution or guidelines.
2. This Society is so new that to form a Constitution would be somewhat premature at this time.
3. These guidelines are based on our experience to date.
4. As the Society grows, these guidelines can be changed until the growing slows down then something like a Constitution could be adopted.

B. Discussion on Structure:

The following changes were made on motions and general agreement.

(a) Regular meetings: (Section 3 C (a)
Moved by Rev. C. Cheverie and seconded by P. C. Doiron "That the first annual meeting be held October, 1978." Unanimously passed.

(b) Section 3 D (a): delete the second sentence.

- (c) Growth group liason: Section 3 D (b), to be added: "It will be the responsibility of the executive to ensure at least four general gatherings per year."
- (d) Section 4 B: Executive to look into the design of the tartan material and make recommendations at next general meeting.
- (e) Section 4 C changed to read: "For appearances advertized for the Society the Executive should ensure that at least fifteen (15) fiddlers be present."
- (f) Section 4 D changed to read: "As much notice as possible should be given for practice on such occasions."
- (g) Section 2 A (a) changed to read: "The Society will be devoted to traditional old time violin music."

C. Additions to guidelines:

1. It was agreed that guidelines be amended only at a general meeting of the Society.
2. Fifty per cent (50%) of registered members would constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.
3. Fees and other monies received in the name of the Society to be used in the promotion of the aims and purposes of the Society.

D. Motion of acceptance of guidelines and Declaration of Society formed:

It was moved by J. Gauthier and seconded by George Weatherbie and passed unanimously that the proposed guidelines with the above additions, amendments and deletions be accepted.

Chairman Neil McCannell then declared the P. E. I. Fiddlers Society officially formed. He then called for a coffee break and payment of fees.

4. Election of Officers:

The following were nominated and chosen as Officers of the P. E. I. Fiddlers Society:

President: Neil McCannell

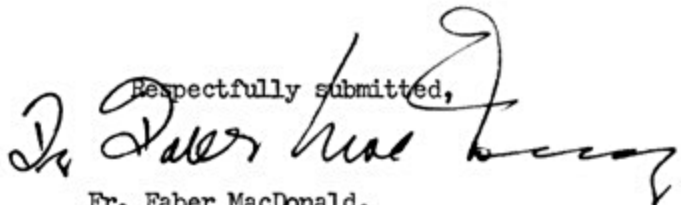
First Vice President: Joseph Chaisson

Second Vice President: John Dan MacPherson

Secretary: John Gauthier

Treasurer: Keith LeLacheur

Respectfully submitted,



Fr. Faber MacDonal,
Secretary Pro Tem.