



**PRIDE WINNIPEG FESTIVAL INC.  
NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (“AGM”) MINUTES**

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Annual General Meeting  
Rainbow Resource Centre, 170 Scott Street, Winnipeg Manitoba  
Tuesday, November 28th, 2019

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**PRIDE WINNIPEG**

**OFFICERS:**

Barry Karlenzig,	President
Alisa Woods,	Vice-President, Marketing
Colin Wynter,	Vice-President, Community Engagement
Stephen Kennedy,	Vice-President, Finance (Absent)
Tammy Henwood,	Vice-President, Operations

**DIRECTORS:**

David Wiszniowski,	Director, Parade & Rally
Jai-Len Siwak,	Director, Marketing
Julie Chapko,	Director, Accessibility
Kristofer Reid,	Director, Community Engagement
Melanie Isaak,	Director, Finance
Micaela Reeve,	Director, Pride Festival
Renata Machado,	Director, Sustainability
Shauntana Holmes,	Director, Human Resources

**AGM CHAIR:** Barb Burkowski

**AGM SECRETARY:** Stacey Linton

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1119	1048	1170	1072	1171	1172	1113	1173	1128	1007	1174	1023
1130	1123	1016	1028	1106	1083	1183	1120	1101	1122	1126	1185
1188	1189	1190	1191	1048	1107	1187	1083				



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**Membership Approval:** all new members who purchased their membership before the beginning of this meeting were approved, with not dissenters.

**Call to Order**

Barb Burkowski, AGM Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Establish Quorum**

Stacey Linton, AGM Secretary, confirmed that quorum had been established for the meeting.

**Adoption of the Minutes from the previous AGM**

**MOTION 1 - ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by: Member 1048

Seconded by: Member 1107

For the Membership to approve the Previous Annual General Meeting Minutes that occurred on November 2, 2018

**Carried**

**Board Introductions:** The 2019 Board of Directors introduced themselves to the membership assembled

**Presidents Address:**

The President, Barry Karlenzig, welcomed members and guest to the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Pride Winnipeg Festival and reported on the overall 2018 Pride Winnipeg Festival as well as other activities the Organization has engaged in since the last AGM.

-Pride Winnipeg created the first ever KidZone, dedicated space (~375sq ft) for kids from 0-15)

**By-Law Amendments:** no amendments are required at this time

**Presentation of Financial Statements**

Barry Karlenzig, in leu of Stephen Kennedy, Vice-President Finance, who was unable to attend the AGM, presented the 2018-2019 Financial Statements to the Membership.

**MOTION 4 - ADOPTION OF THE 2015-16 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Moved by: Member 1107

Seconded by: Member 1083

For the Membership to adopt the 2018-2019 Financial Statements

**Carried**



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**Elections for New Positions with Pride: Community Liaisons**

-2 positions have been created to have community personal sit on the Board of Pride Winnipeg, with a Vote. We hope that this will encourage and increase the input from the community at large. Nominations for the attending members were accepted. Those nominated were then asked if they would stand for election. Both said yea and they were asked to step out of the room for the vote by raised hands.

Nominated were **Jenn Rands**, from Dykes on Bikes, and **Shandi Strong**, from the Trans March planning committee. **Both persons, by unanimous show of hands were elected to the position for the Term of 1 YEAR, with no dissenters and no abstainers.**

**Question Period**

The Board of Directors fielded questions from the Membership and guests.

**Q: Barbara Bruce re: Two Spirit Powwow.** Last years the Sacred Fire ceremony did not seem to have much in the way of community promotion, can we look at increasing the awareness of this event and hopefully get more attendees? Also are QPOC going to have a bigger role this year?

**A: Barry- second questions first,** Barry and Colin met with Kate from QPOC and they will be having their own stage this year. QPOC is currently going through a reorganization, due to the change of leadership following the election of Uzoma Asagwara to the NDP Union Station riding. We have also met with Monique at Two Spirit Manitoba and they are working together to increase both the designated space at the Festival grounds and the promotion of their events. Going forward Two Spirit Manitoba will have all the space from behind the Johnston Terminal to the Odena Circle, which is where the Sacred Fire will take place this year.

**Q: Micaela:** Could you (Barbara Bruce) send us a bit more detailed information as to what the importance of the Sacred Fire is to the community? Getting a better understanding of the reasons and significance of the Sacred Fire will assist Pride in the proper promotion of the event, without it becoming an “advertisement” which may not be appropriate.

**A: Barbara:** will speak with Albert, Reece, Dionne, and all the Elders Council to see about meeting with the Board to pass on more information regarding the Two Spirit events.

-In order for us to reach the Indigenous community and feel like we absolutely belong, would it be possible for Jai to look into bringing some greetings etc. in the language of the Indigenous Peoples?

**A: Jai:** we can certainly do that. I will reach out to the Elders Council in our meeting to find out what language would be best, as there are so many in MB.



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**A: Jai continued-** I can look into doing feature in our monthly newsletter in different languages as well.

**Q: Sandi:** Last year we had significant issues with major events taking place at the same time, causing many people to have to choose between events, both that meant a lot to them. Can we work to try and avoid that this year?

**A: Micaela:** That is on me this year to ensure that the timings for the major events do not conflict. We will not be able to do this with regards to the performances that are happening on any of the Stages, as there are too many acts to work around; but we will do our best to avoid any of the headliners performances.

**Concerns raised about the new location of Two Spirit Pow wow:** Pride will ensure that there is significant promotion of the Two Spirit events and that there will be more signage to direct ppl to the events.

**Discussion of the Elders Council C2C Booklet,** outlining the ways in which organizations in MB have not done their best to include/represent the Two Spirit community. Pride held special Board Meeting to go over the points outlined one by one and to honestly account for how Pride Winnipeg has performed in its duty to this community. Pride is committed to having a fully written response back to the Council in the New Year, and hope to be able to meet with the Council to discuss its contents. Pride Winnipeg is very invested in discovering ways in which we can better our relationship and representation of the Two Spirit Community

**2020 Theme:** This year instead of the Board sitting in a room and coming up with a Theme for the 2020 Pride Festival, we are asking the community to come up with one. We will announce a contest for ppl to submit their ideas and then the top 5 will be announced and the community will have an opportunity to vote on their favorite. The winner will then be announced.

**Last Thoughts: Barb (Chair):** Thank you to everyone for coming tonight. To see that the community is interested in holding us accountable for what occurs in Pride and are interested in what is upcoming is gratifying.

**Barb Burkowski (Chair) calls for Adjournment:**

**MOTION 5 – To Adjourn the 2018-2019 AGM**

Moved by: Member 1126

Adjournment of the 2016 Pride Winnipeg Festival Annual General Meeting at 7:40pm.

**Carried**

**Barb: Thank you all for coming and please help yourselves to refreshments.**