

PRAIRIE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION

Constitution & Rules

October 7, 1969

## CONSTITUTION

The Association shall be called "The Prairie Pipe Band Association".

### OBJECTS

The Association shall have for its objects:-

- (a) To promote and encourage the culture and advancement of Pipe Band Music, and to sponsor a Piping and Drumming College.
- (b) To create and maintain a bond of Fellowship with all Pipers and Drummers.
- (c) To devise and operate a proper system of Pipe Band Contest Rules.
- (d) To perpetuate the wearing of correct highland dress.
- (e) To perpetuate highland games and festivals in the best traditions of Scotland, to include highland dancing and athletic competitions of the highest order.

## CONSTITUTION

1. The Society will be known as "The Prairie Pipe Band Association" (hereinafter called "The Society") with the headquarters of the Society in a central point, namely, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Membership shall be open to all active pipe bands with a minimum of 6 pipers, bass drummer and 2 side drummers.

2. The management of the Society shall be vested in an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Society and seven (7) elected members. All offices to be comprised of active members.

3. The officers of the Society shall consist of:

President

3 Vice-Presidents (one from each province)  
**Alta.-Sask.-Man.**

Secretary

Treasurer

3. Officers of the Society - **cont'd.**

Immediate Past President (when available)

6 Executive Committee Members - (2 from each province) - **Alta. Sask. Man.**

All offices to be comprised of active members.

4. A member must serve for a term of one year or more on the Executive Committee before being eligible for election as an officer of the Society.

5. Auditors shall be appointed at general meeting each year.

6. Application for membership in the Society shall be made to the Executive Committee which may accept or reject such applications.

7. Membership in the Society shall be available, subject to clause 6, to pipers and drummers and pipe bands and associate members (people interested and desirous of furthering the aims and purposes of the Society).

8. The general meeting of the Society shall be held in October of each year. The Executive Committee meetings shall be held at least twice a. year. Each provincial committee shall meet at the discretion of the vice-president.

9. Voting at a general meeting may be by show of hands or by ballot, at the-discretion of the Chairman and when by ballot, two\_ (2) **scrutineers** to count and report upon the ballots shall be appointed at the meeting.

10. The President may call a general meeting at any time and shall call a special meeting at the written request of ten or more members of the Society in good standing; the said request to be in the hands of the Secretary three weeks previous to the meeting. All members to be given at least two week's notice in writing of the time and the place. All requests for a special meeting shall state the object of the meeting and the matter to be discussed thereat.

11. The President shall call all general and Executive Committee' meetings and shall preside thereat and shall conduct such meetings in strict accordance with the usually accepted rules of procedure. In the case of a tie vote on any subject the President shall give the deciding vote. He shall be a member ex-officio, of every committee and sub-committee. The President shall be advised of all regional committee meetings.

12. During the absence of the President, the first Vice-President shall act in his stead and shall perform all the duties of the President.

13. The amount of the annual fee shall be determined at the annual October meeting. All members dues to be paid to the Treasurer not later than the last day of February each year. Failing to do so will necessitate eliminating such member or band from the nominal roll until such dues are paid and the member or band re-instated.

14. The Executive Committee may recommend the suspension or expulsion of any member or band upon satisfactory proof of behaviour detrimental to the Society's best interests.

15. The Executive Committee may appoint or elect any-member or members "in good standing", to fill vacancies caused in the Executive Committee due to any cause or reason that warrants the Executive Committee accepting same cause or reason being justifiable.

16. Membership in the Society may be enrolled in the following classes: Honorary, Pipers, Drummers, Pipe Bands and Associate. Honorary members may enter discussions on the floor but may not sponsor or second a motion or vote.

17. Seven (7) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

18. The Association will endeavor to maintain a high standard of judging and have a record of judges available for highland games committees. All competitions should be brought to the attention of the Association.

19. The Executive Committee of the Society shall elect any sub-committees that are deemed necessary.

20. This constitution (and/or the following by-laws) may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting and not otherwise. The proposed amendment must be in writing and given to the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the date of such meeting and the Secretary shall incorporate the proposed amendment in full written notice convening the meeting.

21. Where the games committees agree to accept The Prairie Pipe Band Association Rules, judges must be selected from the approved panel of judges of the Prairie Pipe Band Association. On occasion,

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where this is not practical, notification must be given to the Society in writing, one month prior to the games and details concerning their proposed substitute be submitted for investigation and approval.

22. The fees shall be: \$25.00 per year per band  
\$ 5.00 per year individual associate  
and honorary memberships

BY -LAWS

1. The fiscal year of the Society shall be October 1st to September 30th.

2. The following business shall be transacted at the general meeting.

- (a) Reading and adoption of minutes of previous general meeting.
- (b) Business arising out of minutes.
- (c) Reading and disposition of correspondence.
- (d) Presentation and disposition of reports and recommendations of the Executive Committee dealing with membership fees for the ensuing year. Rules re competitions, etc..
- (e) Presentation of Secretary's Report, Treasurer's audited report, Report on Membership Committee, Reports of other committees.
- (f) Provision for an awarding of prizes.
- (g) Generally organize for the ensuing year.
- (h) Other business.
- (i) Election of officers and an Executive Committee, if deemed necessary.

3. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep the records of the Society, take down and record all minutes of General and Executive Committee meetings. He shall send written notice of all General Meetings to all members at least three weeks in advance of the date set for such meetings.

Immediately upon election he shall take over and sign acknowledgment for all books and records and shall hand over the same to his successor in proper order at the end of his term of office.

3. SECRETARY - cont'd.

In general he shall do all the secretarial work of the Society.

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep all financial records of the Society and make all disbursements.

He shall notify all members in arrears.

He shall open up (or continue) an account in the name of the Society in a chartered bank and deposit all Society monies in this account.

He shall prepare a financial statement and present the same, audited by the Auditors, at the October General Meeting.

Immediately upon election he shall take over and sign acknowledgment for all monies, books and records and shall hand over the same to his successor, in proper order, at the end of his term of office.

All withdrawals are to be signed by the President and the Treasurer or Vice President.

5. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee shall endeavour, with every ethical means at their disposal, to increase the membership of the Society. Three members shall constitute this committee; one member from each province - Alta. Sask. Man.

5A SPECIAL PROJECTS  
COMMITTEE

Shall endeavour with every means at its disposal to raise money. This committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee..

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It shall be the duty of this Committee to carry out the Business and General Management of the Society and to prepare and present at the October General Meeting a report concerning:

- (a) Membership
- (b) Conduct of Committees
- (c) Membership Fees
- (d) Any other matter vital to the interests of the Society
- (e) Recommendations to incoming Executive Committees

BY-LAWS - cont'd.

6. Executive Committee - cont'd.

- (f) Selection of place of next Annual General Meeting
- (g) Selection of panel for selecting judges

7. AUDITORS

It shall be the duties of the Auditors to examine all statements and accounts of the Treasurer of the Society, and the Treasurer of any Committee or Sub-Committees.

8. Each pipe band organization is entitled to two delegates at the annual general October meeting. Each (delegate) shall have one vote.

PRAIRIE PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION

RULES

PART I

Grades I and II, Junior

1. The grades for each band will be decided annually by the Association on a basis of points won in the past season in competitions under the jurisdiction of the Association.
2. The allocation of points will be as follows:  

First	- three points
Second	- two points
Third	- one point
3. Points may only be counted for grading when won in competition of the grade in which the band is placed by the Association.
4. Bands will be promoted or demoted in grades as follows:
  - (a) The band with the lowest points in grade 1 will revert to grade 2.
  - (b) The band with the highest points in grade 2 will be promoted to grade 1.
5. All playing members of Junior grade bands must be under the age of 21 years.
6. Grading committee to be set up for the purpose of grading bands for the 1970 competition year.

PART II

Band Membership

1. Member bands must submit to the Association a nominal roll of all their players by March 31st of each year.
2. Transfer of members can be effected at any time throughout the year.
3. Bands from outside Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta who wish to compete will not be required to register as members of the Association.

RULES - cont'd.

PART II - cont'd.

Band Membership cont'd.

4. Bands from within Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta who wish to compete in contests under the jurisdiction of the Association, and who are not members of the Association, are required to register as members before competing.

PART III

Competition Requirements

1. The minimum requirement in contests under the jurisdiction of the Association is that each competing band regardless of grade, will play a competition set comprising of a march, Strathspey and reel.
2. All contests in the jurisdiction of the Association must be run according to the rules of the Association.
3. Any protests regarding the judging or otherwise of contests run as (2), must be submitted in writing before the announcement of awards, to the local games committee. If the local committee cannot settle the matter amicably, then the protest will be referred to a protest committee of the Association.
4. Tune-up areas will be established by the local games committee to the satisfaction of the judges.
5. The order of playing will be decided by draw.
6. If a band does not comply with the rules of the local games committee and of this Association when competing in a contest in the jurisdiction of the Association, said band is subject to disqualification.
7. The arrangements regarding the awarding of prizes after competitions will be the responsibility of the local Games Committee.

RULES - cont'd.

PART III - cont'd.

Competition Requirements - cont'd.

- 8. The following is set out as the minimum number of players that any band may have when competing in a contest under the rules of the Association:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Pipers</u>	<u>Side Drummers</u>	<u>Bass Drummers</u>
1	8	3	1
2	6	2	1
Junior		2	1

In case of emergency when a bass drummer is not able to play, and the band requires one to compete, a substitute bass drummer may be obtained from another band on the same grade present at the competition. The names of all the available substitute drummers must be pooled and the substitute decided by draw.

PART IV

Judging

- 1. The points for competition shall be awarded as follows:

Pipers	75
Drummers	25
Total	100

- 2. Judges will not be under cover when adjudicating competitions but will be in full view of competitions.
- 3. The adjudication sheets will be similar to those used by the Ontario Pipe Band Association, using their scoring system.
- 4. A judge will not adjudicate a competition in which his band is competing.

PART V

Panel of Judges

- 1. A committee of the Association appointed by the Executive will set up a panel of judges, these judges to be selected from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

RULES - concl'd.

PART V - cont'd.

Panel of Judges - cont'd.

2. Judges acceptable to other band associations may be used at competitions under the jurisdiction of the Association.
3. Guide lines for the choice of judges are:
  - (a) Competence in his field
  - (b) Availability to be present at competitions.

Amendments to be interjected into these Rules and Constitution.