

C.C.E Winnipeg Branch

Minutes taken by Pam Jeffrey, Recording Secretary

Agenda: Noon Luncheon, 1pm AGM, 2pm Session.

- We started the event with luncheon at noon, followed by the AGM, then a Session.

This event was organized by CCE Wpg Chair Susan Hammer, was well attended, with about 30 people in attendance. Location was the Deer Lodge Community Club, Winnipeg.

AGM November 12, 2023 1pm

Minutes:

Board Members: Chair Susan Hammer

Vice Chair Valerie Kitcher

Treasurer Dave Strang

Secretary Paul Hammer * Recording Secretary Pam Jeffrey (new to the Board)

Public Relations Officer Susan Hammer

Irish Officer Maureen Taggart

Youth Officer Boris Leung (new to the Board)

Auditors: Gord Menzies and Barbara Goodwyn

For our newer members, Susan Hammer gave a brief explanation of Comhaltas whose headquarters are in Dublin, noting that Maureen Taggart organized setting up the Western Region of Canada. Currently, the Western Region has two chapters, one in Winnipeg and one in Saskatoon. Strang is the Chair, Gord Menzies the Secretary and Chris Meek the Treasurer.

- Future Plans: Susan noted that there are plans for activities and workshops in the upcoming year and invited people to come forward with their ideas. It was suggested that on the Irish Club's "Film Nights", we might have some live music ahead of the film. It was noted that in the past we had a larger audience base which allowed us the financial resources to bring in some "big name" individuals. Hopefully, our audience base will start to grow again.

- Clarification for new members regarding Irish Association and CCE. (The IAM is a local club located in Winnipeg and is different from Comhaltas which is an international organization.: Joanne Small at the IAM has been contacted about making the elevator more accessible as some people including our musicians, find the steep staircase a challenge.

- Acknowledgement: this year Al Amyot was the recipient of an award from Comhaltas in recognition of his contribution to our association. Congratulation and many thanks to Al.

Meeting ended 2pm.

Session: Following the meeting and refreshments, we had a grand session and played until 4pm!