



Annual Meeting, May 14, 2004

Chicago, Illinois

Minutes

Vernon Vig
President

Craig Cobine
Vice President

David Bull
Secretary
&
Treasurer

Member Clubs

Chicagoland Pipe
Collectors Club

New York Pipe
Club

Christopher Morley
Pipe Club

CORPS

Seattle Pipe Club

Great Northern Pipe
Club

The Greater Kansas
City Pipe Club

A quorum of UPCA members was confirmed and the meeting was called to order by President Vernon Vig at 4 PM. There were 7 members and 8 guests present. See Attachment A.

Mike Reschke, President of the Chicagoland Pipe Collectors Club welcomed UPCA to Chicago and their pipe show.

UPCA was officially welcomed the International Committee of Pipe Clubs by CIPC President Geert A.M. Derkse, Netherlands, Mr. Derske emphasized the goals of CIPC of bringing pipe smokers together and creating a positive public image pipe smokers. Mr. Suzuki reported that he had been working to organize a US Pipe Smoking organization since 1964 and the success of UPCA has accomplished this goal. In recognition of this event UPCA was presented with a banner from the Pipe Club of Japan.

The minutes of the 2003 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Bull submitted a financial report for the previous 12 months. See Attachment B.

The following were elected officers for 2004-2005:

President Vernon Vig, New York Pipe Club Vice-President
Craig Cobine, Chicagoland Pipe Collectors Club Secretary/Treasurer
David Bull, Pocono Intermountain Pipe Enclave

The following were appointed to the Nominating Committee for 2005:

Craig Norris CORPS
Bryant Johnson TAPS
Craig Cobine CPCC
Al Ford Seattle Pipe Club

An Executive Committee was formed consisting of UPCA officers, Bryant Johnson, TAPS and John Perkowski, Greater Kansas City Pipe Club.

Member dues were established at \$100 for 2004.

Individual member dues were set at \$20. It was suggested that individuals requesting membership consider membership in a UPCA member club. They will be referred to the club nearest them.

Prize donors for the contest were accepted as Associate Members for 2004.

A unanimous Vote of Thanks was extended to Jacques Craen of Genod Pipes for his contribution of the contest pipes.

Mr. Frank Burla, Chicagoland Pipe Collectors Club, was presented with Honorary Membership in UPCA for his hard work in assisting UPCA in organizing the National Pipe Smoking Contests.

A discussion was held on selecting tobacco for the competitions. A resolution titled "Tobacco Blends for Smoking Contests" was approved. See Attachment C.

The following items were suggested:

Include member roster and web addresses on the website. Develop a web page for pipe related events.

Consider a newsletter or e-mail letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Bull Secretary

Attachment A

Attendance Roster

Name	Club	UPCA Delegate
Vernon Vig	NY Pipe Club	Y
David Bull	PIPE	Y
Craig Cobine	CPCC	Y
Bryant Johnson	TAPS	Y
Craig Norris	CORPS	Y
George Amron	Christopher Morley Pipe Club	Y
Al Ford	Seattle Pipe Club	Y
William Serad	Christopher Morley Pipe Club	Guest
Jacques Craen	Genod Pipes	Guest
Bill Martz	Chesapeake Pipe Club	Guest
Jose Lopes	Cachimbo Club de Portugal	Guest
Barney Suzuki	Pipe Club of Japan	Guest
Geert Derske	CIPC	Guest
Pierre Pams	Mexico	Guest
Jose Joaquin	Mexico	Guest

Attachment B

Financial Statement
As of May 14, 2004

Assets		
	Current bank balance	\$610.94
	PayPal Account	409.98
	2004 Dues Payable	600.00
	Total	\$1620.92
Liabilities		
	2004 Trophies/signs	418.3
	UPCA team shirts (Barcelona)	3
	UPCA shirts for sale in Chicago	162.0
	CIPC Dues (180 Euros)	0
		376.7
		2
		\$1170.37
		213.3
Total Assets		2
		450.55
Income and expense May 15, 2003 to May 14, 2004.		
	Category	Amount
Income		
	2003 Contest and Pipe Sales (at Chicago)	\$1275.00
	Dues	40 .0
	Shirt Sales, Barcelona	0 0
	Pipe sales	18 .0
	Contest Registration	0 0
	Interest	51 .5
		7 6
		33 .4
		\$2709.37
		3 2
		3.3
Expenses		
	Pipes for 2003 contest	\$1200.00
	Contest expense (Pheasant Run)	110.00
	Send Our Champion to Barcelona	680.00
	Total	\$1990.00
Net Income		\$719.37

Attachment C

A Resolution
of
The United Pipe Clubs of America
Tobacco Blends for Smoking Contests

WHEREAS, the United States is fortunate to have many custom blenders of excellent

WHEREAS the United Pipe Clubs of America desires to promote the wares of American custom blenders, and

WHEREAS CIPC rules specify that we must announce the blend to be used in a National, Regional, or local contest

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the United Pipe Clubs of America has the authority to invite a blender to furnish the tobacco for the Annual National Pipe Smoking Championship, PROVIDED the blender will make up enough tobacco to provide at least one practice smoke on the day preceding the competition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the United Pipe Clubs of America encourages its member clubs to use this process in their selection of the blends for smoking contests.