

Sharon Bands Board Meeting

Monday, August 7, 2017

Board Members: Mark Freitas, Al True, Cathy Hichens, George Mellman, Matthew Leftin, June Blumenthal, Art LaMan, Tom Lucci

Director: Steve Bell

Band Members: None in attendance

Previous Minutes:

- July 2017 minutes were approved without amendment

Members Forum:

- None present

New Member Approval:

- None pending

Treasurer's Report:

- Tom Lucci presented the Treasurer's report including discussion of previous year and upcoming year.
- This year discussion
 - Still awaiting payment from Hopkinton RSBB gig.
 - Projecting a surplus of ~\$1100 BUT was close without donations.
 - Cost per concert is in the range of \$300 - \$500 dollars (custodian costs?)
- Next year discussion
 - Discussion on chart donation program
 - Need to get members to pay dues as soon as possible – target end of September for current members (see m. below).
 - Discussion of adding purchase of chimes (orchestra bells) for the band. Steve estimates cost of ~\$2000 with an existing donation covering ~\$1000 of cost. All agreed this was a worthwhile plan.
 - Discussion of need to add a Sound Engineer to costs for concerts in upcoming year.
 - Need to ID a sub drummer for RSBB for upcoming year while Barry is at North Texas.

Business:

- **Agenda item a.** – Budget – see above
- **Agenda item b.** - Concerts:
 - Two major concerts proposed for this season
 - 1) Holiday concert consisting of a long form section focused on “Christmas Story/Pageant” with pieces and narration (somewhat like an oratorio or “lessons & carols” program) PLUS a second half of more traditional holiday works.
 - 2) A Night at the Opera featuring arrangements of various operatic works. No discussion of adding an arrangement of Bohemian Rhapsody from “Night at the Opera” album by Queen.
 - Discussion of schedule by Matt with a number of proposed dates – pending final approval/logistics investigation.
 - Mark will talk to Victor about Holiday Concert.
- **Agenda item c.** – Volunteers. Much discussion about the need to get volunteers for concert producers but also for recurring tasks such as truck loading/unloading, etc. Truck, in particular, is falling to a few “regulars” rather than a distributed task – particularly after concerts for both bands.
- **Agenda item d.** – policy on joining summer bands. Some discussion of the problems this caused over the

summer this past year. Development of policy tabled for now.

- **Agenda item e.** – instant band folder. Will be “refreshed” this year to retire some tunes and add new stuff.
- **Agenda item f.** – Personnel. Much discussion. 1) Need to work on rehearsal attendance and may need a more formal policy. Section leaders will be identified and tasked with keeping rehearsal attendance and with maintaining a “phone tree” for late breaking announcements.
2) Personnel information will be updated this year with revised form. Form will include information about cell phone text capabilities.
3) We need to develop a list of potential subs for all sections including RSBB.
4) George – presented the following motion:
“Be it RESOLVED that new members are allowed to attend a maximum of two (2) rehearsals without paying dues. Be it FURTHER RESOLVED that new members must pay full dues before attending the third or any future rehearsals.”
Seconded – Art
Action – Passed with unanimous approval
- **Agenda item g.** – Thanking members. Much discussion: 1) about gratitude owed to “quiet contributors” to the work of the band...setting up for rehearsals, maintaining uniform stock, issuing equipment, trailer duties. All agreed that we should find a way to highlight such efforts on an ongoing basis. 2) Need to reiterate expectations about need to pitch in to load/unload truck, break down quickly after rehearsals, etc.
- **Agenda item h.** - Ad book (a past major revenue source) – George will take up for now.
- **Agenda items i./j.** – Stands/folders – There is money in the budget to replenish stock
- **Agenda item k.** – Folder stickers – Mark needs to get information for Amy to make stickers.
- **Agenda item l.** – Social – Discussion about event...Matt has sent eVite.
- **Agenda item m.** – August newsletter – Discussion about content. Major item: dues increase to \$75 which is due by 9/30/2017. Highlight reasons for increase.
- **Agenda item n.** - Meeting dates – Next meetings of BOD are set for September 11, 2017 and October 16, 2017 at 7:15 pm at Sharon Middle School.

Monthly Newsletter Items:

- Dues increase to \$75 and rationale

Director’s Report:

- In addition to the concert/rehearsal information above, Steve highlighted his happiness with the increased skill levels in all sections in both bands.

Board Meeting Schedule:

- Next Meeting is Monday, September 11, 7:15pm @ Sharon Middle School
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