

**Sharon Bands**  
**Board of Directors Meeting September 14, 2020**

**Participants present:**

**BOD Members:** Matthew Leftin, Angela Woodward, Beverly Reilly, Kathy Brink, Derek Day, Tom Lucci, George Mellman, Al True, Charlie Piper, Glenn McGibbon

**COVID-19 Reality Check:**

- Had discussion on notion of a hiatus - to which all Board members disagreed. The general consensus is that we should continue to maintain connection with band members and continue with ideas to navigate the new normal.
- Discussed strategies to inspire at-home practice and how selection of Hindsight 2020 material would help in such an effort. Discussed possibilities for music distribution and Angie offered to discuss with Music Librarian Karen Hays.
- Spoke about possibility of posting video(s) to a Facebook group page to encourage Hindsight 2020 momentum and practice. Glenn to reach out to Jason Pritchard regarding admin access for Sharon Bands Connection group.
- Informal outdoor rehearsals will continue depending upon weather conditions. George to cease seeking local indoor options, as it is an unlikely option (still premature), based on state guidance for musicians/wind players.

**Personnel Report:**

- Kathy and Amy working on a list of members without an official band email, and getting a better picture on membership roster/status.

**Marketing Report**

- New website: Goal is for a launch before November.
- Hindsight 2020 survey is now posted on the member web page for member input

**Director's Report:**

- Steve absent for this meeting, may not have received a reminder
- Successful RSBB rehearsal with 12 players took place on Sunday September 13 at Barry Lit's house.
- Steve to copy Board on future rehearsal dates.

**Financial Report:**

- Many member donations starting to come in via PayPal.
- Tom spoke more on this year's bare bones budget which is comprised largely of our music director stipend and insurance. Tom speaking with other music organizations to compare notes on insurance coverage.
- Board is determined to curtail expenses and look at every remaining budget line item. Some expenses that can be cut include marketing platforms such as Whofish and Constant Contact (replaced with a free version of MailChimp).
- Al True offered to house trailer in his yard to cut storage expense. Tom to review if insurance policy will accommodate the change.

**Member Outreach:**

- Charlie to write newsletter to update members on finances, Hindsight 2020, etc.
- Board considering a late October all-member virtual gathering, TBD

**Action Steps:**

- Angie offered to discuss music distribution possibilities with Music Librarian Karen Hays.
- Glenn to reach out to Jason Pritchard regarding admin access for Sharon Bands Connection group.
- Glenn to start work on new website
- George to cease seeking local indoor options until further notice
- Kathy and Amy working on a list of members without an official band email
- Steve Bell to copy Board on future outdoor rehearsal dates.
- Tom to speak with other music organizations to compare notes on insurance coverage.
- Tom to review if insurance policy will accommodate the trailer storage change.
- Tom and Glenn to connect on marketing expense cuts: Whofish and Constant Contact (replaced with a free version of MailChimp)
- Charlie to write newsletter to update members on finances, Hindsight 2020, etc.

**Next Board Meeting:**

- Slated for Monday, October 12 (Indigenous People's Day Holiday)