

Sharon Bands

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2021

Participants present:

BOD Members: Matt Leftin, Derek Day, Charlie Piper, Angela Woodward, George Mellman, Bev Reilly, Al True, Tom Lucci, Kathy Brink and Glenn McGibbon

Music Director: Steve Bell

Start time: 7:05 PM

End Time: 8:05PM

Marketing:

- The Board reviewed a more refined draft of the new website with uniform photos and web elements (photo carousel)
- Virtual Jazzy Valentine playlist has been posted on Soundcloud and ready for launch on social media and via e-campaign
- Plans for upcoming virtual concerts: "Celtic Celebration" utilizing professional video. DVD to digital file conversion will be necessary

Director's Report

- Steve led discussion on how soon rehearsals could start based on member levels of comfort for gatherings. Current limit for gatherings is 10 people.
- Discussed logistical framework of rehearsals. Two different venues would likely be needed for each ensemble.
- Steve has connected with Steve Blumberg with regard to a RSBB rehearsal venue: Sons of Italy Hall in Quincy which is currently being utilized for a brass choir
- To maximize concert band participation, it was suggested that we pursue Sharon's lakeside bandstand and inquire about a possible weekly schedule.
- For member webpage: Steve has compiled and sent Angie YouTube links of music he's selected for possible summer gigs

Personnel

- The group discussed member outreach for summer to determine who'd be available to play and/or perform. The thought is that section leaders would reach out via email, but the board also considered a video message, recorded via zoom. More definitive plan to be discussed at the March BOD meeting.

- Once instrumentation is determined, Angie would coordinate member music distribution of Steve Bell's selected compositions.

Bookings/ Rehearsal Spaces

- Matt has booked July Concerts: Two consecutive Sundays in Norwood followed by Hopkinton. Hopkinton expressed interest in a free SCB Concert; to be held on a weekday, outside of their usual weekend format.
- Ames Library has requested a concert for early September
- Performances are purposefully not booked for August to keep with traditional schedule
- Discussed fall season rehearsals and unlikelihood for rehearsals to resume in town of Sharon...the group would possibly pursue Norwood and Foxboro options.

Music Library/Storage

- Angie reported that there is a strong possibility that the Sharon Bands will be losing our storage at the Ames Library; Easton Cable is looking at taking over the third floor of Queset House.
- The group discussed solutions including private storage at a BOD member's home or possibly a storage unit (which at an estimated \$105/mo. could prove expensive).

Financial Report

- Tom had confirmed that the sheet music royalties report had been executed. Tom coordinates via Association of Concert Band
- Board approved awarding a Sharon High School scholarship in the amount of \$400 at the close of the school year.
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Action Steps:

- Glenn to continue website work and virtual concert campaigns
- Angie to send Glenn Steve's YouTube examples (summer setlists)
- Matt to follow up with town of Sharon recreation director to inquire about lakeside bandstand rehearsals
- Charlie to follow up with Steve Blumberg on details regarding Sons of Italy and availability for RSSB April rehearsals
- Steve and Tom to work on RSSB list of musicians
- Kathy to coordinate with section leaders on member outreach
- Angie to prepare monthly newsletter content

Next Board Meeting:

- Slated for Monday, March 8 at 7:00 pm via Zoom