

Sharon Bands

Board of Directors Meeting Monday, March 8, 2021

Participants present:

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

Music Director: Steve Bell

Band Members: Amy Paul, Jay Berman

Start time: 7:04 PM

End Time: 8:30 PM

Director's Report

- Steve reported that he's been communicating with RSBB personnel manager, Tom Lucci, on member availability/willingness to rehearse in the near future.
- RSBB expected attendance is shaping up, but questions still remain regarding a lead alto player. Several players have indicated that they want to be vaccinated before returning.
- Steve was encouraged by participation of band members who are acting as a "house band" – 12 people in person in Braintree - to assist him with his Jr. District virtual festival.

Rehearsal Discussion

- The prospect of rehearsals is a reality due to forthcoming relaxed state guidelines and gatherings allowed indoors. And Sons of Italy in Quincy is still amenable to hosting rehearsals and are flexible on a rental fee.
- Board feels \$50 to be a reasonable rental rate. Member donations could be suggested, but not necessary.
- As of March 22, capacity limit would be set at 100 people statewide. With regard to wind instrumentalists, Matt recommended 6-10-foot distancing based on guidelines at his school.
- A possible schedule, as we ease back into Thursday evenings, could be alternating, dedicated band nights.
- Board set Thur., April 15, 7:30pm – 9:30pm as a tentative first rehearsal date. The April 12 Board meeting is a milestone in which to confirm all systems are go. Waiver forms will need to be signed. Matt to set up a virtual transmission so that those who are not present can play their part at home
- It was determined that vaccinations would not be mandatory to attend
- Discussion turned to once again seeking out outdoor rehearsal space
- Still a possibility that SCB location could differ from RSBB's in Quincy (Victory Church or Band Stand at the Lake)

- SCB percussion equipment is a consideration and should be followed up on

Marketing:

- New website pages are being populated with a combination of new and former content. Glenn has recruited Art LaMan to help accelerate progress toward a summer launch.
- Feedback and metrics on the Virtual Jazzy Valentine are positive; Soundcloud tracks exceeded 400 plays.
- Celtic Celebration virtual concert sound and video archives to be posted this month on the bands' channels (web, social, email)

Personnel

- Kathy and Angie to send questionnaire details to Matt, who will set up a Survey Monkey, or something similar. Questions include: would members be willing to drive to Quincy? Does vaccination status play into their decision to rehearse? Thereafter, Kathy will reach out to section leaders to connect with section members.

Bookings/ Rehearsal Spaces

- Matt reports most gigs are RSBB bookings.
- Expects to hear from Sharon Rec Dept in the next few weeks.

Music Library/Storage

- Angie reported that we will know more about the Easton Library's dealings with the cable station, and the fate of our space, in June

Financial Report

- Tom to make projections of cash flow based on tentative summer bookings to accommodate fees for rehearsal space and Steve's stipend.

Action Steps:

- Angie to connect with Steve Blumberg to solidify schedule with Sons of Italy, and offer \$50 for each rehearsal
- Matt to arrange a virtual component for tentative April 15 rehearsal
- Matt to check with Tim re: Victory Church and the bandstand at the lake (in few weeks)
- Kathy and Angie to send questions to Matt
- Matt to set up a Survey Monkey questionnaire
- Tom to make finance projections

- Angie to write and send out the monthly newsletter; to serve as a motivation for players to dust off their instruments and prepare; touch upon forthcoming music distribution
- Glenn to continue working with Art on website and Celtic Celebration archival material/postings

Next Board Meeting:

- Slated for Monday, April 12 at 7:00 pm via Zoom