



Executive Meeting Minutes Thursday March 25

Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 Time: 7:30 P.M. Location: Online, via Zoom.

1. Call to Order: 7:36 pm

I) Regrets: Renata Vlaho, Marie Limanni (Absent)

II) Adoption of Agenda. Amendments: Under ‘New Business’ add Sending condolences to Renata Gordon moves, Jeff seconds
All in favour

2. Last Meeting: October 1, 2020

I) Adoption of Minutes - October 1 2020

Paula moves, Jane seconds

All in favour

II) Business arising from the minutes -October 1, 2020

- Nothing new has come from these minutes because everything has been on hold due to the ongoing pandemic.

3. Reports:

I) Treasurer’s report:

BCB has not spent any money and BCB has not received any money since December 30, 2020 except CanadaHelps donated .83 cents to us in January! I will continue catching up on GST/PST rebate applications over the next few months. I am willing to stand for another two year term as treasurer at our next AGM provided the AGM takes place in 2021.

The taxes have been submitted and accepted by the CRA, no issues here. The GICs have been renewed. There are banking fees that are automatically deducted from the BCB account.

Gordon’s Question: How many Sly Fox gift cards do we still have to sell?

Answer: Sly fox is still in business as far as we know. There are 18 gift cards to sell and they should still be good because they do not expire.

The BCB Mail:

Jane would like the mail. Steve needs to make an appointment with the music centre and let them know who and when will the mail be picked up. Joanne will ask the person in the main office if she can get the mail and then drop it off at Jane's house.

II) Gordon's Report:

Notation's is still going out each week and the "Keeping us together" portion is going well. Gordon still has more questions but is always looking for more. Please send him an email with any ideas.

Sherrie offers the question: Have you learned a new skill since the pandemic started?

Motion to accept reports:

Jeff moves, Sherrie seconds

All in favour.

4. New Business / Other Business (as per Forum Discussion)

I) 2021 AGM - executive positions up for renewal - executive carries forward
In 2020, due to the pandemic, the BCB did not hold an Annual General Meeting. The question for discussion is 'Should we hold an AGM for 2021?'

Discussion Points:

Gordon: In favour of holding the AGM. This will give executive a chance to talk to members about what is going on, possibly what is coming up.

Paula: Top Hats had a Zoom AGM that was successful.

Jane: Agrees. Members need to know that we are financially sound. Keep membership informed that we are still in good shape.

Kamara: Agreed. Can a proxy form be sent in for those who cannot attend?

Lisa: We need to consider that there may be a change in membership base, some might not come back. We should send out a survey. Voting for the executive needs to be figured out.

Sherrie: Agrees with Lisa, we have come a long way with our comfort with technology so most members should feel comfortable attending an online meeting. Add a question in the survey about members access to technology.

Steve: Monday June 7th 2021 8 pm for the AGM. It will take place, in-person or Zoom. Will find out how to have a poll using Zoom.

Jeff: Perhaps having a test meeting with members before the AGM to get people reinterested in the band would help and could cover what's happening with the band, the Music Centre and where we plan on moving forward.

Motion: The BCB will hold the 2021 AGM on Monday June 7 at 8 pm, whether in person or over videoconferencing (e.g. Zoom).

Gordon moves, Paula seconds

All in favour

II) 2020 tax return:

This will be easily done as the executive members did not change and there was little that went on due to the lockdown measures. No need for concerns here.

III) Practice at the music center Protocols

- see attachment 'A' in the Forum

New Limit of 10 people and 1 conductor. Instrument covers MANDATORY extra cost of cleaning - \$21 per hour

As per our last meeting, no one volunteered to run programming at the Music Centre. We will not extend this offer again at this time.

Motion: The BCB will not be holding rehearsals at the Music Centre due to ongoing pandemic situation until the band proper is able and allowed to hold a full rehearsal inside the Music Centre. Paula moves, Jane seconds
All in favour

Question for discussion: **Do we want to organize an online group rehearsal?**

The City of Burlington is planning to hold the bandshell concert series. Our scheduled performance is Aug. 29, 2021. This concert series is dependent upon changes in the pandemic and gathering limits. It will only proceed if it is safe to do so.

Joanne: Concerned with the number of rehearsals we would realistically have as a group to pull together a concert. Is there a place we can put 50 people 6 feet apart even in the bandshell? Selection of music will be simple due to our changing and challenging situation. For online rehearsals, the Dundas band is using jamulus.io that seems to be working for them. There are 5 pieces in the current folders that would be suitable for the bandshell concert. Small ensembles can also be used to fill out the program.

Pieces in current folder:

Hogans Heroes

Hymn to fallen

I Believe

Superman

Unsinkable Molly Brown

Kamara: Has been rehearsing with the Milton Concert Band over Zoom. They are planning a virtual concert. The conductor plays and conducts to a click track. The band members play along, with mics muted. No one can hear each other, the director does not hear the band members play.

Gordon: If we want a Zoom rehearsal we would need to get a Zoom account for the BCB. This type of rehearsal could be tricky for percussionists perhaps. Intermittent zoom rehearsals might help with the set up for a possible bandshell concert. If we move forward with online rehearsals a message will be included in Notations about member interest and if people have their music at home.

Steve: Will look into the tech to have the rehearsal (for best results). Proposed date for this rehearsal: May 3, 2021 8 pm for 1 hour.

Motion: The BCB will hold their first virtual rehearsal on May 3, 2021 at 8pm.
Gordon moved, Jeff seconds

IV) Assistant conductor a) stipend b) contract c) term
Tabled for another meeting.

V) Membership fees

We waived membership fees last year. We will deal with this just before the AGM.

VI) Summer shirts: To be discussed at April Meeting

Lisa: Has researched several options but cannot finalize price without key decisions being made. Shirts could be between \$13 to \$18 if we order over 30 shirts (cotton/polo style). Type, print versus embroidery would be an added cost.

Gordon: Have a meeting next month just about Band Name/Logo/Shirts

Steve: Proposes Thursday April 22 for the t-shirt meeting.

VII) Name of the band/logo To be discussed at April meeting

VIII) Band member survey: Online poll

IX) The passing of Renata's father

Send Condolences to Renata: Sherrie will send Renata a card on behalf of the BCB.

2020/2021 Season

I) Spring 2021 CANCELLED

II) Summer 2021

a) SOM parade (likely) Saturday, June 19th UNCONFIRMED

b) Bandshell concert BOOKED Sunday, August 29th

III) Fall 2021 - TBA

IV) Christmas 2021 with DVO - Sunday December 5 2021 (if possible)

Next Meeting: Thursday April 22 at 7:30

Meeting Adjourned: 9:28pm

Sherrie moves, Paula seconds.

All in favour.