



EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 22, 2025

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Zoom

PRESENT: Gordon Cameron, Jane Clifton, Kathryn Chirametli, Laura Cristiano, Dan Grieve, Kamara Hennessey, Steven Hewis, Lisa Liang, Marie Limanni, Jeffrey Reynolds, Paula-Ann Simon,

REGRETS:

1. Call to Order: 7:37 p.m. Jeff Reynolds (Chair)

I) Regrets: Joanne Romanow

II) Adoption of the Agenda/Amendments:

Paula-Ann moved to adopt the Agenda. Marie seconded the motion. Vote: All in favour; carried.

2. Minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting:

I) Adoption of the Minutes from March 19, 2025

Laura moved to adopt the Minutes as read. Gord seconded the motion. Vote: Marie, Paula-Ann and Lisa abstained; 7 in favour; carried.

II) Business arising from the minutes: Nil report

3. Reports:

I) Treasurer's Report

Dan joined the meeting at 8: 40 p.m. He had posted a financial update on the forum. The band should break even this fiscal year. Dan reported that the Spring Concert had a profit of over \$1,500 so he recommended that the band donate \$1,000 to the Halton Learning Foundation.

Jeff moved to accept Dan's recommendation to donate \$1,000 to the Halton Learning Foundation. Laura seconded the motion. Vote: All in favour; carried.

II) Director of Music Report: Nil report

III) Fundraising : Jeff reported that the \$2,500 jackpot in the *Catch the Ace* fundraiser is now increasing at a faster rate. Initially, there were overhead costs that ate into the jackpot. Only a few band members have attended the draw in person.

4. New Business/Other Business:

I) Survey results

Most discussion centred on feedback about the musical program. Lisa said that as the band doesn't have auditions members self-select. The base line is that members can read music and follow the conductor. Laura said that most of our band music is at level 3. Encore pieces are at 1 -1.2 level. Challenging music can be at level 4, and less often 5. It is hard to gauge how willing people are to work at the more challenging pieces. So there is a balance in level of music.

The length of concerts is mandated in cases such as the Bandshell where the band plays for 90 min. Otherwise Joanne and Gord work to stay within 2 hours max. Gord mentioned that when we charge more for tickets the audience will expect value for their money.

Jane will type up all the survey comments and circulate them to the Executive for a final review.

II) Band size

Lisa asked for guidance in what to do when prospective members want to join already over-represented sections. Jeff suggested the band place a hold on new members until the Fall, with the exception of percussionists who are in short supply.

Steve suggested the Executive review all the comments in the survey before making any decision on the size of the band.

III) Halton Learning Foundation

This item was covered under section 3. III) Fundraising Report.

IV) AGM – executive positions

The AGM is in less than 2 weeks so the list of candidates needs to go out to band members. Kamara reported that Leslie McAlister has volunteered for the position of Secretary. Dan will run again for Treasurer and Lisa will run again for Membership. Steve, Jeff, Laura, Jane, Kamara, Marie and Paula-Ann all intend to stay on in their positions. The Fundraiser position is still open.

V) Band strategies

Steve will contact sections for feedback.

VI) *Catch the Ace* promotion strategies

The Welsh Choir has asked for ideas on how to promote this fundraiser. The BCB has promoted the fundraiser at rehearsals and by word of mouth.

VII) Dundas Concert Band

Lisa announced that Julian has been successful in winning the position of Conductor for the Dundas Concert Band. Steve will send Julian our Congratulations. Our band will have to find a new Assistant Conductor. The Bylaws specify that the Assistant Conductor be appointed by the BCB Executive in consultation with the Conductor. The Assistant Conductor regularly conducts one selected music score and has to be ready to step in and conduct rehearsals and concerts in the Conductor's absence.

5. 2024/2025 SEASON

I) SPRING 2025

Subsection A – Information:

Grace United has great acoustics but limited space. Steve continues to look for larger venues. The band had its second sell-out concert.

II) SUMMER 2025

Subsection A – Information:

Ireland House (July 21, 7 p.m.); Heritage Place (Aug. 11, 7 p.m.); Appleby Streetfest (Aug. 21); Band BBQ (Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m.); Bandshell (Aug. 27, 7 p.m.).

III) 2025/26 SEASON

a) FALL 2025

Subsection A – Information:

Another Hallowe'en event for children will be performed at Rolling Meadows /MMRobinson. Amanda and Steve will be asking for a larger performance space.

b) CHRISTMAS 2025

Subsection A – Information:

December 14 at the Holiday Inn is confirmed. Steve has made a deposit to hold the space. Our guests will be a handbell choir.

c) FEBRUARY 2026 – Black History Month

Subsection A – Information:

BCB is collaborating with the DVO in offering a series of concerts.

Our concert is scheduled for Sunday, February 15th. The Holiday Inn is confirmed and a deposit has been made.

Our guests will be the Halton Caribbean Association steel drum and Parang groups.

Subsection B – Action Items:

Steve has secured a donation of \$3,000 from East Side Auto which can be used towards our next season. A Small Combo for this concert will cost \$800 (+ \$110 for each extra hour). The Parang ensemble of 4 or 5 performers will cost \$750. Dan will crunch the numbers to see what makes sense for the ticket price. He'd like to be able to set aside at least \$500 for a charity.

Steve will check to see if merchandise will be sold at this event and if BCB merchandise like caps can be sold as well.

d) SPRING 2026

Subsection A – Information:

Grace United is the recommended location as BCB has funds from the St. Stephen's Endowment.

A Sunday matinee is preferred, likely May 3rd or 29th.

The program, *BCB Presents*, will include numbers by our Trombone Concerto, Sax 'N Sync, and Jazz solos for "Love Potion No. 9"

Subsection B – Action Items:

Steve will check with Joanne to confirm the concert date.

IV) **Looking Ahead – 2026/2027**

No discussion took place on these agenda items as the hour was late.

6. Next Meeting: Monday, June 16, 2025, 7:15 p.m. at the Music Centre.

7. Motion to Adjourn:

Marie moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Lisa seconded the motion. Vote: All in favour carried.