

NABBA Board of Directors meeting

Thursday March 31, 2016 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Courtyard Marriott

6:39 p. m. Meeting called to order by President Randi Bulla

In attendance:

<i>Randi Bulla (President)</i>	<i>Betsy Jones (Vice President)</i>
<i>David Jones (Secretary)</i>	<i>Ron Lutterbie (Treasurer)</i>
<i>Lisa Muth</i>	<i>Dan Fisher</i>
<i>Anita Cocker-Hunt</i>	<i>Don Bookout</i>
<i>Jamie Lipton</i>	<i>Jeremy Gaddy (left at 7:35 p. m.)</i>
<i>Russell Murray (6:55 p. m.)</i>	<i>Kevin Stees (7:03 p. m.)</i>
<i>Joel Collier (7:03 p. m.)</i>	<i>Sarah North (7:03 p. m.)</i>
<i>Bob Woodard (7:18 p. m.)</i>	<i>Nigel Horne (in 8:20 p. m., out 8:50 p. m.)</i>

Not in attendance: Kate Wohlman, Ken Kroesche, Nathan Gay

- Welcome and remarks by Randi Bulla (6:40 p. m.)
- DEMONSTRATION of Mobile app by Crowd Compass via conference call. (6:45-7:25 p. m.)
Mobile App would be implemented for 2017 Championships
Cost of \$1500-\$3000 which would go down after the first year and templates are set.
No decision was made at this time, but the presentation was relatively well received
- TOUR
Site visit of Embassy Theatre showing renovations and changes from 2015 Championships (7:30 p. m. -8:20 p. m.) led by Jared Duymanic of the Embassy
Features were newly renovated 5th floor used for case storage and new passageway to stage.
- ASSIGNMENTS for announcers and proctors (Betsy Jones) (8:20 p. m.)
- ASSIGNMENT and discussion of runners and use or recording equipment (8:30 p. m.)
- TREASURER'S REPORT (Ron Lutterbie) (8:40 p. m.)
NABBA is on solid financial footing. Sponsorship from Sweetwater Sound for next three years was noted and appreciated. Financial update was approved by unanimous vote.
- FALL BOARD meeting date was set for Fri-Sun Sept 9-11, 2016 in Fort Wayne. (8:50 p. m.)
Vote was 14 yes 1 abstain
- DISCUSSION led by Randi Bulla and Betsy Jones on Committee reorganization. (9:00 p. m.)
They will work on setting up sub-committees under the banner of the contest committee.
Possible sub-committees could be: Vendor, Program, Communications. Etc.
ACTION-No decision was made as this will be an on going process and will be revisited at the Fall board meeting.
- REPORT- Music Committee reorganization led by Kevin Stees (9:15 p.m.)
Kevin suggested possible changes to the music committee makeup. Some possibilities are:
1. Use current board members but expand the committee to 4-6. No committee member will be involved in choosing the test piece in their band's section.

2. Use band members of non-competing bands as the make-up of the committee.
3. Use non-board members familiar with brass band repertoire as make -up of the committee. Ron Holz was cited as an example.

ACTION- The Music Committee serves at the discretion of the President and in the following weeks a decision will be made as the direction and make-up of the Music Committee.

- DISCUSSION of documentation of Board members tasks. (9:40 p. m.)
ACTION-Each board member was asked to enumerate what they do on the board and submit to Randi Bulla in the reorganization of committees.
- DISCUSSION of Electronic Entries (9:45 p. m.) The consensus is that this is a must for the 2017 Championships for both band, solo/ensemble entries and vendor applications.
ACTION- Joel Collier has volunteered to work on this with Ron and Anita
- PROPOSAL from Ron Lutterbie to simplify the band entry fees. (9:50 p. m.) He suggested a one fee platform regardless of band size. This would eliminate the need to reconcile at the Championships. This should be begin with the 2017 Championships entries.
ACTION- Ron will present a model of this soon.
- DISCUSSION of 2017 Rules Changes. (9:55 p. m.)
ACTION- Board is encouraged to consider the following:
 1. Statement of performance times with an earlier contest in 2017 (March 10-11)
 2. Enforcing deadlines of entries in both band and solo/ensemble events
 3. Enforcing deadlines for late and /or unnumbered scores'
 4. Choice pieces must remain anonymous
 5. Social Media and choice pieces
 6. Who is responsible for counting musicians on stage
- ELECTIONS (10:00 p. m.)
ACTION Anita was assigned chair of nominating Committee and will make recommendation for this years Board elections. Board members should contact her as to their intentions.
- TABLED (10:05 p. m.) Board is asked to consider these items for further discussion:
 1. USCIS tax issue and IRS filing
 2. Regional solo and ensemble contest
 3. Possibility of adding 4th section or Explorer section

10:05 p. m. Meeting was adjourned by President Randi Bulla. (unanimous vote)

Submitted by David Jones, NABBA Secretary

