

6:09 p. m. Meeting called to order by President Randi Bulla

In attendance: Randi Bulla (President) Dave Jones (Secretary)

Don Bookout

Anita Cocker-Hunt

Joel Collier

Jeremy Gaddy

Nigel Horne

Lisa Muth

Sara North

Paul Redwood

Bill Waterman

Nathan Gay (arrived

8:06 p. m.)

Not in attendance:

Betsy Jones (Vice President), Ron Lutterbie (Treasurer), Gena Norbury, Bob Woodard

Also present: Rico Belotti (Controller), John Ferria (Auditor)

6:15 p.m. Sign up sheet for announcers and room monitor assignments was passed around. All announcers are encouraged to show up 30 minutes early to make sure the room is in good working order.

6:25 p.m. New Complaint Procedure was discussed

- All complaints will be filed directly with the Controllers (Nigel Horne, Nathan Gay or Rico Belotti)
- All complaints are to be filled out in the fillable pdf form on line and sent to controller@nabba.org
- During the competition there will be no emails received
- During the competition the following complaint procedure will be followed:

· Controllers are the only individuals that should comment on a formally lodged complaint and have full and final authority to disposition all complaints.

· If a board member is approached by a NABBA member on March 9 or March 10 regarding a formal complaint, the complainant is required to have the issue documented on a PRINTED form. How they print it is not our problem, and we can be sure that they will complain about it. I know it's inconvenient but if the complaint is important enough to them, they will get the hotel to print it out. (perhaps we can have a few blank forms held with the controllers?)

· We need to be clear that the complainant cannot formally lodge a complaint on those two days by emailing the form. They MUST provide the paper form and it must be hand delivered by the complainant to the controller to ensure timely consideration.

· Complaint forms handed to a board member do not count as being formally lodged with the controllers, so board members need to know that they should never accept a form on behalf of the controllers.

· For those two days only, the board member will need to escort the complainant to the location of the controller or should call them if they are not able to locate them. I don't know where that location will be, so that will need to be discussed in the board meeting. Perhaps Sara's war room would be 'the spot' for the controllers?

· The board member is never to tell the complainant on the two contest days to just email it. If we let ONE person email it, then we open it up to everybody and the controllers are NOT glued to their inboxes .

7:05 p.m. Elections

The election nominating committee was Nigel Horne, Jeremy Gaddy and Don Bookout
Betsy Jones is stepping down as Vice President

The Committee recommended the following executive Committee nominations:

President: Randi Bulla

Vice President: Sara North, who deferred her nomination to Joel Collier

Secretary: David Jones

Treasurer: Ron Lutterbie

There was no discussion and a vote was taken. (There were several proxy votes) The results were:

President: Randi Bulla 14 yes, 0 No

Vice President: Joel Collier 12 yes, 2 no vote

Secretary: David Jones 14 yes, 0 No

Treasurer: Ron Lutterbie 14 yes, 0 No

After some discussion, President Randi Bulla appointed Jeremy Gaddy as an Assistant Treasurer. Jeremy will assist Ron with Treasurer duties.

It was also announced by President Randi Bulla the board member Russel Murray has resigned from the board.

7:40 p.m. Report from Committees:

--Communications (Joel Collier)

There was discussion on the direction of the Brass Band Bridge. Submission to the bridge are encouraged.

--Regulatory (Nigel Horne)

There was a discussion about the 10-piece rules. The consensus was that these rules need to be clarified and enforced. Nigel reminded the Board about documents going to Google docs so all are shared. There was also a discussion about regional solo and ensemble contests.

--Development (Paul Redwood and Lisa)

The development committee will be more involved in the new Partner program. Paul and Lisa will take over the responsibility of the Partner program from Dave Jones. Dave will work with them for a smooth transition to NABBA 2018.

--Logistics (Dave Jones)

There was an increase of 4 vendors this year and all the Partners are included in the NABBA program. Dave Jones will turn over the Partner program to Paul and Lisa and the Development committee for next year. The Old Crown Brass Band is assisting in load-in and load-out of equipment again this year.

8:10 p.m. RFP (Randi Bulla)

- A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued by NABBA for the 2019,2020 contest and an option for the 2021 contest. ACTION. Bill Waterman to work on this.
- The timeline for the RFP will be: Publish RFP by May 1,2017; Closing dates for proposals to be

submitted August 31, 2017 and groups with proposal will present at the FALL 2017 NABBA Board meeting.

- The RFP will also include looking into a possible third day for the Championships. After much discussion, the third day would probably be Thursday, but there was some interest in Sunday. ACTION Randi and Pat Herak will work on some 3 day schedules.
- There was even more discussion on the Regional Solo and Ensemble competition. This discussion will continue on the NABBA on line forum.

8:30 p.m. Cory Band (Randi Bulla)

Randi Bulla announced that the Cory Band had reached out to NABBA about coming to the United States during the time of NABBA in April of 2018. They were not clear on in what form they would be involved with NABBA. There was a general sentiment in the Board that the Cory Band should compete in the Championship section, as there is not enough time in the schedule to do justice to a "guest" appearance.

Several board members showed interest in hosting the Cory Band as part of a tour.

There was general agreement as to using some of the Cory members as adjudicators in 2018.

8:45 p.m. Fall Board Meeting

The dates of the Fall board meeting were set for September 15-16, 2017 with September 22-23 as a second choice. The meeting will be held at the Courtyard Marriott in Fort Wayne as in previous years.

8:56 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Bill Waterman, second by Nigel Horne...unanimous vote

submitted by
David Jones
NABBA secretary