

NABBA Board of Directors Meeting April 4, 2019
Fort Wayne, Indiana (Courtyard Marriott)

Thursday April 4, 2019...

4:00 pm- The Board of Directors meeting was preceded by an Adjudicators meeting.

6:02pm Quorum was reached and the meeting was called to order by President Randi Bulla

In attendance: Randi Bulla (President)

Joel Collier (Vice President)

Dave Jones (Secretary)

Ron Lutterbie (Treasurer)

Anita Cocker-Hunt

Melanie Ball

Patrick Herak

Nigel Horne

Tony Granados

Don Bookout

Sara North

William Waterman

Not in attendance but joining meeting electronically:

Jason Collier

Not in attendance:

Jon Heaver

6:10 pm Discussion about officer elections:

Some history of the situation:

- There was not an a nominating committee appointed at the Fall board meeting as required by the by laws.
- This error was only recently recognized on March 5. Secretary Dave Jones sent an email to the Executive Committee about this issue.
- After some time, President Randi Bulla appointed a nominating committee. The members were: Randi Bulla, Nigel Horne (Chairman) and Don Bookout. They were task to come up with recommendations for the following officers: President, Vice President and Secretary.
- The bylaws prevented President Randi Bulla and Secretary Dave Jones from serving another terms as they are ending their second term. Vice- president was eligible for another term as he is ending his first term. Even though he is ending his second term, Treasurer (Ron Lutterbie) could serve another term according to the by laws as that position is exempt from the term limit clause.
- Nigel Horne resigned as chairman of the nominating committee chairman on April 3.
- Don Bookout assumed chairmanship of the nominating committee.
- Don presented the following recommendations to the board for election:
President-Nigel Horne
Vice President- Tony Granados, Pat Herak
Secretary-Randi Bulla
Treasurer- Ron Lutterbie

The discussion continued with a questioning of the whole nominating committee process. There was some questions about:

- Could nominations be accepted from the floor? Nigel said in his interpretation of the by-laws nominations could only be presented by the nominating committee.
- Were all the suggestions for officers looked at and vetted by the Committee? There were other names mentioned besides those who were recommended. Nigel and Don confirmed that all were considered and vetted and they came up with this slate after much deliberation.
- It was determined the process as dictated by the by laws and the lateness of the appointment of the committee contributed to the nature of what had transpired. There was a general consensus of a more open and transparent officer election procedure should be pursued in the future.

After this discussion, Pat Herak withdrew his name for consideration for Vice President

The Board then voted on for officers: The results (announced later in the meeting)

President- Nigel Horne 8-yes, 5-no

Vice President- Tony Granados 11-yes, 2-no

Secretary- Randi Bulla 11-yes, 2- no

Treasurer- Ron Lutterbie 13-yes, 0-no

6:30 pm- Jason led a discussion about branding

- Trademark- There were several new designs of the NABBA trademark presented. The present trademark is not flexible or used in it's entirety. The new trademark will be used on the redesign of the nabba.org website and available to member bands and partners for their use.
- Style guide- Jason will create a style guide to standardize the look of all NABBA branding. This will include fonts, pictures, etc. Jason says this will be available for use by mid May
- The new nabba.org web site is being beta tested and will be launched soon. The site is being designed by Jeff Beights (of the Old Crown Brass Band).

6:45 pm Ron Lutterbie led a discussion about NABBA financial:

- Ron went over the printed financial statement
- NABBA is financially healthy. (But the move to three day event has caused some concern for future years)
- Because of expansion to 3 day event, expenses will increase about \$19,000 in hall rental and judges expenses.
- Partner revenue is up to \$14,050
- Contest app fee was negotiated to \$6733, this will cover three years
- \$5000.00 donation from Sweetwater for 2019
- Summary: Solo and ensemble +\$2918, Band contest +\$2986.00 Operations +\$17,317 Saving Balance + \$26,059
- Total Balance after expected after expenses \$43,407

Motion made by Pat and seconded by Anita to accept financial report vote 13-yes, 0-no

6:55 PM Joel Collier led a discussion about the Brass Band Bridge and Communications

- The Brass Band Bridge is struggling
- Joel is considering options to find a new format for the bridge
- He will work Martin and the British Bandsman on a design and format on a new Brass Band Bridge
- There was a discussion again about the 10 piece registration
- Thanks to Jon Heaver for all his work on the new band solo and ensemble and Partner on line registration.

- There was a discussion on including accompanist on the solo and ensemble registration form. No decision was made.
- There was a discussion of the band roster submission process. All bands need to send their rosters to Joel Collier 48 hours before their band performance. This issue will be re visited in the Fall meeting as the Rules/ Regulations committee will look into this process.
- Thanks to Tony Granados for working on the credentials this year. Visit Fort Wayne and Rachel Stevens put together almost 1400 credential badges for band, solo and ensemble, Partner, judges, attendees and Board members. It was pointed out that we would like to get each individual's name on each credential, but this would require much work at the beginning of the band registration process. This ties into the previous point about the roster turn in that will be examined by the Rules/Regulations committee.
- It was announced that an international Ten piece competition is interested in coming and participating at NABBA. This will be coordinated by our Partner Martin Gueron from brasspass.tv

7:15 pm Pat Herak led a discussion about developing and organizational flow chart for the NABBA Board.

- It was suggested that all NABBA document be placed in the NABBA drop box and google drive so they are all accessible to all Board members.
- Pat will make a diagram of "who owns what duties" to assist in clarifying responsibilities of the NABBA Board.
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Committee has been formed to work on the operations of the NABBA Championship weekend. The committee is Pat Herak (Chair), Bill Waterman and Randi Bulla. This group will report back at the Fall Board meeting with progress on the project.
- The RFP for the 2022,2023 and 2024 championships is being worked on by Bill Waterman and Dave Jones. This document will be ready to be publicized by this summer with presentation coming at the Fall 2019 BOD meeting.

7:35 pm Break

7:50 pm Randi Bulla led a discussion about international participation in the NABBA championships.

- Currently NABBA rules state that only North American bands can compete for the championship of each section.
- Other bands from outside North America may compete for "comments only"
- Some on the Board feel this rule is restrictive and the event should be open to all comers including European bands.
- It was pointed out the American bands are allowed (and have entered) events in Britain and other European countries. But the does not include the closed British National event. Some Board members feel that NABBA should be a "closed" event similar to the British Nationals.
- There was no action taken at this time to change the rules
- The discussion then turned to individual performers in bands and at solo and ensemble. Again, there ere varying opinions here.
- Some on the Board believe that since the band championships are "closed" to only North American bands, the make up of these bands (and the solo and ensemble events) should also be restricted to North Americans. Not all on the Board agreed.
- Even those who would like to restrict each band to only North American citizens agreed that it would be very hard, if not impossible to enforce this rule. This let to a discussion of how this could be accomplished, and again the consensus is that this would be almost impossible to enforce.
- So no action was taken on this issue.
- A complaint procedure is in place for the 2019 contest and any issues need be addressed by the Controllors using this procedure.

The topic turned to support of the Brass Academy established by Helen Harrelson in Kansas City. The NABBA Board whole heartily support this effort and will do what we can to financially support this project. It was stated that someone from the NABBA Board will serve on the Board of the Youth Academy.

8:25 pm

- Melanie Ball has volunteered to transfer the judges recordings to be sent to each band
- Joel Collier had previously set up an on- line form to sign up Board members for announcing duties for the NABBA weekend. This worked well and saved a lot of time at the Board meeting. There were still some gaps in covering all the slots and they were filled at the Board meeting.
- Dave Jones reminded all of the new Partner vending area which will be in the Grand Wayne Center Anthony Wayne Ball room this year. There will be a Partner reception that everyone attending NABBA is invited to attend on Saturday from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.
- Joel will head up the application for new Board members. This will be on social media and the nabba.org web site in April, May and June. All those Board members whose term is expiring on June 30,2019 need to let the EC know of their intentions to stand for re-election.

8:40 pm Results of the officer elections were announced. The new officers (new term starts July 1, 2019) are:

President-Nigel Horne

Vice President- Tony Granados

Secretary-Randi Bulla

Treasurer- Ron Lutterbie

8:46 pm Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Sept 20-21,2019 in Huntsville, Alabama

Submitted by

Dave Jones,

NABBA Secretary

