



# NABBA

North American Brass Band Association

Full Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/05/2020

Location: Online through video conference

Called to order: 10.00pm Eastern

Present

- Tony Granados, *President*
- Patrick Herak, *Vice-President*
- Gavin Pritchard, *Secretary*
- Alex Schnautz, *Treasurer*
- Jason Collier
- John Bell
- David Jones
- Brian Dobbins
- Mark Taylor
- Lindsay Walker
- Bill Waterman
- Jon Heaver
- Chris Ward
- Edward Eccles

Absent

- Aaron Campbell

## Order of Business

### **Melanie Ball Resignation - fill void for Nominations Committee**

Currently Chris Ward & Brian Dobbins

**MOTION: Nominate Dave Jones for the vacant position on the Nominations Committee (Tony Granados makes motion, John Bell seconded)**

No further discussion

**Result - Yes 14, No 0, Abstain 0**

Motion passes

Full nominations committee is now:

- Chris Ward
- Brian Dobbins
- Dave Jones

## **NABBA 2021 presentation**

Mark presented starting with explaining what/why/where etc.

Contest committee met several times over the past few months

It was reiterated that all ideas were presented in meetings and that not everyone on the contest committee agrees with everything

Mark then took us through the presentation document

Question asking if we would expand to 2 days if too many bands for 1 day;  
Answer was we would look into that as there is extra expense

**MOTION: Accept the contest committee proposal at this point (John Bell makes motion, Chris Ward seconded)**

Further discussion -

Are we all aware that we'd be committing to the \$2,800 deposit?

Are we all aware we'd be accepting (at most) a \$3,000 loss for running the competition?

Strong concern raised about putting our member bands at risk by going ahead with a 2021 event with things as they currently are in the world.

What would be the cancellation criteria and what are the liabilities if we do? If not enough bands enter, we would cancel. If the COVID situation worsens and like 2020 the decision is made for us, we would have to cancel. Currently no contract has been finalized, but Fort Wayne has said they would include some kind of COVID clause. If we cancel, we could get our money back from the Embassy if they can re-book the date with another act. If not, we would be liable for the deposit (\$1,800). No official agreement with the convention center so if we cancel, we would be liable for the deposit there (\$1,000)

Call to vote

**Result - Yes 8, No 5, Abstain 1**

Motion passes

Contest committee to move forward planning the 2021 event

**MOTION: Adjourn meeting (Mark Taylor makes motion, Jason Collier seconded)**

**Result - Yes 14, No 0, Abstain 0**

11:40pm - Call to Close