



NABBA

North American Brass Band Association

Full Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 08/20/2021

Location: Huntsville, Alabama and online through Google Meet

Called to order: 7.00pm EST

Present

- Tony Granados, *President*
- Patrick Herak, *Vice-President*
- Alex Schnautz, *Treasurer*
- Gavin Pritchard, *Secretary*
- Jason Collier
- Jon Heaver
- Mark Taylor
- Chris Ward
- John Bell
- Dave Jones
- Aaron Campbell
- Doug Lindsey
- Andrew Harms
- Anita McAlister
- Jesse Rackley
- Salvatore Scarpa
- Bryen Warfield

Not Present:

- Eddie Eccles
- Bill Waterman (*excused absence*)

Announcement of Schedule

Introductions

- In room first, then all online participants

Introduction from Tony

- Importance of board involvement
- Explanation of why NABBA has sub-committees

7.20pm – Breakout into small committees

9.35pm – Return from breakout meetings

Recap of what sub-committees had been discussing

Jon Heaver – Membership Committee

- Aspects of report
 - Database
 - Increase registration and mare
- Increase membership benefits
- Discussion regarding Bridge improvements
- Regional proposal
 - Developing new regionals

Dave Jones – Development Committee

- Money for contest
 - Develop partner program
 - Contacting partners
- Printing contest programs
- Local Sponsorships
- What items need to be in coordination with other committees

Mark Taylor – Contest Committee

- Adjudicators slate
- Contest budget
- Brass Pass contract

Pat Herak – Operations Committee

- Rational of how we will proceed – By-laws/SOP/Code of Conduct
- Questions to pose to full board

Any thoughts from anyone can be (and would be welcomed) presented to committee chairs

Confirmation of timings for following day

Day 1 Adjourned at 9.55pm

Day 2 Called to Order 3.10pm EST

Approvals

Agenda (Patrick Herak makes proposal, Alex Schnautz seconded)

Result – Yes 17, No 0, Abstain 0

Minutes of previous meeting (Patrick Herak makes proposal, Alex Schnautz seconded)

Result – Yes 17, No 0, Abstain 0

Both proposed approvals successful

President's Report (Tony Granados)

Reflection of accomplishments

- Move to Huntsville
- Branding/database/standbanners
- Updating contest (rules, procedures, logistics)
- 2 commissions (PLC Set Work & Kenneth Ammis Fanfare)
- Improving transparency & communication
- Taking positive steps forward

Treasurer's Report (Alex Schnautz)

2020 net	-\$7,805.00
Current balance	\$39,489.22

Budget for 2022 presented

Projected loss -\$17.00

Motion: To accept the budget as presented (Dave Jones makes motion, Patrick Herak seconded)

Result – Yes 17, No 0, Abstain 0

Operations Committee Report (Patrick Herak)

Update on what the committee is working on

- Creating new SOP
- Defining by-laws v SOP
- Code of Conduct
- Update for relevance

Outreach Committee Report (Jon Heaver)

Outline of goals for next couple of years

Database launched

- 103 accounts as of 8/19/21
- 25% off until 10/1/21 (individual)

Goal for 2021-2022

- Increase registrations
- Look to improve member benefits

Regional event proposal/initiative

- Presented concept
- 5-year outlook

Motion: To accept the proposed regional event initiative (John Bell makes motion, Andrew Harms seconded)

Result – Yes 16, No 0, Abstain 1

Video idea presentation

- 5 min vids
- NABBA brass Band players
- Info on why they love it/play etc.
- Jason to coordinate

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Development Committee Report (Dave Jones)

Presentation of Partner Levels

- Aiming to raise \$23,000

To save money, considering printing fewer programs

Add-ons

- Sponsor awards
- Advertise on Brass Pass

DEI Committee Report (Jason Collier)

- Appreciation to Contest Committee for ability to assist with Judge selections
- Suggestion to invite DEI to NABBA 2022 to attend for recognition
- Big name clinicians are not so diverse – can NABBA highlight options for bands (Discussion on how)

Contest Committee Report (Mark Taylor)

Presentation of Proposed new rulebook for 2022

- Highlight no non-residents
- Phase out shared players by 2023
- Changed approach on timing
 - No longer using test piece performance as part of timing

Motion: To the new rulebook as presented (Patrick Herak makes motion, Tony Granados seconded)

Further discussion:

Suggestion of a friendly amendment (Gavin Pritchard)

- **Big concern about Sub Caption Spreads. Can this be readdressed as in current suggested format is open to problematic scoring across judges.**

Friendly amendment accepted – vote taken based on this understanding

Result – Yes 15, No 1, Abstain 1

2022 event

- Slate of judges presented
- Percussion storage for competition possible in the scene shop backstage
- Foot traffic solutions explored
- West hall 2 for partners – 3 would be a better solution
- Photo op in with vendors
- S & E rooms are fine
- Ticketing arrangements
 - How do we deal with performer access? Discussion ongoing
- Suggestion from Tony Granados to announce Brighthouse coming to the event straight away as something attractive for bands to attend the event

Old Business

None

New Business

Future Meetings

- Set up structure for more regular meetings (via zoom?)
 - Quarterly seems most favorable – Executive Committee to discuss

Next meeting

- April 28th 2022, time TBD

Motion: To adjourn the meeting (Mark Taylor makes motion, Gavin Pritchard seconded)

Result – Yes 17, No 0, Abstain 0

Meeting Adjourned: 6.01pm