



# NABBA

North American Brass Band Association

## Full Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/28/2022

Location: Embassy Suites, Huntsville, Alabama (Montsano Room) and online through Google Meet

Called to order: 7.00pm EST (6.00pm local)

Present (\* = *online*)

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

Not Present:

- N/A

## Welcome / President's Report

- Welcome everyone in person and online
- Busy few weeks
- Everything looks good at VBC

## Approval of Agenda & Minutes

**Agenda (Pat makes proposal, Aaron seconded)**

**Result – Yes 17, No 0, Abstain 0**

**Minutes of previous meeting (Gavin makes proposal, Pat seconded)**

**Result – Yes 17, No 0, Abstain 0**

**Request to altered vote for approval of rules. Should have 16 yes, 1 abstain**

**Bill Waterman should be noted as excused absence**

**Friendly amendment not adhered to, so vote changed to 15 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain**

### **Treasurer Report**

- Presentation of current ledger
  - Several expenditures for current contest not entered yet, but current Net Cash Flow has us at positive \$35,147
  - Complete Ledger presentation with all numbers will be made and presented following the 2022 contest

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Development Committee (Dave Jones)**

- Alex, Jess & Andy - thanks from Dave.
- A lot of work has been done to reach out to potential partners not only on existing lists, but worked hard to update and create further, more substantial lists
- We lost a couple of our old major sponsors for various reasons
- Alex did great to bring in many caption sponsors last minute
- Look to get a retail partner in Huntsville to help attendance from manufacturers
- List of partners who have been contacted has been made available
- Have people attend other events nationally to make contacts and invite to future contests

#### **Operations Committee (Bill Waterman)**

- Bill, Pat & Gavin, and Lindsay Walker has been invited as an outside voice (non-voting)
- Explanation of the reasoning behind developing this SOP
- Presentation of the proposed new Board Member Application
- Invitation for discussion so a vote could be had and released at the 2022 competition

#### **Board Application Vote**

**Motion: To accept the Board Member Application as presented (Mark makes motion, Pat seconded)**

**Result – Yes 17, No 0, Abstain 0**

- Following the vote, the form will be made available for publishing straight away

- Question if we can look for specific need (lawyer, etc)

#### **Outreach Committee (Jon Heaver)**

- Database: 103 memberships when we started, currently around 1,100
- Several Benefits to database
  - Communication to and from the board
- Thanks to Tony for taking care of the contest registration
- Sponsor for other events
  - Gateway
  - DFob
  - US Open
- For 2023 onwards - interest from San Francisco, Toronto and Mid-Atlantic for events
- Invitation from Aaron for the bridge for Bands from the North to submit to widen the current submissions

#### **DEI Committee (Jason Collier)**

- Acknowledgement that DEI has not met since our last meeting. The issues that made this the case are no longer there so meetings will be more regular going forward
- We had a NABBA member reach out to the Executive Committee stating they were unhappy with the DEI statement we had published on our website. Discussion and explanation had on content of the complaint
- Capitalization of BLM in Black Lives Matter was brought up and an issue. The statement has now been reuploaded without the capitalization to resolve this
- Statement now more prominent on the website on its own web page
- Request from the room to see if new members for the DEI can join

#### **Contest Committee (Mark Taylor)**

- Thanks from Chair for all the hard work done by the committee

#### **Music Set Works for 2023 presented as:**

- Championship - Titan's Progress
- 1<sup>st</sup> Section - The Year of the Dragon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Section - Purcell Variations
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Section - Sinfonietta No. 4
- Youth Championship - Saga of Tyrfin
- Youth 1<sup>st</sup> Section - The Seasons

- Question on why there are no POC, more diverse, North American etc. composers
  - Statement made that the DEI were asked but did not take part
- Feeling that a huge step backwards has been made
- Question on what we can do going forward
- Look to maybe set a plan for what we would be looking for
- Warning that we might need to be prepared for criticism for this list of pieces

#### **Contest Organization needs**

- Discussion on procedure for the rest of the weekend to be held
- Skipped and will come back to at the end of the meeting once New Business has been discussed, the meeting has concluded, and online participants have been dismissed.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

##### **Approval of funds for storage unit in Huntsville**

- We will need storage in Huntsville, but we do not have numbers on what that would be
- \$30 per month is what we have paid previously

**Motion: To approve up to \$50 per month for storage unit in Huntsville (Alex makes motion, Pat seconded)**

**Result – Yes 16, No 0, Abstain 0 (Sal left room)**

##### **Fall Meeting - Set Date**

- Very difficult/impossible to have everyone present for Fall Meeting
- Can the whole board meeting be virtual, or would we prefer part in person, part virtual?
- We don't have to have it in Huntsville, but it was stated that we would work best if it was in person with virtual attended for those who could not be there
- August 12 and 13 at DCI was suggested
- Brought up that the by-laws state that the meeting would need to be in September. Also it doesn't show anything to say it is required to be in person
- Will look into the possibility of holding a workshop during DCI 2023

### **US Open (if time)**

- Clark Niermeier has reached out as owners of the US Open to NABBA to look for some kind of partnership

### **Next meeting**

- April 28<sup>th</sup> 2022, time TBD

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting (John Bell makes motion, Jon Heaver seconded)**

**Result – Yes 16, No 0, Abstain 0 (Sal not present)**

Meeting Adjourned: 8.40pm