

Nepean Concert Band Annual General Meeting – Wednesday March 6, 2013

Executive Present

Graham Lindsey

Julia Stanley Eric Paterson

Janice Huus Warren McGovern

Introduction by Graham Lindsey

Review of Previous AGM Minutes

Motion to accept minutes by Lise MacLean, seconded by Pierre Desjardins.

MOTION APPROVED.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- List of music to purchase – has not yet been done but is on the agenda for a future Music Committee meeting.
- Question: Is the band actively looking for other community opportunities such as the Tsunami Relief Concert? Answer: No, but ideas are always welcome if a member has a connection or hears of an opportunity.

Presentation of Executive Reports

President's Report by Graham Lindsey

- It was pointed out that the Bath concert should have been included.

Motion to accept President's Report made by Sharon Flack, seconded by Rebecca Bourque.

MOTION APPROVED.

Treasurer's Report by Julia Stanley

- Question: What donations does the NCB make? Answer: The band filtered donations from band members to the Parkinson's Society on the death of Terry's Mom.

- The band received \$1000 from EDC, some individual donations and donations made through the United Way.
- There has been an increase in concert expenses such as the rental of City View United, the rental of the park in the summer, printing of tickets, and Lake George as a truck has not had to be paid for in the past.
- There has also been some increase in concert revenue as this was the first financial statement to show the new concert series. We were also paid for Bath, and for playing at the OCDSB Music Teacher's Day.
- Question: What are professional fees? Answer: These are accounting fees paid to the accounting firm who prepares the yearly financial statement.
- The bands base expenses usually total around \$9000 per year.
- The band had a surplus of just over \$1000 last year and that was used to give members a discount on the price of the new band shirts.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Pierre Desjardins, seconded by Morrie Paul.

MOTION APPROVED.

Membership Report by Eric Paterson

Motion to accept Membership Report made by Jan Huus, seconded by Tanya Chang.

MOTION APPROVED.

General Manager's Report by Eric Paterson and Julia Stanley

Motion to accept GM's Report made by Joanne Poulin, seconded by Sharon Flack.

MOTION APPROVED.

Music Librarian Report by Warren McGovern

- Question: How come music was purchased and not everyone on the Music Committee knew about it? Answer: The role of the Music Committee is to make recommendations and a general plan for concerts. The director (Terry) has the final say and if any music needs purchasing this request goes to the Music Librarian (Warren). Also, if a piece that the band has been looking for becomes available for purchase and funds are available, then it may be purchased for future use without the entire Music Committee being involved.

Motion to accept Music Librarian's Report made by Lise Maclean, seconded by Heather Morris.

MOTION APPROVED.

Equipment Manager's Report by Graham Lindsey for Kim Vrieling

- Question: What and where is the equipment list? Answer: The previous Equipment Manager (J.P. Beauregard) made an inventory list of the band's gear, with description and serial number and this has not yet been passed on to the new EM.
- Question: Do we have sufficient insurance to cover what is listed on the inventory list? Answer: Yes.

Motion to accept Equipment Manager's Report made by Dave Laffradi, seconded by James McFadyen.

MOTION APPROVED.

Election of New Executive

President – Graham Lindsey

Treasurer – Julia Stanley (Sharon Flack will continue to help with collection of dues.)

Secretary – Janice Huus

Membership – Pam MacCaull

General Manager – Eric Paterson

Equipment Manager – Nobody came forward to run for this position.

Music Librarian – Warren McGovern

All candidates were elected by acclamation.

New Business

Old Band Jackets

- The band has \$1800 sitting on the books a refundable jacket deposits. This was collected over many years (\$25 per jacket) and the records are not complete.
- It was pointed out that the deposit was also to pay for cleaning and not just to be given back when the jacket was returned.

Motion was made by Peter Vogelsang for band members to forgive all liabilities related to jacket deposit and move the money to general revenue as the jackets are no longer needed. Seconded by Lise MacLean.

MOTION APPROVED.

Individual members can do what they want with their old band jacket, though it was requested that if they are to be donated to charity the band crest should be removed.

NCB Constitution

- Ontario will be issuing a Not For Profit Corporations Act in the next few years and this will create some differences between our constitution and the Act. It will be an appropriate time to re-write our governing documents (which have not been changed since 1991). The government is also putting together an online “tool kit” we hope to use.
- Jan Huus, Lise MacLean, and Eric Paterson expressed an interest in being part of this process.

Procedure for handing out and pulling music

The goal of this is to have a procedure that works well for the Music Librarian and that does not take too much time away from rehearsal.

Music Pulls:

- list of music to be pulled will be in two eNotes prior to the pull date
- each person creates a pile of their music in the same order as the list, clips it together and drops it in the box provided by Warren at rehearsal
- as we want to keep rep from the concert series for Lake George and the summer concerts there will probably be only two mega pulls per year: after Christmas and at the end of the summer

Music Hand Outs:

- music will be put on table at rehearsal
- section leaders will pick up music for their entire section
- anyone who is absent can get it from their section leader the following week

- The point was raised that some section leaders are carrying around a lot of extra music. The suggestion was made that section leaders should maintain a second folder with all the extras. This could be kept in the music box.
- Another point was raised that some music seems to be disappearing. Talk to the Music Librarian (Warren) if parts are missing – they may have been orphaned after a previous music pull.

Dues Increase

There has not been an increase in dues since January 2007. The following increase was proposed:

Regular membership - \$110 if paid annually (an increase of \$10), or \$40 three times a year (an increase of \$15 over the year), or \$10/month (an increase of just over one dollar per month)

Senior/Student - \$77 if paid annually (an increase of \$7), or \$28 three times a year (an increase of \$9 over the year), or \$7/month (an increase of less than one dollar per month)

In both cases by paying annually you would get one month free on the year. (Right now it is a \$5 savings if paid annually.)

- Question: Are dues tax deductible? Answer: No.
- Question: What is the rationale for the proposed increase? Answer: With the new concert series expenses and rising costs of insurance and rental fees for the NCAC, membership dues offer some consistency in income. However, no hard figures were presented.
- A lively discussion ensued with many suggestions being brought forward including: doing away with the senior's rate, doing away with any savings if dues are paid annually, lowering the rate for students...

Motion by David Oulton for the Exec to come back to the members with a new proposal on dues increase. Seconded by Jeff Burton.

MOTION APPROVED

Music Selection

- There was a lengthy discussion on the role of the Music Committee, how music is selected for concerts, how music is selected for purchase, how much say the band should have in these decisions, and the direction the band is taking. Many opinions were presented – from those who like the way things are being done now to those who are looking for change.
- Graham reminded members that anyone can join the Music Committee and that he always welcomes input from members. However, it was noted that according to the NCB Constitution it is the director who has the final say on music purchases and program content.

Thank Yous

- Graham thanked all those who have contributed to the NCB in the past year.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Kirsten Finstad, seconded by Jan Huus.
MOTION APPROVED.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.