

NEPEAN Concert Band
Annual General Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2019

I. Call to order

President Cairine Thomas called to order the Annual General Meeting of the Nepean Concert Band at 7:30 pm on January 30, 2019 at the Nepean Creative Arts Centre in Ottawa.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of last year's AGM minutes were posted to the website prior to this AGM so members could review them beforehand. Limited paper copies were also brought to the meeting for members who had not read them on the website. Time was given for members to review the paper copies

Questions from members:

Q. Sharon Flack: What is Graham Lindsey's position on the executive?

A. Graham remains on the executive as the Past President.

Q. Sharon Flack: Has the Constitution has been updated?

A. Cairine Thomas noted that it has not. The membership was asked if anyone would volunteer to do the update but there was no response. The Constitution will be updated when necessary, if the band applies for a grant, for example.

Motion to approve last year's AGM Minutes by Cairine Thomas

Seconded by Graham Lindsey

The vote was unanimous to approve the last year's AGM Minutes

III. Reports

Treasurer's Report

Rosemary Judge summarized her written report and provided financials on the website for review along with paper copies at the meeting.

The band made \$1600 last fiscal year. Revenue is up from concerts, donations, and dues.

Expenses remain stable but insurance costs are increasing in June, and fees for rehearsal and storage space are going up in September.

There were many donations for sheet music, but new music is a big expense. Music budget was \$1500 last year and \$2000 this year.

Questions from members:

Q. Sharon Flack: Conductor's fees went down?

A. Guest conductor's fees affect the overall conductor amount paid out.

Q. James Arif: Where is the park fee included?

A. It is included in the rent column, \$160 to rent the band shell.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Rosemary Judge.

Seconded by Jan Huus.

The vote was unanimous to approve the Treasurer's report.

Reports from the President, Membership Manager, General Manager, Librarian, Equipment Manager, and Music Committee were posted to the website prior to this AGM so members could review.

There were no questions regarding the other reports.

IV. Election of General Manager

Linda Taylor-Hall stepped down as General Manager. Jan Huus volunteered to step in.

All in favour: Unanimous.

V. New business

a) Rosemary Judge presented a motion to raise dues as follows;

For members who pay once a year either in January, May or September, the dues will be as follows, adults \$120 for the year and students and seniors \$90 for the year. For members who pay in January, May or September the dues will be as follows, adults \$40.00 per period and students and seniors (over 65) \$30.00 per period.

Questions from members:

Q. David Oulton: How much would that increase the band's revenue?

A. It's a 20% increase so approx. \$1300 to \$1500 per year.

Q. Janice Huus: There wouldn't be a discount for paying for the year?

A. The motion could be amended to include a discount as incentive.

Q. Ted Jones: Dues should be increased by a percentage instead of a \$ amount.

A. The motion could be amended.

Q. Cory Larocque: What do other bands pay?

A. This is not relevant as all bands have different situations and expenses.

Q. Stephen Baskey: Are we ordering theme-based music smartly?

A. Music is expensive regardless. The music committee tries to pick a theme based on having music to back it up, and they try to order many scores at once to keep shipping costs to a minimum. They buy sales as much as possible.

Q. John Milton: How often will dues be raised?

A. Dues have not been raised in many years and it is the executive's intention not to raise them again for as long as possible.

Rosemary Judge presented the revised motion as follows;

For members who pay once a year either in January, May or September, the dues will be as follows, adults \$115 for the year and students and seniors \$85 for the year. For members who pay in January, May or September the dues will be as follows, adults \$40.00 per period and students and seniors (over 65) \$30.00 per period.

Seconded by Andra Weis.

Passed.

b) Sharon Flack presented a motion regarding when new members can join;

New members may join the Nepean Concert Band (NCB) during the months of September, January or within 4 weeks after the spring concert.

New members may join the NCB at other times at the discretion of the section leader and the conductor.

Returning members may rejoin the NCB at any time.

Comments from members:

Rhonda Corriveau: new members could join any time and play rehearsals but not concerts. Section leaders could decide.

Stephen Baskey: The by-laws state how many rehearsals a member must attend prior to concerts.

Janice Huus: Sections aren't always prepared to accept new members at any time. This would allow for more preparation time.

Sharon Flack presented the motion as written.

Seconded by Joanne Thiessen

Passed 27 to 21.

c) Drew Hutton made a motion to set up a committee to update the Constitution. He volunteered to act as chair.

Seconded by Sharon Flack.

All in favour: Unanimous

d) James Arif made a motion for the band to perform 3 concerts in Andrew Haydon Park in the summer. This would allow for more preparation time and less "summer" music.

Seconded by John Milton.

Not passed 2-46.

e) John Milton noted that the web site needs to be updated. Graham will post whatever is presented but does not have time to do the update. Jason Paul volunteered to give the site a facelift.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting by David Oulton

Seconded by: Pamela MacCaull

All in favour: Unanimous

President Cairine Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm

Minutes submitted by: Pamela MacCaull (Peter Vogelsang unable to attend)

Minutes to be approved by: Membership at next AGM in 2020