**Nepean Concert Band – AGM**

**President’s Report – February 3, 2021**

Our fiscal year is from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 and since our group activities were suspended mid March 2020, it has most definitely been a rather atypical musical year.

We were able to perform two of our three-concert series. The fall concert, Moved by Melody which included a piece with Terry’s church choir. Remember all those simple melodies? Our Christmas concert was Dreams of Fireflies on a Christmas Night, remember the rocking guitar solos and bass guitar and Terry singing?

In January, February and early March we were gearing up for a fabulous spring concert with a “Shakespeare” theme. Of course, that didn’t happen when our practices had to be curtailed due to the pandemic. Hopefully the band will perform that concert at some point down the road.

The lack of band practices has highlighted for many, how much the joy of playing music comes from being physically present with our band mates. As a next best thing, thanks to Tanya Chang and her work to bridge this gap, by organizing several virtual pieces with the band and the extended band community.

Hopefully, you are still getting some joy from playing your instrument. I look forward to our return to “normal” Wednesday practices and seeing you all again.

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