

PNHB Board of Directors Meeting
March 16th, 2022 via ZOOM

Present: Sherri Luff, John Topic, Mary Chesher, Lorna Devan, Lorna Verhulst, Alan Brunger, Cindy Babcock

Regrets: Angela Con

Conductor's Representative: Jon Knights

John Topic will chair the meeting in Angela's absence.

1. **Conflict of Interest** – None Declared
2. **Approval of February 23, 2022 Meeting**

Lorna Devan moved to accept the minutes as emailed out previously

Alan Brunger seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Carried

3. **President's Remarks:**

Angela spoke to Sherri and relayed the following:

Thank you so much to everyone for coming together to have this meeting in her absence. She has received many compliments via email about how smoothly we returned to play and how great our Covid Protocols are.

4. **Conductor's Report**

Jon Knights reports that the bands are sounding good. He and Gord are switching weeks rather than switching part way each week. Mark did a good job balancing the bands and putting out the roster. Some members have not come to the band they are in yet so the numbers are still a bit small. Sectionals are going well in Green Band. The conductors would like to buy some music as more concert band music is needed for Grade 1 and 2. Some new pieces at the upper level would be welcomed as well.

5. **Treasurer's Update**

David Lloyd was unable to attend the meeting

6. **Contract With the City and Calvary**

John has set out the full schedule with 5 bands and 6 ensembles for the remainder of this term. June 6th was confirmed for the Green Band Information Day from 9 – 12 noon. It was also suggested that we should have some sort of a social for them so that the possible new members can mingle and talk to present members. We will continue with Zoom Meetings. Calvary is confirmed as the location for our concert on June 3rd. It was debated whether it

would be an evening or afternoon concert. We will ask Renee Paul and Norma White to confirm. There will be no program and no ads for this performance. It was suggested that we could have a social afterwards at the Navy Club.

Consideration needs to be given to whether guests can attend and whether the players will dress up. Should there also be some kind of flowers or plants for the conductors?

7. Navy Club Renovations

A temporary water hookup is in place. There is work going on so April 4th is still our estimated day of return. Work will be continuing once we are back on the washroom and the storage area.

8. St. Alphonsus

St. Alphonsus gave us a very good deal on the rent for our bands and the three ensembles beginning before April. It was suggested that an email should go out to the conductors of these ensembles reminding them that the same policies regarding 3 vaccines and masking is still in place. John Topic will email them and Mary will cross reference what information she has regarding proof with the lists the conductors will give her.

A concern was raised that people from the next band are arriving too early as time is necessary for band members to leave before another group comes in.

9. COVID Protocols

Screening will still take place at all band practises and Ensembles. Ensembles will have to get someone to screen at the door. As of March 21st, 2022 passive screening is allowed so a music stand with the COVID screening questions will be set up at the Navy Club. Members can continue to self-check at home before arriving. Even though masking will no longer mandated by the provincial government PNH members must continue to wear masks when they move about the space at practises.

10. Dialogue Committee

Usually a meeting is set up with each individual conductor. This consists of the President, the Vice President, a Board Member and the Conductor. This meeting gives the conductor a chance to share their thoughts, comments and/or concerns. Due to COVID and the lack of available private space to hold such a meeting Lorna Verhulst will email the conductors individually and ask for their perspective giving them also the opportunity to converse by phone or on a ZOOM meeting if they wish. This would be a good time to talk with them about music purchases.

11. New Music

Jon Knights reported that the conductors would like to purchase some new music. We will ask David Lloyd the treasurer to check what funds are available.

12. Fees

A member has requested that PNHB look after her fees for Allegro.

Lorna Devan moved that PNHB will look after a members fees for the spring term of 2022.

Cindy Babcock seconded the motion.

All in Favor

Carried

13. AOB

13.1 New Horizons Grant

Alan has requested an extension on this grant as we have been closed due to various lockdowns. It is related to the costs of PPE. He will have to wait to see if they grant this extension.

13.2 Masks

Masks will continue to be required at all practises when someone is moving about the space.

13.3 Sunshine Band Trip

Sherri has been approached about organizing this trip for 2023. After discussion of the pros and cons of it the Board felt that it was too soon to go ahead with the planning due to the uncertainty of the COVID situation internationally. Perhaps one could be planned in 2024.

13.4 Photo Site

James Burrett has set up a site for pictures from PNHB. It costs money however so he is requesting the money to pay for this site.

Cindy Babcock moved to approve the cost of Smugmug and the new webserver

Mary Chesher seconded the motion

All in Favor

Carried

13.5 Percussion Equipment Transport to Navy Club

After discussion it was agreed that we would hire Two Men and A Truck to move the percussion equipment back to the Navy Club from St. Alphonsus. Mary will phone to get a quote and John will be in contact with St. Alphonsus and the Navy Club.

13.6 Instruments

Sherri sent the email from Roger Breese regarding Instruments bought with the Trillium Grant and the depreciation schedule. A closer look of when they depreciate to 0 is needed so Alan will take a look at this and report back to us.

Alan Brunger moved to adjourn the meeting

Next Meeting: April 13th at 7 pm via ZOOM