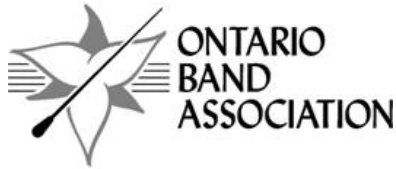




AGENDA of the Executive
Tuesday December 4, 2012
9:30pm
Via Skype

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. New Business
 - a. Update on the status of the OBA Concert Band Festival by Concert Band Festival Coordinator.
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment



Ontario Band Association Meeting
Tuesday December 4, 2012
9:30pm – via Skype

Voting Board Members Present: Sarah Arcand – Past-President; Mark Caswell – Concert Band Festival Coordinator; Donna Dupuy – Treasurer; Tony Gomes – President; Scott Harrison – Ontario Provincial Honour Band; Andria Kilbride – President-Elect; Mark Kissel - Secretary

1. Call to Order

Gomes called the meeting to order at 9:30pm

2. Agenda

The Agenda was previously circulated by Gomes.

Motion to accept the December 4, 2012 Ontario Band Association Executive meeting agenda.

Moved by Arcand, Seconded by Kilbride

Carried

3. New Business

Caswell talked about what was taking place in the York Region District School Board. Sanctions will take place starting on Thursday. Repertoire courses will be able to go forward. Festival funding for busses will be tricky.

Caswell mentioned that we have almost 158 bands registered for the festival. Catholic and Private schools will work out OK, but public secondary and elementary will be a huge problem.

Arcand stated that elementary might be out everywhere at this point.

Caswell stated that he talked to the people from Le Parc Conference Centre. They are playing coy at this point but we are being encouraged to wait and see by the Centre. We could look at a 3-day festival at this point. We only have had one withdraw at this point.

Arcand said that there are 59 Private and Catholic schools registered at this point. She asked Caswell to talk to all of the other people.

Kissel mentioned that outside of York and Toronto public, no one has repertoire music in their boards.

Caswell thought that we will not be able to have really concrete answers until the total job action that limits music until next week. He mentioned that the Ontario Vocal Festival has sent out an e-mail of a drop dead date.

Gomes asked if we have a drop dead date with the owners of Le Parc Banquet Hall? Caswell talked said that he has a wait and see and he seriously sees that he does not see Le Parc coming back and suing us.

Caswell will compose an e-mail to ensure that the math will work out on this when it comes to reducing our numbers.

Kissel will send out a list of guaranteed withdraws to Caswell and Heather Aitken this evening.

Arcand asked if we could have advertise a masterclass with adjudicators to make up the extra time. This was met with general consensus by the board.

Gomes stated that we need to shore up support from the Catholic and Private schools and bands.

The board will set a drop dead date of next December the 14th to confirm school's participation in the festival.

Caswell will try to ensure we have student volunteers for the festival. We may have run on a skeleton staff.

Gomes wrapped up that Caswell will make contact with the schools and Le Parc to ensure that we still have support and that people are still on board tomorrow.

Caswell will draft e-mails and get it all out tomorrow to the membership.

Kilbride stated that we should make a few more educational initiatives available to make available to the union and to our boards and schools so that we may be able to get student and more ensembles involved.

4. Other Business

Next meeting will be Monday December 17th at 9:30pm via Skype to update the Board on our progress.

5. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Gomes, seconded by Dupuy

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:08pm.

Tony Gomes, President

Mark Kissel, Secretary



AGENDA of the Executive
Monday December 17, 2012
9:30pm
Via Skype

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. New Business
 - a. Update on the status of the OBA Concert Band Festival by Concert Band Festival Coordinator.
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment



Ontario Band Association Meeting
Monday December 17, 2012
9:30pm – via Skype

Voting Board Members Present: Sarah Arcand – Past-President; Mark Caswell – Concert Band Festival Coordinator; Donna Dupuy – Treasurer; Tony Gomes – President; Andria Kilbride – President-Elect; Mark Kissel - Secretary

1. Call to Order

Gomes called the meeting to order at 9:30pm

2. Agenda

The Agenda was previously circulated by Gomes.

Motion to accept the December 17, 2012 Ontario Band Association Executive meeting agenda.
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Moved by Kilbride, Seconded by Kissel

Carried

3. New Business

Caswell stated that he and Heather Aitken have phoned all of the registered bands and that 115 out of 165 bands think that they will be able to go ahead and participate in the festival. Toronto and Peel public boards will not allow extra-curricular field trips in January 2013. The York RDSB will allow field trips during the school day only and via individual school appeal only.

Le Parc Banquet hall is providing a daily rate and came back at three-quarters of rate for a Monday – Wednesday festival. The question came back about what we should be asking from the sponsors.

Kilbride mentioned the Toronto DSB will not allow field trips as per the union local. Caswell mentioned that with volunteers that students should be able to volunteer on their own time, attend the festival outside of school hours and transportation is on their own. Caswell stated that the Golden Horseshoe Music Festival has packed it in early. Kissel suggested trying to scoop up some of their bands. He and Arcand volunteered to make contact with them.

Caswell continued that we really try to focus on the Friday social and switch it to Thursday night and really pump it up as a sense of camaraderie and with the PD day in GTA boards the following day, a switch might be the best to go.

Caswell will put together a tentative schedule over the next couple of days and get the information out to people as soon as possible.

Arcand asked about the status of the adjudicators. Caswell answered that while no one has pulled out, there are a bunch of overlapping issues that need to be resolved. Dupuy asked if there will be some cost savings with the adjudicators? Caswell answered yes, but the numbers are not known at this point.

Gomes mentioned that there is an issue with the independent schools concerning sports, clubs and musically with the independent conference mass dress rehearsal on the Tuesday.

Caswell also stated that York University has had to cancel the Jazz Festival. Caswell asked about Wendy McCallum and the York/OBA Conductor Symposium? Gomes answered that it will be going ahead as previously scheduled.

Caswell suggested that we switch the date of the conductors social to Thursday night instead of Friday night. There was general consensus to do this considering the next day is a PD day. Kissel volunteered to coordinate invitations to the Trillium Foundation as well as area MPP's and important dignitaries. We will also be celebrating Dennis Beck and Elizabeth Raum with National awards from the CBA.

4. Other Business

No next meeting for this discussion was made. Caswell will update as needed. The Executive will meet via Skype on Friday December 28, 2012 @ 8:30am to vet applications for the Regional Coordinator.

5. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Dupuy, seconded by Arcand

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Tony Gomes, President

Mark Kissel, Secretary



AGENDA of the Executive
Friday December 28, 2012
8:30am
Via Skype

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. New Business
 - a. Discussion of applicants and duties of executive members for position of York/Simcoe Regional Coordinator.
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment



**ONTARIO
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**Ontario Band Association Executive Meeting
Friday December 28, 2012
8:30am – via Skype**

Voting Executive Board Members Present: Sarah Arcand – Past-President; Tony Gomes – President; Andria Kilbride – President-Elect; Mark Kissel – Secretary

Voting Executive Board Members Absent with Regrets: Donna Dupuy – Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Gomes called the meeting to order at 8:30am

2. Agenda

The Agenda was previously circulated by Gomes.

Motion to accept the December 28, 2012 Ontario Band Association Executive meeting agenda.

Moved by Arcand, Seconded by Kilbride

Carried

3. Motion to move into Confidential

Motion to move into Confidential for the purposes of discussing Human Resources issues.

Moved by Kissel, Seconded by Gomes

Carried

4. Motion to Move out of Confidential

Motion to move out of Confidential at the conclusion of discussing Human Resources issues.

Moved by Gomes, Seconded by Kilbride

Carried

5. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

6. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Kissel, seconded by Arcand

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:55am.

Tony Gomes, President

Mark Kissel, Secretary