



AGENDA of this the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 2012/2013  
Board of Directors  
Saturday June 1, 2013  
2:00pm  
Agincourt Collegiate Institute - Toronto, Ontario

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Ratification of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2013
4. Announcements
5. Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant
6. Executive Reports
  - a. President - Gomes
  - b. President-Elect - Kilbride
  - c. Treasurer - Dupuy
  - d. Secretary - Kissel
  - e. Past-President - Arcand
7. Directors & Positions of Responsibility Reports
  - a. Beginning Band - Kilbride
  - b. Chamber Music Festival - Tucker
  - c. Concert Band Festival - Caswell
  - d. Development - Dickson
  - e. Industry - Reesor
  - f. Jazz - Gaumont
  - g. Membership - Aitken
  - h. Ontario Provincial Honour Band - Harrison
  - i. University Liaison - Richardson
  - j. York University Wind Conductors' Symposium - Gomes
8. Business from Previous Meetings
  - a. Next year's meeting dates
  - b. Concert Band Festival Proposal
  - c. Mentorship Portfolio
  - d. Advertising Rates E-Harmony
9. New Business
  - a. Monthly Jotform.ca Membership
  - b. Honour Band Fees
  - c. Richmond Hill Mayor's Endowment Fund

10. Adjournment

**Future Meeting Dates TBA**



**ONTARIO  
BAND  
ASSOCIATION**

**Ontario Band Association Meeting  
Saturday June 1, 2013  
2pm – Agincourt Collegiate Institute, Toronto, ON**

Voting Board Members Present: Sarah Arcand – Past-President/Interim Secretary; Mark Caswell – Concert Band Festival; Scott Harrison – Honour Band; Andria Kilbride – Beginning Band/President-Elect;

Non-Voting Board Members Present: Susan Baskin – Interim E-newsletter Editor; Pratik Gandhi – Web Maestro; Farishteh Pantaky – Incoming Beginning Band Symposium

Regrets: Heather Aitken – Membership; Chris Dickson – Development; Donna Dupuy – Treasurer; Allan Gaumont – Jazz Symposium; Tony Gomes – President; Dave Gueulette – Ottawa Symposium; Mark Kissel – Secretary; Chris Reesor – Industry; Colleen Richardson – University Liaison; Lynn Tucker – Chamber Music Festival

Guests: Kendra Chow; Jenna Howells; David Ross; Lauren Scobie; Katherine Van Voorst

## **QUORUM WAS NOT ACHIEVED**

### **1. Call to Order**

Kilbride called the meeting to order at 2:25pm

### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was previously circulated by Kissel. The agenda could not be ratified as quorum was not achieved.

### **3. Ratification of Minutes May 23, 2013**

The minutes from May 23, 2013 were previously circulated by Kissel. The minutes could not be ratified as quorum was not achieved.

### **4. Announcements**

Kilbride thanked everyone for their help with the listening committee today, and stated that we would try to achieve as much as possible today, which will provide guidance for ratification at the executive meeting.

### **5. Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant**

Arcand stated that items are going along well at this time.

### **6. Executive Reports**

#### **a) President – Gomes**

Please see submitted report for more information.

#### **b) President – elect - Kilbride**

Please see submitted report for more information.

**c) Treasurer – Dupuy**

Please see submitted report for more information.

Caswell, Dupuy and Aitken to connect by the end of June to organize the merging of the Concert Band Festival Account and the General Account.

Paypal – although we did not have quorum, Gandhi discussed the need for a \$10.00 a month fee needed in order to complete online transactions with Paypal. Kilbride reminded the board that we do not need to vote on items less than \$1000. Arcand suggested we pay the \$120.00 from the New and Existing initiatives for the Trillium Grant. All agreed. Gandhi will connect with Donna on how to go ahead with this in time for the BBS.

**d) Secretary - Kissel**

Please see submitted report for more information.

Kissel will look into reviving the dormant mentorship portfolio as an online community forum. Kissel submitted points to be discussed regarding the mentorship portfolio and an online community forum. Healthy discussion took place about how this portfolio is a challenging one as the teachers who likely most need the mentoring won't look for it. It was agreed that this is not something that we should rush into – but to start small with the right people/test group involved. The focus should be on elementary teachers – perhaps our best avenue is to get connected with New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP) as new teachers are often overwhelmed however, they must take part in NTIP. Arcand will gather NTIP contacts for TDSB and YRDSB.

**e) Past President – Arcand**

Please see submitted report for more information.

**7. Director Reports**

**a) Beginning Band Symposium – Kilbride**

Please see submitted report for more information.

Appleby College and Cardinal Carter are hosting Shelley Jagow on the Friday.

Postcards saved close to \$350 this year.

**b) Chamber Music Festival – Tucker**

No report submitted.

**c) Concert Band Festival**

Please see submitted report for more information.

Caswell took the opportunity to review of new format proposal to take place starting in 2016. Next year the festival will take place over 4 days –Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The director's social will be on Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> with the adjudicators being offered to schools in the area to work with their ensembles that day so that they can attend the social. How we communicate the availability of these Friday spots is yet to be determined.

Caswell clarified – proposal is for at least 2 years; not only 2 years.

OBA Treasurer will take over all Finances; sustainability of the festival.

Caswell will still arrange existing corporate sponsorship.

Arcand shared that there was almost unanimous support for this proposal.

A possible thought for the future if Grant applications are successful: Ear mark money to hire someone to run the hall. Secondary teachers are now able to apply for 5 unpaid days off. If someone applied for this then the OBA could pay them to run the festival...this idea could only first be considered for the 2015 festival as applications for this time off are due in June of the previous school year.

Caswell concluded that he is still waiting for Markham District High School to invoice OBA for 1 day Caswell supply teacher from February 2013.

**d) Development – Dickson**

Please see submitted report for more information.

**e) Industry – Reesor**

Please see submitted report for more information.

**f) Jazz – Gaumont**

Please see submitted report for more information.

**g) Membership/E-newsletter – Aitken**

Please see submitted report for more information.

Baskin expressed her thanks to Gandhi and Aitken for their guidance with the newsletter.

Idea of reducing the e newsletter to 5 was widely welcomed around the table.

Advertising rate would be changed to 5 issues for \$65.

**h) Ontario Provincial Honour Band – Harrison**

Please see submitted report for more information.

Harrison thanked the listening committee for coming out today – he expressed that it was a wonderful group of people.

A recall will go out for the following instruments:

- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Bari Sax
- Percussion
- Trombone
- F Horn
- Trumpet

Recalls to be post marked by June 28<sup>th</sup> and then an extension to July 12<sup>th</sup>

Registration for Honour Band – Proposal – to make 2014, \$250 flat, teacher does not to be a member. This might be worth an experiment however, Caswell reminded the board that this measure was first in place in order to encourage membership.

Harrison reviewed the tutorial story of an Australian Private Teacher who has posted a clarinet tutorial for the OPHB. Audition has been taken down, not without controversy. Harrison brought forth the idea of audition tutorials. There was reference to the past of that this idea was not encouraged.

Howells suggested that the OBA use university students. Harrison will contact Richardson regarding this. Only concern – do not play the entire excerpt so that students are not playing rote.

i) **University Liaison – Richardson**

Please see submitted report for more information.

j) **York/OBA Wind Conductors Symposium – Gomes**

Please see submitted report for more information.

**8. Business from Previous Meeting**

No business was held over from previous meetings.

**9. New Business**

a. Thank you

Kilbride read a thank you letter from Dennis Beck for his CBA nomination and award.

b. Thank you part II

Caswell thanked all of the new people around the table. He commented on the positive energy around the table and healthy conversation. He reflected the thoughts of the other board members at the table that he hoped these people would continue to be involved with the OBA on an organizational level.

**10. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by Kilbride at 3:42pm.

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Tony Gomes, President

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Mark Kissel, Secretary

**Meeting Dates 2013/14**

**Monday, September 9, 2013**

**Monday, October 14, 2013 (Thanksgiving)** - this could move to Thursday October 17

**Friday, November 8, 2013 (AGM)** – OMEA Meeting Niagara Falls

**Monday, January 13, 2014**

**Sunday, February 9, 2014** – Le Parc Banquet Hall

**Monday, April 14, 2014**

**Monday, May 12, 2014**