



Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the
Board of the Ontario Band Association
Sunday, February 8, 2015
9:30am at LeParc Conference Centre

Present

Andria Kilbride	President
Scott Harrison	President-Elect, OPHB
Donna Dupuy	Treasurer, via <i>skype</i>
Steffan Brunette	Secretary
Mark Caswell	Concert Band Festival
Chris Reesor	Industry
Lynn Tucker	Chamber Music Festival
Bryan Brewda	Membership Co-ordinator
Arjun Birdi	Webmaster, via <i>skype</i>
Pratik Gandhi	Past Webmaster
Lisa Barth	Member
Abel Borg	Member

Regrets

Tony Gomes	Past-President, York-OBA WCS
Colleen Richardson	University Liaison
Sarah Arcand	Simcoe Band Symposium, Donations
Chris Dickson	Wind Band Composition
Lani Sommers	Newsletter Editor

1. Call to Order

Kilbride called the meeting to order at 9:47am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

Moved by *Reesor*. Seconded by *Harrison*. Motion carried.

3. Ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of January 5, 2015.

Motion to ratify the minutes.

Moved by *Harrison*. Seconded by *Reesor*. Motion carried.

4. Summary of Action Items

Gomes to contact Bill Thomas re: payment from York.

Dupuy indicated that the cheque has been received. **Resolved.**

Dickson to confirm on MusicFest participation fees. **Not yet resolved.**

[6a] *Board members* to report addresses to Kilbride. **Resolved.**

[6c.1] *Harrison* to contact Della Torre re: OMEA payment. **Resolved.**

[6c.2] *Kilbride* to contact CBA re: travel expenses. **Resolved.**

[10a] *Kilbride* to contact Gomes re: advisory council. **Not yet resolved.**

5. Announcements

Kilbride welcomed Lisa Barth and Abel Borg to the Board meeting.

Tucker introduced Denais Peluch, a student assisting with the CMF.

6. Reports from the Executive

(a) President

see attached report

(b) President-Elect

see attached report

There may be opportunities to use the Ottawa Honour Band as a way to build the membership. Part of this can involve Ottawa teachers in leadership roles, and offering lower cost membership fees to first-time contributors to the Honour Band.

(c) Treasurer

see attached report

The fee for the credit card is very high because the account is connected to AirMiles. A different account would have a lower fee, and it might be lower with more cards.

The process for raising the credit limit requires the individuals affected to request it independently. The cards are personal cards attached to a business.

(d) Secretary

see attached report

ACTION ITEM [6d]

for Brunette: Set up a shared folder for OBA documents.

(e) Past-President

No report submitted.

7. Reports from Directors

(a) Concert Band Festival (Caswell)

See attached report.

Participants have the option between two band adjudications, or a band adjudication and a conductor-cam adjudication. Volunteers will ask the directors what form of adjudication they would prefer prior to the performance. The festival is grateful to have the help of a number of adult volunteers, including Keri Palmer and Chris Reesor.

Caswell will contact previous and retired members to encourage them to attend the directors' social. *Brewda* will forward the list of members to *Caswell*.

The invoice for LeParc this year is \$32,000 (includes HST). There is a concern that the amount might be higher for next year.

Some possibilities to consider if there are financial constraints next year: reducing the number of days of the festival and accommodating fewer bands, using more local adjudicators.

(b) Wind Band Composition (Dickson)

See attached report.

MusicFest 2016 will require the performance of at least one Canadian composition. The CMC's project to grade its current catalogue of Canadian wind band music requires volunteers to assist.

Are all the bands participating in the MusicFest performances also formally entering the competition as well?

(c) York-OBA Wind Conductors' Symposium (Gomes)

No report submitted.

The event takes place on February 28. We believe there are only 6 registrants at this point.

We should be sending promotional materials through the Arts Facilitators at the various boards.

There are over 100 students currently registered for the Friday event with Peter Boonschaft. MDHS can no longer attend: how will this affect the enrolment numbers.

What schools are involved with the student workshop? And how were they selected? There was no promotion to the general membership.

ACTION ITEM [7c.1]
for Kilbride: connect with Gomes with the current status of the symposium and the student event.

ACTION ITEM [7c.2]
for the Board: assist with promoting the Saturday event.

Caswell: it is a shame to have Peter Boonshaft, and to have squandered the opportunity. We should be sending pamphlets via mail to members.

The Board agreed to revisit this issue under New Business.

(d) GTA Beginning Band Symposium (Kilbride)

See attached report.

Blackshaw will begin her workshops on the September 25, to allow her to recover from jet lag.

OBA will pay for the full round trip, and will recoup costs from other participants. Workshop costs are being determined, and must be able to cover the costs of transportation and accommodation. Blackshaw is preparing a brochure detailing the costs.

Kilbride will be assisting with co-ordinating the workshops in Ottawa. Blackshaw has the contacts for other locations.

(e) Provincial Honour Band (Harrison)

See attached report.

Update to EOEHB: there are 106 recommendations, and 75 confirmed participants.

How do we convert this project to building membership?

Currently, teachers who make a recommendation receive an honorary membership. In the future, we could consider a low-cost membership that covers the cost of the CBA membership.

(f) Donations (Arcand)

See attached report.

At the conclusion of the meeting, we will draw for three schools receiving the scholarship from the Trillium grant.

Kilbride will take the 10 festival programs to deliver to *Arcand*.

(g) Industry (Reesor)

See attached report.

(h) University Liaison (Richardson)

There is nothing to report.

8. Reports from Positions of Responsibility

(a) Simcoe Band Symposium (Arcand)

See attached report.

Blackshaw has declined the offer to do the workshop on October 17.

(b) Chamber Music Festival (Tucker)

No report submitted.

All the budget items for the festival are finished. The dates for the festival is set for April 7, 8, and 9.

The festival is starting to receive registrations already.

Grant information is being collected in order to be sent to Lisa. The report indicates that the University contributes about \$10,000 worth of space, staff, and other support.

There was one request to include a vocal ensemble, which will be accepted for this one time. Is there a problem with accepting non-band ensembles at an OBA event? The caution is that we do not want to interfere with other organizations like OVF and the OSA.

(c) Membership (Brewda)

See attached report.

Brewda will add an item for the Wind Conductors' Symposium in the February Interlude.

ACTION ITEM [8c]

for Kilbride: make Brewda an administrator of the Facebook group.

(d) Newsletter (Sommers)

See attached report.

(e) Webmaestro (Birdi)

See attached report.

We are reaching the upper limits of storage on our current web host. We should consider another host such as GoDaddy or DreamHost. *Birdi* recommends the GoDaddy hosting service. *Kilbride* authorized *Birdi* to proceed with transitioning to a new host.

ACTION ITEM [8e.1]

for the Board: anyone who monitors an onband.ca e-mail address should be accessing their e-mail directly on the server to clear out accumulating messages.

ACTION ITEM [8e.2]

for the Board: monitor your corner of the webpage, and clearly inform *Birdi* what needs to be changed and the urgency of the change. Please put the urgency in the subject line.

Gandhi is still assisting with e-mail and JotForm services.

Kilbride thanked *Gandhi* for his help with transitioning the Webmaestro role to *Birdi* during this very busy time.

Heather Aitken is still willing to proofread pamphlets and other documentation. Anyone who would like her to look things over, please send them her way.

9. Business from Previous Meetings

(a) Creation of a Membership Director (Kilbride)

MOTION

Whereas it is the wish of the Board of Directors to grant full Directorship responsibilities and privileges to the Membership portfolio, be it resolved that

- (a) according to Article IX of the Constitution, a Directorship with responsibilities for Membership be created, with a term of office expiring at the next annual general meeting;*
- (b) said Directorship will be guided by the duties as outlined in the Bylaws Article VII, section 6(iii), with the sole exception of item (h) since the Constitution prohibits Directors from receiving remuneration;*
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Moved by *Kilbride*. Seconded by *Caswell*. Motion carried.

10. New Business

(a) Appointment of GTA BBS Director (Kilbride)

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Moved by *Kilbride*. Seconded by *Reesor*. Motion carried.

(b) Potential Tri-Cities Elementary Honour Band (Harrison)

The project is currently in the scouting stage. There seems to be some interest in the Guelph area to do this. Connections should be made to the music retail industry in the area.

The Ottawa event charges \$50 per student, and works on a break-even model without sponsorship.

(c) Attendance at Board Meetings (Brunette)

Kilbride: the wording in the Bylaws is unreasonably harsh and should be addressed. In the meantime, it is important for Board members to be in attendance.

ACTION ITEM [10c]
for Brunette: work on wording for accepting regrets without impacting on attendance requirements.

(d) Revisit WCS resolution

Caswell: Would it be appropriate to make phone calls to promote the symposium? There was limited interest in following this line of promotion. We will photocopy the brochure for mailing to all members.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by *Brewda*. Seconded by *Barth*. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Next meeting Monday, April 13 at 7pm, UTSC.

SUMMARY OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Agenda
2. Summary of Reports
 - 2.1 President
 - 2.2 President-Elect
 - 2.3 Treasurer
 - 2.4 Secretary
 - 2.5 Concert Band Festival
 - 2.6 Wind Band Composition
 - 2.7 GTA Beginning Band Symposium
 - 2.8 Ontario Provincial Honour Band
 - 2.9 Donations
 - 2.10 Industry
 - 2.11 Simcoe Band Symposium
 - 2.12 Membership
 - 2.13 Newsletter
 - 2.14 Webmaestro

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Ratification of the Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Board of Directors of Jan. 5.
4. Summary of Action Items from Previous Meeting
 - ___ [June 7, 2014] *Gomes* to contact Bill Thomas regarding cheque from York.
Item still to be confirmed that payment has been received.
 - ___ [Jan. 5, 2015] *Dickson* re: participation fees for MusicFest/Composition Project
 - ___ [6a] *all Board members* to report addresses to Kilbride for insurance purposes
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(b) President-Elect	<i>Harrison</i>	
(c) Treasurer	<i>Dupuy</i>	
(d) Secretary	<i>Brunette</i>	
(e) Past-President	<i>Gomes</i>	no report submitted
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(b) Wind Band Composition	<i>Dickson</i>	
(c) York Wind Conductors' Symposium	<i>Gomes</i>	no report submitted
(d) GTA Beginning Band Symposium	<i>Kilbride</i>	
(e) Provincial Honour Band	<i>Harrison</i>	
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- (c) Attendance at Board Meetings *Brunette*

11. Adjournment



Executive Report

President

Andria Kilbride

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

Submit in electronic format to the SECRETARY by the THURSDAY, February 5.

Activities since last report:

- Wrote OMEA January meeting report (executive only)
- Received and vetted resumes for the BBS Interim Director Position with the assistance of the OBA Executive
- Invited Lisa Barth to become the new BBS Interim Director – she accepted
- Asked 2nd candidate to join us at a few meetings to build the relationship and to pursue possible future opportunities with the OBA board
- Sent Composition Project, Concert Band Festival, and Wind Conducting Symposium addresses to CBA insurance company. We are officially covered for those events.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

- Prepare the OMEA March Report with Harrison – proposal for OPHB long term agreement
- Discuss advisory council with Gomes
- send spring/fall event locations to CBA insurance company (Chamber Fest, EOEHB, BBS, SBS, OPHB, WBCP)

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

- Head down to St. Michael's College School today if possible at 3:30 to support Chris Dickson and CMC at the Wind Band Composition Reading Session
- Please attend the Director's Social to support our wonderful Festival Director, Mark Caswell and his crew of helpers.
- Please attend the Wind Conducting Symposium on February 28 at York U to support Tony Gomes



Executive Report

President-Elect

Scott Harrison

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Activities since last report:

On March 28th or 29th I will be meeting with the teachers who recommended students to the EOEHB in an attempt to see what PD they are interested in for the OBA to host in the Ottawa region. Meeting to be held at Ashbury College.

Helped Kilbride with the OMEA affiliate report for January 30th meeting. Did not attend as it was a meeting for only OMEA Board.

Next OMEA Meeting is on March 28th – during EOEHB – can not attend the meeting.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

Prepare for Ottawa meeting

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

Ideas welcome for Ottawa area PD.



Executive Report

Treasurer

Donna Dupuy

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

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Activities since last report:

- reconciling of 2014 books to prepare for 2014IR
- start 2015 FY with new set of books
- invoices, payment of bills and expenses, deposits

Please see following page for Balance Sheet as at 20 January 2015

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

- Contact remaining outstanding invoices for FY2014. The following invoices are still outstanding:

INV1415003-N	Invoice 1415003-N TYWO	Operating	26-Aug-14	\$65.00	
Invoice			10-Oct-		
1415011-N	Long and McQuade - Newsletter Ad Sponsorship	Operating	14	\$65.00	
Invoice			10-Oct-		
1415013-N	St. John's Music - Newsletter Ad Sponsorship	Operating	14	\$65.00	
Invoice			10-Oct-		
1415014-N	Gazebo Music - Newsletter Ad Sponsorship	Operating	14	\$65.00	
Inv 1415016-	Soundscapes 2014 - Partial Sponsorship of Carolyn		11-Nov-		
OPHB	Barber	OPHB	14	\$346.00	

- Process expenses and credits
- FY2014IR and GST/HST Rebate

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

- Credit Cards – one for each member of the board?
- Reminder – if you are making deposits, you must keep a copy of the checks.
- Please submit ALL expenses, unpaid invoices, etc. for the 2014 FY to Treasurer before 15 February 2015!!! This is the LAST CALL!!!
- Reminder – please forward invoices received from vendors to the Treasurer so that they can be paid. E-copies are fine, including a note authorizing payment.
- Where can we post files so that all members of the board can access them?

Balance Sheet – as at 20 January 2015

Revenue		
201	Donations	
202	Membership	
203	Fundraising	
204	Sales of G & S	
205	Bank Charges	
206	Sponsorship	\$4,600.00
207	Event Registrations	\$3,437.00
208	Association Fees	
209	Scholarships	
210	Other Revenue	
Total Revenue		\$8,037.00

Expense		
321	Advertising and Promotion	\$67.80
322	Travel Expenses	
323	Bank Charges	\$141.03
324	Membership	
325	Office Supplies and Expenses	
326	Occupancy Costs	
327	Professional Services	\$2,825.00
328	Donated and Purchased Supplies and Assets	
329	Scholarships	
330	Event Registrations	
331	Licenses	
332	Other Expenditures	
Total Expenses		\$3,033.83

Opening Balance (as at 20 January 2015)	\$81,807.72
Plus Revenue	\$8,037.00
Less Expenses	\$3,033.83
Balance at 5 February 2015	\$86,810.89



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Executive Report

Secretary

Steffan Brunette

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

Submit in electronic format to the SECRETARY by the THURSDAY, February 5.

Activities since last report:

Compiled minutes from previous meeting.

Prepared motions for the creation of a Membership Director, and the appointment of a new GTA BBS Director.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

None.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

None.



Director's Report

Concert Band Festival

Mark Caswell

Sunday February 8, 2015 / Le Parc Dining & Conference Centre

Submit in electronic format to the SECRETARY by Friday February 6.

Activities since last report:

- Much activity!
- A tremendous "thank you" to Scott, Donna, Heather, Bryan, Pratik, Lisa and others who helped get things accomplished
- Kevin Tsang & truck booked
- Follow-up with all sponsors done
- contact & success with Councillors done
- Hotel bookings done
- recording solution done
- volunteer crews done
- Staples & other supplies – done
- Directors social – up-to-date for now (Nish Chankar is booked to speak & jazz trio booked)
- Food needs – up-to-date for now
- cheque requests & invoicing – up-to-date for now

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

- **Set-up**
- **Make sure the festival runs smoothly**
- *Pray for good weather*

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

- **Set-up**
 - **Help problem solve any unforeseen issues**
 - *Pray for good weather*
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Director's Report

Wind Band Composition

Chris Dickson

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

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Activities since last report:

< The Bands who have responded to the Call for Bands to perform the new compositions have been compiled. There have been a total of 5 bands from outside of the GTA, 3 from Durham, 1 from Parry Sound and 1 from Woodbridge. There are GTA bands as well. The final performance schedule for Music Fest Canada will be completed soon.

The First reading session is set for Sunday Feb. 8, Matthew Fava has made arrangements for Skype technology as well as recording technology.

The CMC is beginning to make a large catalogue of Canadian Wind Band Music to enable educators to more easily find Canadian Content >

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

< Scheduling of Bands for this year as well as plans for next year are underway >

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

< Volunteers are being sought to help to categorize the Wind Band Music for the compilation. Board members are encouraged to participate. >



Director's Report

GTA Beginning Band Symposium Andria Kilbride

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

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Activities since last report:

- BBS with Jodie Blackshaw takes place on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at ACI
- Had a lovely conversation with her on January 17 to plan the trip
- Her husband Dave Worrall is a band conductor as well and often tag teams presentations with her
- She is trying to attend/present at the CMEA Vancouver Conference (October 22-23) – CMEA will pay her airfare from Toronto
- She would like to go to Ottawa....I contacted Dave G. on Jan17 to see if he could set up a few engagements for her, but no response yet

Toronto Sept. 23-27

Toronto workshops Sept 28-29

Ottawa Sept. 30-Oct. 2

Montreal October 3-4

Potsdam October 5-9

Ithica October _____

Toronto?????

Vancouver October 22-23

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

- Commence Brochure/ Postcard design (thinking brochure again due to the nature of the event.....???)
- Confirm with Dave at ACI on date
- Distribute brochures
- Secure sponsorship
- Speak with Blackshaw to finalize travel plans
- Catering
- Contact Hotel (2 room suite?)

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

- Promote
- Welcome and support Lisa Barth!
- Pratik/Arjun – please add Lisa's email to bbs@onband.ca and add her name to the website



Director's Report

Ontario Provincial Honour Band

Scott Harrison

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

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Activities since last report:

- Confirmed bookings with Jackson's Point, Holiday Inn
- Trumpet audition video has been edited so that the viewer will not experience Bryan's mistake ;)
- Website updated with current audition information
 - More of an emphasis towards the online registration and audition submission
 - Still offer snail mail.
- Confirmed Student concert location for morning concert @ Agincourt CI. Talking to Mary Evered about the afternoon concert.
- Kevin Merkley approached me to ask if any OPHB students would be interest in participating in a Wise - Voices session at OMEA – I said yes but it should not interfere with their regular OPHB duties. Have not heard from him since.

- Donald McKinney excited to come and work the Festival – will promote OPHB to bands with strong players.

- Don McKinney also has prepared his clinic for the OMEA conference and as far as I know he has been accepted! – SARAH?!

EOEHB Update:

- As of February 1st we have 65 Teacher recommendations. 38 parents have provided payment.
- Cut off date is February 13th – Hard deadline
- Christine Hansen has selected the repertoire – Rex will provide sheet music
- Dave G to find financial sponsorship from local retailers

Potential New Project: Tri-Cities Elementary Honour Band

Have some feelers out for the viability of this
Anthony Moore (Upper Grand) & Joshua Crouch (Waterloo Region) both seeing if there is any interest in the idea and if teachers will support it.

Questions for the board – can I progress with this project? (New Business?)

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

Continue promoting OPHB to students and teachers
Continue to work and develop EOEHB –
Invite OCDSB teachers to meeting on March 29th

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

Continued support and ideas!



Director's Report

Donations

Sarah Arcand

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

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Activities since last report:

- Sent and received 2015 contract for Lisa DiVeto. No changes to proposed contract.
- Sent thank you cards to Lisa DiVeto in order for her to send to sponsors / donors.
- Thank you notes and tax receipts for 2014 written and mailed.
- S.M. Blair Foundation has donated \$3000.00 towards the Beginning Band Symposium
- \$70 in gift cards from Michel – Angelos for the Concert Band Festival

Bi Weekly Update from Lisa DiVeto 01/17/2015

Celebrate Markham: I spoke with the City's corporate standards person, who will let me know what signage the City wishes to provide for the event.

PowerStream: Our request for this year's Concert Band Festival was just declined on the basis that other programs are a better fit with its giving interests but we're invited to explore the possibility of requesting discretionary sponsorship funds. I'll let you know if this is a realistic option.

In Kind for Concert Band Festival: Of local stores I looked at (Longo's, Fruit Basket, etc.), only Michael Angelo's had a community program that matched our event. That request was submitted.

On following up with Pizza Pizza I found out this year's Concert Band request had fallen through the cracks as Sean no longer handles the file. I spoke with the new girl, however, and resubmitted, so we should hear something soon.

Chamber Music Festival: Lynn Tucker's assistant is gathering material needed for a grant application. Funds for this year's event may be a long shot due to the timeframe but we'll certainly submit if we can.

McKesson Foundation: Declined.

Wind Composition Project: I just wanted to mention this project may be a good candidate for OAC and possibly Canada Council funding due to its emphasis on Canadian composition. Last year, Chris Dickson asked me to see if in kind support for refreshments was available, so I'm not sure if the project would benefit from more extensive funding in future. If so, we'd have to develop our request well in advance of the event.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

Collect 10 programs from the Concert Band festival to be mailed to new sponsors

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

Arjun: please add the S.M. Blair Family foundation to our platinum sponsors.

Arjun, Sarah and Andria to discuss website recognition of sponsors.

Directors Social – 3 scholarships to be drawn for \$300 each for a school music program.
Sarah is not at the social, who will facilitate this?

Did you know if every member of the OBA donated \$50.00 we would receive \$11,000.00 in donations? I think is this a very realistic goal. Please consider starting this donation campaign with your donation.



Director's Report

Industry

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Activities since last report:

Nothing significant to report. There will be a minor change to the structure of departments at Yamaha. Steve Butterworth is moving up in the corporate chain, so they are combining the Wind, Strings and Percussion department with the Piano department to form a new department. The manager of the Piano department will become the new manager for both groups. His name is Jim Welter and he will have more input in the day to day running of what we do in Band. I am trying to get him to come to the directors social. Steve is not able to attend this year as he is out of town on business.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

Nil

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

Nil



POR Report

Simcoe Band Symposium

Sarah Arcand

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

Submit in electronic format to the SECRETARY by the THURSDAY, February 5.

Activities since last report:

Proposed date of 2015 SBS – Saturday, October 17th in Orillia.

Proposed clinician – Jodie Blackshaw.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

If Jodie says no then ask Dennis Beck if he would consider going to Simcoe.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:



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Membership

Bryan Brewda

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

Submit in electronic format to the SECRETARY by the THURSDAY, February 5.

Activities since last report:

- 1) Mass e-mailing to OBA members:
 - Expired or expiring memberships
 - Answering and forwarding all inquiries to the proper board members regarding OBA events
 - January Monthly Musical Interlude sent out to all members
- 2) Mass membership e-mailings in regard to the directors' social on Fri, February 13th, 2015
- 3) Continuing our presence on our Twitter and Facebook on current and upcoming events
- 4) Helped Mark prepare for the OBA CBF by buying the food for the volunteers (Donna: I will send you everything via e-mail/scan ASAP)
- 5) Organized our current mailing list to match our current members' list and also ensured it matched our MailChimp list as well (there were a few discrepancies but nothing major)

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

- 1) The Sponsorship PowerPoint Presentation is already underway and will be ready for presenting for the next meeting. This presentation is to be used in an attempt to obtain funds from big companies and institutions to help with our festivals and symposiums (i.e. Concert Band Festival)
- 2) I will continue to enhance our social media outlets and communication with our members through them
- 3) Send out February Monthly Musical Interlude on February 9th, 2015

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

- 1) Mark - How many students generally attend the CBF? (This is a figure I will be putting into our PPT presentation)
- 2) Andria/Scott/Tony/Steffan - Do you want me to start a mass e-mail blast weekly for the Wind Conductors' Symposium? Numbers seem really low, which could be possible due to the change to monthly newsletters to members.
- 3) Tony/Steffan - Please send me a final list of all participants/registrants for the WCS so I can ensure all members are current and not expired
- 4) Board - Are we a GO to start an Instagram feed? We skimmed a bit over that last meeting but just seeing the general interest level in the idea



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Newsletter

Lani Sommers

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

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Activities since last report:

I am currently working on collecting information for the next newsletter. Jason Sinkus of Canterbury High School will be providing an article about technology in the music classroom. I will need someone to write feedback for the OBA Concert Band Festival as well, and I will require photos of the Director's Social. We are also looking into having an update about things going on in the Ottawa area with a possible update written by David Gueullette. I will also require feedback for the conducting symposium to be published in the April newsletter issue.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

None.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

None.



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Webmaestro

Arjun Birdi

SUNDAY, February 8 / 9:30 am / LeParc Conference Centre

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Activities since last report:

- Started to take over all Web Master responsibilities.
 - Working on implementing the new site (moving assets and updating info).
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Action Items pertaining to this report for Director:

Finishing moving over all the assets to the new sites, creating all the pages that need to be created or reworked, designing a site map or search bar feature and design the “photo album” system front. Additionally, take over the newsletter responsibility in the coming months before or after designing/creating a new “look” for the e-newsletter.

Action Items pertaining to this report for Board:

Talk about the finer details of the plan to move web-hosts and the system to use to display photos on the website (demo available).

Link to a website I created with a “interactive” album selector: <http://www.mdhsmusic.ca/Pictures.php>

Link to the example of the actual photo album (numerous customization available):

<http://www.mdhsmusic.ca/images/2013-2014/Music%20Retreat/index.html>

Link to the company that sells the (unlimited) license to the program for \$50:

<http://www.simpleviewer.net/simpleviewer/>