

Peterborough New Horizons Bands Meeting

June 15, 2022 via ZOOM

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

Conductor's Representative: Jon Knights

1. **Conflict of Interest** – none declared

2. **Approval of Minutes from May 11 and May 25, 2022 Meetings**

Lorna Devan moved to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2022 meeting

Lorna Verhulst seconded the motion

All in Favor

Carried

Mary Chesher moved to accept the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting

Lorna Verhulst seconded the motion

All in Favor

Carried

3. **President Update:** Angela is recovering slowly and seeing some improvements. It was agreed that John Topic will continue as acting chairperson until the fall of 2022 when we will reassess things.

4. **Conductor Report:** The survey conducted on return to band in the fall was shared. 153 yes, 35 in two bands for a total of 170 in the upper bands.

Jon Knights suggested that in August we make contact with the people who didn't fill out the survey or do another survey.

At that time we may have more knowledge of what the health and safety issues and Covid protocols needed will be.

Sectionals have been requested but this will need to be discussed in August. The Dialogue Committee and the Conductors will work on this.

John T will meet with the city to determine if there are enough spaces for sectionals at the Navy Club as there are 8 instrument groups.

Jon K expressed the need for Green Band to have sectionals for sure. We will try to do as many sectionals as we can but distancing and Covid protocols may provide challenges. It may be possible to do one group of sectionals one week and a different group of sectionals the following week for the upper bands. Green Band should have sectionals every week.

Jon K feels we need to promote Green Band but also PNHB as an organization. Lorna D did promote the whole band in our most recent advertisements. After discussion it was felt we could do more advertising and approach retirement organizations. A Facebook post can reach many people and is only \$30. Retired teachers and nurses were mentioned in particular to target. This should occur in August.

Discussion was also held on the length of rehearsals increasing next fall and whether it would be possible for each conductor to move to one band every other week rather the current set up of 2 conductors every week. No decisions were made.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – David Lloyd could not attend the meeting. John T reported that we are in a good position. Sectionals are quite expensive so careful thought about doing them will have to occur.

6. **Contract With the City**

At this time we do not have a contract with the City of Peterborough. The use of space for storing our things at the Navy Club is being negotiated. We will need to determine in future contracts about who is cleaning and putting chairs away. We need to make sure that we make clear what the

responsibilities of the City are. It was suggested we continue with the practise of putting on different shoes when you arrive to keep the floor cleaner.

7. **Mini Concert**

It went really well. The professional movers were very helpful. Thank you to Debi and Barry Duff for the photography and videotaping.

8. **Green Band Information Day**

10 – 12 prospective members attended. It went very well. The advertising was approximately \$650 plus HST. It was suggested we do the same in August to attract new members to not only Green but to different level bands as they may have experience and not need to go into Green. We should target the novice retired person or those with a flexible work schedule who wants to play and those who used to play and want an activity to do. We could also target the players, who have time in their schedule, who already play and would like to join.

9. **Dialogue Committee**

Lorna V has completed the draft copy of all of the conductors and coaches' contracts. She will work on working out sectionals with the conductors and coaches. Conductors really want a return to sectionals.

10. **Grant Platinum Jubilee**

Cindy B has sent emails to the conductors about what has to be done to satisfy the requirements of the grant.

11. **Instrument Depreciation**

By next year most of the instruments PNHB own will be depreciated to \$0. There are some instruments available for Green Band members to use. Angela Con and Phillip Pellatt have done an inventory of what is available. It was suggested we could subsidize the rent of instruments for one year as well. After discussion it was decided the PNHB should get out of the rental business.

Lorna Devan moved that as of September 1, 2022 PNH B will no longer rent instruments to our members

Alan Brunger seconded the motion

The bass section is a concern as to rent those instruments it is quite costly.

A vote was called for the motion.

5 Yes, 1 No and 1 Abstained

Alan B suggested setting up a committee to determine how to handle the instruments we do have. Quentin D, Sherri L, Alan B, Mary C agreed to be on this committee. Sherri will contact Angela and Phillip P for the information we currently have.

12. **Alternative Venues**

Cindy is still working on connecting with Pathways Church

13. **New Business**

Quentin Day is officially a Board Member as of today.

Summer Band will not take place this summer.

14. **Next Meeting**

August 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm via ZOOM

15. **Adjournment**

Lorna Devan moved to adjourn the meeting