

**PETERBOROUGH NEW HORIZONS BANDS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MAY 26, 2021**

Present: John Topic, Sherri Luff, Mary Chesher, Alan Brunger, Lorna Devan, Lorna Verhulst, Angela Con, Gord Thompson

- **Conflict of Interest**

None Declared

- **Approval of Minutes of the April 28th Meeting**

Gord Thompson reported an error - it is Liftlock Band not Lakefield Band

**Alan Brunger moved to accept the minutes as written**

**Lorna Verhulst seconded the motion**

**All in Favor**

**Carried**

### **3. Chair's Remarks**

John had a call from Cliff Ballantyne. He had been our contact with the Chamber of Commerce which puts on a Senior's Showcase each year. We had paid for an exhibit table before COVID, then they had to cancel. Now they have decided to go ahead with a virtual showcase. We just had a day or two to decide if we wanted to participate (or get a refund). If we wanted to participate, we needed to have a video presentation.

Cliff did a lot of legwork on this and found a video from a few years ago. It is very professionally done with Wayne Mutton speaking and also an off-stage voice. He wanted to know if we thought he could use that video or not. John consulted with Lorna Verhulst. He also had to convert the video to MP4. We decided to go ahead. This will be the start of our recruiting campaign for the fall. Fingers crossed that we will be able to start then.

### **4. Conductors' Report**

Gord Thompson reported that he contacted the other conductors. Gord and Mark watched the Guelph Band through Jamulus. They had tried ZOOM but it didn't work. Peterborough Concert Band uses Rehearsal Live Share. As a group the conductors would rather see everyone live rather than use technology. Paul Vanderbank from the Liftlock Band has indicated he would like to be in discussion with us about sharing music.

Instrument Covers may be made by Renee if needed. They reduce the amount of aerosol being distributed. May not have to go to that extent with vaccines. The only way we can start effectively is to have no physical distancing in order to rehearse our bands. They would find a way if they had to but it would be very difficult. Starting band is Step 3 of the Provincial Reopening Plan. Conductors are anxious about where and when we will have band.

Gord did express some concern that not a lot of people are practicing and it we may have to do alternate week bands especially if we are not in our new location and only have access to Living Hope on Monday's.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

David Lloyd was not in attendance but our financial position has not changed.

## **6. Business Arising From the April 28th Meeting.**

### **6.1 Search for a New Venue**

#### **6.1.1 New Horizons Search**

##### **6.1.1.1 Living Hope Contract Negotiations**

We have a lease signed for one year, with the option for a second year. The conditions are that we can use the building only on Mondays, but we could use various rooms for sectionals as before. We are still allowed to use the storeroom, but, again, only on Mondays. The rent is the same as it would have been last year. There may be extra charges if extra cleaning/ replacing chairs is required. We can cancel at any time.

We have provided them with the required insurance certificate.

##### **6.1.1.2 Naval Association**

The final vote was taken by council last night and it has been approved. We can start to negotiate renting space there soon. It could be around \$525 a week for our bands, sectionals and ensembles.

Gord, Angela and John have seen the space. John will try to arrange for more members of the board and/or conductors to go through so that we know what we are looking at. It may be the week of June 7<sup>th</sup>. They are working on the renovations and it is hoped it will be ready by September. We will have storage space as well. For major concerts it may be difficult to transport the equipment. This would have to be figured out. Gord would encourage us to pursue the road allowance from Beavermead Park. It is pretty soggy near the Naval Club itself. So it would be easier if they would make a road to the Naval Club.

### **6.1.2 Consortium Activities**

#### **New Name: Peterborough Musical Arts Centre (PMAC)**

They are turning their attention to attracting donors, sponsors, and angels. They are also developing Vision and Mission statements. There has been a meeting every other week on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am. If successful, there may someday be a hub that houses practices for a number of different ensembles.

## **6.2 Grants**

### **6.2.1 Electric City Culture Council**

Alan reported that this is a local council that has money and are concerned about art organizations. The band is eligible to apply. We would have to find a project COVID related. They don't

duplicate grants and we also have another one we applied for and received from Peterborough New Horizons Seniors Grant with COVID in mind so we may not be eligible. Application needs to be submitted June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **6.3 Nominating Committee**

John would like to see someone else take on the job of president. He would be quite happy to serve as Past President to help out in the transition. The nominating committee consists of Alan Brunger, Lorna Verhulst and David Lloyd. They are key for overseeing the current board's performance. They also would be responsible for getting a core group of people ready to become directors in the future and to handle succession. Alan will call a meeting, send out some of his thoughts and try to assemble a list of possible candidates. Input should be received from all Board members to present possible candidates and personal follow up with those people.

### **6.4 Guelph Band and Jamulus**

Angela reported that several members of the bands participated. She enjoyed the experience. The conductor can see multiple people but has fine-tuned it over time. Jamulus is free. Several more elderly members navigated using the technology as well. Gord will discuss with the conductors. An outside person may be required to assist with this if we were to move forward. The conductor from Guelph did offer to help us. Angela can help as well.

### **6.5 Update on Vaccinations and Restarting**

#### **6.5.1 Setting up a Recruiting Sub-committee**

There is a need to begin recruiting new members. Perhaps emails should be sent to our current members to talk up joining the bands. We could have a recruitment meeting via ZOOM and advertise on TV, radio, newspaper etc. Angela had mentioned setting up a public Facebook page. We can set up events so it would come through their news feed. People can communicate through messenger. She will communicate with James Burrett. Alan suggested advertising our organization on Peterborough Marketplace. We do have a decent website.

**Lorna Devan moved to have Angela Con set up a public Facebook page.**

**Alan Brunger seconded the motion.**

**All in Favor**

**Carried**

#### **6.5.2 Authorizing a Budget**

We are trying to sustain ourselves from the impact of COVID 19. Angela suggested we have a Grand Reopening Party and invite the

Media. The music could be Happy Days Are Here Again. Mary suggested we could also do an outside event. Discussion was held about various places we can advertise.

**Alan Brunger moved that the last installment of the City of Peterborough grant be used for 3 purposes: \$3500 for rent subsidy; \$2500 for fee waivers; and \$1000 for recruiting/ advertising.**

**Mary Chesher seconded the motion.**

**All in Favor**

**Carried**

The Social Committee would likely want to be involved with organizing a grand reopening event.

## **6.6 Communication with Members**

Naval Club is pretty much a sure thing

The Board of Directors will do another walk through.

John will do this soon after our walk through.

## **7. Other Business**

### **7.1 Property Management**

Angela will be making arrangements to get the tuba Wendy Robinson was using as she has moved to Waterloo.

The Firefly Band will start as soon as it can, possibly outdoors.

### **7.2 Calvary**

There was some discussion about Calvary being taken off the market. We will have to determine if we are going to have our concerts there and if we can still use their facility. John will pass this along to Norma to be in touch.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 2:30 pm

## **9. Adjournment**

**Sherri Luff moved to adjourn the meeting**

**All in Favor**