

Peterborough New Horizons Bands Board of Directors Meeting October 13, 2021

Present: Mary Chesher, Angela Con, David Lloyd, Loran Devan, John Topic, Lorna Verhulst, Sherri Luff, Alan Brunger via phone

Regrets: Jon Knights, Joanne McLaren

- **Conflict of Interest: None Declared**
- **Approval of Minutes of September 15th, 2021**

Lorna Devon moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting

Lorna Verhulst seconded the motion

All in Favor

Carried

- **Chairs Remarks:**

The transition to the Navy Club has gone very well. We will be dealing with some issues later in the meeting. We are cooperating very well with the Concert Band and City.

Lorna Verhulst sent a formal thank you to Living Hope.

- **Conductor's Report:** Jon Knights was unable to attend
- **Treasurer's Report:** No update at this point.

The financials need to be sent to Del Manary right away as we need to have this information for the AGM.

John needs to look at the Q Trade information as David does not have authorization at this point. He needs a statement as of July 31, 2021.

- **Budget**

The budget is being worked on. David and John have a draft. We do have money for rent from the City grant (\$3500) which could be applied and bring down the cost per member.

David is double checking and there may be more available from the City Grant as it would have been carried forward.

- **Moving Costs**

Moving costs were \$560

- **Business Arising from the September 15th, 2021, Meeting**

6.1 Nomination Committee

We need one more nomination for the board. The present board has agreed to remain for next year. John has requested to step down as the President but will remain on the Board.

A new president needs to be selected from the Board

Suggestions were made to amend our Bylaws to allow payment of member fees for certain positions on the Board.

- **Navy Club Move**

After the first week some issues around accessibility came about. 2 people expressed concern and will require assistance. One has managed to find a walker and the other has ordered an aircraft grade aluminum wheelchair.

Jim and Vedra Hill have donated a wheelchair. We have accepted the donation and will provide a tax receipt for it. We will ask them what value they place on it.

Sherri Luff moved to provide a tax receipt to Jim and Vedra Hill for their donation of a wheelchair.

Angela Con seconded the motion

**All in Favor
Carried**

Angela Con suggested looking at using the money from the City Grant on a golf cart to help members who require assistance crossing the bridge. There may be some challenges as to where we could keep it.

We need something that will work in winter as wheelchairs can slip quite easily in snow and/or ice. A scooter might be worth looking into.

We are hesitant to decide on this as we do have to consider where to store it.

PCB is concerned about acoustics. Peter Sudbury is going to try to coordinate efforts to improve them. He will work with the Concert Band and PNHB, the city and Lett Architects. He has done this in the past with Showplace.

The City is having difficulty finding contractors for some of the issues at the Navy Club. The highest priority is the washrooms.

We wonder what the role of the person who sits at the table is. He or she has been described as a concierge by the City.

Mary asked about the Ensembles as each coordinator must sign off on the sheet the City provides.

She also would like to see the list of people in each of these Ensembles so she can cross reference if each person has been double vaccinated. John suggested asking James for the list of names in each Ensemble.

- **Update on AGM**
 - **Biographies, Presidents Report, Treasurer's Report, Volunteer Recognition,**

Jo-Anne is working on formatting what we have already. Members running for election need to provide very short biographical statements.

David and John must get the Treasurer's Report to Del Manary for comment. John will be putting together his comments soon.

The formal announcement must go out 10 days before the meeting. The whole package will go out soon thereafter.

- **Assign Movers for Motions**

Some of the motions are quite technical. Board members should be prepared to present them.

We should let people second from the floor as much as possible but have a Board member second if there is not one from the floor.

Confirmation of Acts – Lorna Devan

First Motion – Mary Chesher

Appointment of Financial Review – Angela Con

- **Schedule on October 27, 2021**

Change practice times cutting ½ hour from each band.

9 – 10:30, 11 – 12:30, AGM 1 -2, Odyssey 2:30 – 4

There are only 40 chairs but we could accommodate 75 people.

We will ask people to preregister. We could also ask people to send a proxy with someone who will be at the meeting.

- **Other Business**
In Camera Fee and Fee Waivers

Devon Wilkins requested we pay \$240 to Flutissimo for her fees and waive her band fees.
Mary Chesher moved to waive a member's band fees and subsidize Flutissimo fees.
Lorna Devan seconded the motion
All in Favor
Carried

Jacque Parkinson passed away.

Mary brought up the issue of more people travelling and what that means for COVID screening. Fully vaccinated people who are travelling internationally must have a negative COVID test to board a plane. Anyone returning does not have to quarantine.

This is concerning to some Board members as they could be asymptomatic.

Angela Con moved to suggest to members that upon return from travel out of province that members consider refraining from attending band for a period of 2 weeks until further notice.

Lorna Verhulst seconded the motion

All in Favor

Carried

Date of Next Meeting

November 10th, 2021

- **Adjournment**
Sherri Luff moved to adjourn the meeting