

ABBA Board Meeting
Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014
Mandarin Buffet restaurant, Coon Rapids

Members present: David, Jerry, Eric, Chris

1. (Early this morning, Jerry emailed the budget and a version of a Conflict of Interest policy he drafted, the latter being a point raised in the process of applying for our 501c3 status to be reinstated). No one had seen the email prior to the meeting.) Jerry presented the most-updated version of the current budget. Jerry also suggested the Board consider amending its by-laws to account for the logistics of counter-signing all LWBB checks. Finally, officially, the LWBB's 501c3 status HAS BEEN REINSTATED, fully retroactive to the time it had been rescinded.
2. Discussion about CD pricing was brief and had no clear conclusions. The Board will for input from the Steering Committee.
 - 2a. The Board agreed that it would be beneficial if sales of the new CD to band members were handled during rehearsal rather than from the sales table at a concert. A pre-order form will be created & distributed so the right number of CDs can be brought to rehearsal.
3. The Board agreed that band members using a band-owned (brass) instrument for the year should be responsible for its annual cleaning.
4. The Board discussed the LWBB's ARCC lesson scholarships, to which it remains committed. The only questions were about some logistics/mechanics of the process. Further discussion is needed with Ric also present.
5. The U of MN Brass Symposium panel sessions were discussed and some inconsistencies were found between different communications about the Symposium and the sessions. Chris will seek clarification from Symposium organizers.
6. The Board expressed both interest in and hesitation about this summer's one-day "deficit-recovery" Vintage Band Festival. The topic will also be on next week's Steering Committee agenda. Chris will communicate with the whole band about it in advance of next Saturday's rehearsal so we can gauge the amount of interest then.
7. The Board agreed that the Midwest Clinic is a worthy performance target, but with an England trip in our sights for Summer 2015, Midwest is on the back burner for now.
8. The Board previous discussed Lori Landry as a candidate to fill Sue's spot on the Board. Eric reported that Lori indeed is interested. Eric will extend the Board's formal invitation next week.
9. The Board agreed that the LWBB should again become a member of NABBA and sustain that annually. Jerry is either going to set that up himself or work with Gordy to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris