

ABBA Board Meeting
Saturday, 19 September 2015
Mandarin Buffet, Coon Rapids, MN

Present: Eric, Dave, Lori, Jerry, Chris, Mike, Gordy

1. The Board received, discussed, and approved the 2015-16 budget.
2. The Board discussed potential concerns from MPR & Garrison Keillor regarding Kirklees Music's use of the "Lake Wobegon" name for its anticipated LWBB Series. Jerry will follow up.
3. The Board discussed possibly adding another full-fee concert on the weekend of the 2016 Vintage Band Festival depending on schedule particulars.

(NOTE: Paul Niemisto has confirmed that we'll likely perform on Sunday, July 31st.)

4. The Board discussed Dick's proposal that the Board consider hiring a guest soloist such as the Boston Brass, who played this past week at UW-RF. The Board agreed that this is a Steering Committee matter to consider for the next 3-5 year plan.
5. The Board will invite Chris Westermeyer and Jack Stamp to be First-Call Players. Ric Perkins will remain a First-Call Player and his name will be listed as the 5th Solo/1st Cornet.

(NOTE: Chris & Jack both gratefully accepted the invitation.)

6. The Board discussed the importance of honoring and enjoying Ric as best we can while he's still with us. A) The Board discussed the possibility of a party with Ric, or at least a way to socialize with him, ideally sooner than later, if that's at all feasible. This would likely best be arranged between Donna and Kris. B) The Board also discussed a possible commission to honor Ric, toward the cost of which band members could contribute. While supported by the Board, the commission possibility would fit the parameters of the SC's 3-5 year planning and will be brought to that meeting next week to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris