

Anoka Brass Band Association Board Meeting
Saturday, February 27, 2016
Mandarin Buffet, Coon Rapids, after rehearsal

Present: Dave, Gordy, Lori, Jerry, Eric, Mike, Chris, & John Froelich

Minutes

1. The Board discussed the proposed future England Tour with John Froelich (Tour Committee Chair). The LWBB will move ahead in planning for a trip in Summer 2018 or 2019 assuming the vast majority of First-Call Players participate (it has to be "our" band). John will do a survey of the First-Call Players (for possible participation) and all those who traveled last summer (for feedback on last summer's tour and to invite other ideas).
2. The Board discussed subtly "creeping" attendance concerns and before next fall will find an appropriately polite & delicate way to remind the First-Call Players of the expectations — mostly namely that there's a difference between the latitude to miss 1 out of 4 rehearsals if absolutely necessary vs. "I get a free one" to miss — and that there's a reason we plan for only 4 rehearsals, not 5 or more.
3. Noting that the ARCC podium can be quite squeaky when Mike (or any conductor) moves around on it, Chris suggested the possibility of buying our own podium. Mike noted that he's getting away from using a podium, so the point, while nice, is moot.
4. Chris noted that Steve Schmidt will be listed on the Donations page of the concert program for his in-kind donation of space for the LWBB library and archives.
5. Mike will eventually discuss with Doug Kuehn (Davenport Repair @Schmitt Music) potential deals/discounts on routine maintenance of band-owned instruments.

Respectfully,
Chris