

Twelfth Annual General Meeting of HCB Society

Zoom meeting; Nov 10, 2020

Executive: Becky Campbell (President, pro tem), **Jane MacConnell** (Treasurer), **Becky Campbell** (Vice President), **Bob Kanygin** (Membership) , **Bill Hardstaff** (Scribe)

29 of the society's 66 members were present.

Call to Order and Agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President (pro tem) of the society, **Becky Campbell**, who thanked everyone for their participation and expressed her wish that this be the first and last AGM held on Zoom!

Bob and Bill made a quick survey of all the Zoom screens, and the number of people in each screen , to record attendance.

Becky briefly spoke about the agenda, which has been published on the band website, along with several other documents pertinent to tonight's meeting. No-one offered any additional items to be added to the agenda and its acceptance was moved (**Becky Campbell**) and seconded (**Jane MacConnell**). The motion carried.

The minutes of the 2018 Tenth AGM were accepted as published on the website (motion by **Charles O'Neil**, seconded by **Heidie Firth**). The motion carried.

Annual Reports were published on the website by Donna Huffman (Website Manager):

a. President's report, Becky Campbell

Becky commented that our St Patrick's Day concert and participation in the Kiwanis festival were cancelled because of the pandemic. We allowed the festival organizers to keep our entrance fee to help with their losses. Also, our members all declined a dues refund. We plan to offer a decrease in dues for the ensuing year. She also mentioned some of the discussions the executive has had relating to alternative rehearsal sites and strategies. She thanked John (Underhill) for being a tower of strength in leading the founding team in its efforts to create a constitution and to have the Halifax Concert Band Society incorporated and registered as a charity. John has had to step back from his duties as president in order to deal with health issues.

b. Membership report, Bob Kanygin

Bob commented that membership remains stable at about 66 (in March).

c. Financial report for 2019-2020 and proposed budget for 2020-2021, by the Treasurer, Jane MacConnell

Jane explained stated that expenditures have been few because of the pandemic. The Society's account is healthy. We have paid our NS Band Society fee and registration fee with the Registry of Joint Stock companies.

Randy Robertson audited the accounts and found them to be in good order.

It was moved by **Patricia Madden**, seconded by **Heather Rushton**, that all the reports be accepted as published. The motion carried.

Appointment of Auditor:

Many thanks to volunteer auditor for 2019-2020, **Randy Robertson**, and the new auditor for 2020-2021 . . . **Marilyn Bowlby**

Election of Executive Board:

It was moved by **Becky Campbell**, seconded by **Bob Kanygin**, that **Kim Conway** be elected new Vice President. The motion carried.

It was moved by **Bob Kanygin**, seconded by **Don Doyle**, that **Becky Campbell** be elected new President. The motion carried.

It was moved by **Becky Campbell** and seconded by **Jane MacConnell** that the remaining members of the executive be re-elected by acclimation. The motion carried.

Comments:

Some discussion happened about the possibility of the Sackville Band acquiring a space at the Bedford Mall for rehearsals, which we might also be able to use. Debbie and Mark both said that it was found that about \$30-50k worth of renovations to install a wall would be required before this could happen, and so it is unlikely (even if, as the new President suggested, we make Mexico pay for it!)

Some remarks were made about how much space we would need to allow the required distancing between various players for 66 people, considering various possible geometric arrangements. It seems the logistics of setting up, cleaning, and allowing for air exchanges still remain significant challenges. Becky thanked everyone for attending and Bob for arranging and orchestrating the Zoom meeting so well.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:00ish.

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