

Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of HCB Society

Band room at Halifax West; Nov 30, 2021

Executive: Becky Campbell (President), **Kim Conway** (Vice President), **Jane MacConnell** (Treasurer), **Bob Kanygin** (Membership) , **Bill Hardstaff** (Scribe)
57 of the society's 60 members were present.

Call to Order and Agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by President of the society, **Becky Campbell**, who thanked everyone for their participation and invited everyone to consider attending the Horns' For Life concert Sunday Dec 5 at pm in the Halifax Library on Spring Garden Rd.

Bob was able to use his Covid screening data to provide an attendance record.

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 (**Elizabeth Gold**) and seconded (**John Underhill**). The motion carried.

The minutes of the 2020 Twelfth AGM were accepted as published on the website (motion by **Denise**, seconded by **Natalie**). The motion carried.

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

a. President's report, Becky Campbell

Becky spoke about the impact the ongoing pandemic has had on rehearsals and various efforts by the executive to deal with it. We discussed various options such as larger alternate venues, smaller rehearsal groups, alternate rehearsal nights for subsections of the band, recommendations made by studies such as one by University of California of requisite distancing measures for various instruments etc. Various starts were prevented by the various waves.

b. Membership report, Bob Kanygin

Bob commented that membership remains consistent with historical patterns. About 60 registered in March. At one point we had reached an historical maximum of 70. We may see more registrants in January. Members who had paid fees for the curtailed 2020 season were issued credits. Dues this year are/will be \$140. In accordance with the Health Department's requirements, we have asked all members for written

permission to record every member's vaccination status and we are maintaining a record of who attends each rehearsal.

c. Financial Report for 2020-2021 and proposed budget for 2021-2022, by the Treasurer, Jane MacConnell

Jane explained 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.

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

There was a question about making use of government grants for band procurements. **Jane** and **John** explained that unlike in other provinces, grant money is competitively fought for and often not plentiful. Some city counsellors have some money for discretionary disbursement. One must know in advance what one needs and be well prepared to advocate for it.

Donna discussed the website structure and reminded the members of the password to access the members only area.

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

Appointment of Auditor:

Many thanks to Heidi for volunteering to serve as auditor for 2021-2022

Election of Executive Board:

After Becky's usually futile request for new volunteers to populate the executive, **Nicole** volunteered to help develop our virtual presence.

It was then moved by **Becky**, seconded by **Don**, that the current members of the executive be re-elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

Comments:

Debbie asked about whether we want to have a Christmas Dinner. It was decided not to arrange this. **Debbie** then asked that everyone be prepared to surrender their complete folders to her after our Christmas concert on Tuesday Dec 6 so that she can return the sheets to the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm by the Chair.