



The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 – 7:00 PM, Revelli Hall

Theme: Pre-Homecoming

- I. **Call to Order @ 7:08p**
- II. **Approve August 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes:** Sheri moves to approve the minutes, Susan seconded, motion approved.
- III. **Conductor's Forum:**
 - a. **Scott Boerma:** Currently in the middle of athletic band auditions. Marching Band will play Lady GaGa this weekend. It will include the dance team as well. There will be good shots on the video board. The U-Mass band is coming this weekend.
 - b. Homecoming date is changing next year to Oct 29th next year. They are updating the Russian Band reunion and shuffling other concerts around. There will be 8 home games next year with 5 in a row. Looking into scheduling Bandorama the Friday of Homecoming. Could coordinate buses from Revelli to Bandorama. Theme at Bandorama would be around the Russian Band. Could hold a block of tickets for alumni.
 - i. Gary will give information to Dennis to post about Homecoming changes.
 - c. **Treasurer's Report (Peter Cubba):** Updated 2011 budget is captured in the report.
 - i. Net Income of (3593) is due to not receiving Homecoming funds yet. Insurance price dropped for organization.
 - ii. Donation from the golf outing was 2696 and will be for the endowment fund.
 - iii. Anyone that has receipts from band week lunch please return them to Peter C.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Finance Committee (Peter Cubba):**
 - i. **Investigated merchant card service options:**
 1. Peter investigated the option of using **Bank of America** for administering transactions. An estimate was made based on 300 Homecoming members would be about \$684 a year. It is expensive. It would be quick to setup.
 2. Rochelle followed up with **Alumni Association:** They can provide a short code to affiliate organizations. They used to process credit card transactions but are now exclusive with the M-Den. If we sell our



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gear on-line, there may be a conflict. They currently do not process credit card transactions for any affiliate organizations, so there is no current precedent.

3. Discussed **PayPal**. Used to have to be tied to a person and not an organization, but there was a thought that is no longer the case. Peter C will investigate this further.

b. **Reunion Activities Committee** (Rich Alder and Salo Korn)

- i. **Homecoming 2010**: There is a committee meeting after the board meeting. Will have session to help assemble packets on Wednesday Oct 13th @ 7:00p. Volunteers are needed.
- ii. Forward the **Facebook event** to friends. Matt will add a disclaimer that accepting the Facebook event does NOT register for Blast.
- iii. Looking for **volunteers for the BBQ**. More information is coming soon.

c. **Member Activities Committee** (Linda Ridley):

- i. **New Member Lunch Recap** (Linda Ridley): Went really well. There was enough pizza and food.
- ii. **Receptions**: Will need to post a correction in M-Notes stating there is no Bandorama reception this year. Gary will work with Dennis.
 1. We will provide a **reception for Campus Band Concert** on November 14th. Discussed having cookies, brownies and such. Mike Kardasz will help coordinate. Board members are encouraged to come to the reception after the campus band concert. We will target \$1500.
- iii. **Merchandise Sale**: no update at this time as it is pending a way for on-line transactions.
- iv. **Fundraising**: Will consider on a case by case basis.

d. **Communications Committee** (Matt Miller):

- i. **Website**: waiting for direction from Tex and Kristen to follow-up with Linda. Discussed website transactions earlier in the meeting.
- ii. **M-Fanfare** was mailed.
- iii. **M-Notes**- send articles, updates to Dennis.

e. **Governance Committee** (Matt Pickus):

- i. **Volunteer Liability Shield**: We will need to vote at the General Meeting to add the liability shield to the Articles of Incorporation. An article was included in the M-Fanfare.



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- ii. **Affiliation with UM Alumni Association:** Rochelle followed up and the Alumni Association *prefers* that the affiliate organizations do not collect dues, but there are organizations which are affiliates that collect dues. Rochelle will contact Kellie Durham to see if she can come to our next board meeting to discuss further.

- f. **Ensembles Committee** (Pete Larson)

- i. **UMBAA Concert Band** – Registration Time

- 1. There are currently 61 members signed up. We are hoping to get at least 70 members. We are short on trombones and saxophones. Please recruit your fellow alumni.
 - 2. Committee is currently working on preparing for the session.
 - 3. An e-mail will be sent to members next week including directions to Skyline and through which door to enter.

- ii. **Alumni Pep Band** (Pete Dalton)

- 1. Pete sent an e-mail to members regarding the **Paid Pep Band**. Most pep band members opted in.
 - a. **Eligibility:** Members will need to play enough with the current pep band to know the music really well. Pete will notify members that do not play enough with the pep band that they need to participate more frequently before they can participate.
 - b. **Rotating Selection:** There will be a list by part and Pete will call down the list until the part is filled for each needed part.

- iii. **Big House Big Heart Run** –

- 1. There was a discussion on when is it okay to do a volunteer band.
 - 2. There were concerns regarding volunteering and not being paid that were discussed. This could set a precedent. It would not be clear when the band should be voluntary and when it should be paid. There was also a discussion that it should be okay to volunteer for the community/University events.
 - 3. There was a discussion also about this breaking the trust that has been gained over the past years in developing the pep band and not competing with University bands.



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- a. Sheri and Pete met with Scott to see if it would be okay to play at the event. He indicated that the Fanfare Band does not want to play and it would be okay for alumni to play.
 4. There was a discussion about this event not being sports related. It was noted that this is a Big 10 event. It was then noted that a charity group is assisting in administering the event and not the University administering it directly.
 5. There was a discussion about whether that we could just volunteer and fundraise without having a volunteer band. No one was able to have a final answer.
 6. There was a discussion that around 2 years ago, we passed guidelines that stated that the pep band may be paid and how that would be administered if we were. After a long discussion the members looked up and reviewed the guidelines. It does not state that we cannot play voluntarily. There was a discussion about the intention of the guideline with no agreement about what the intent was.
 7. Matt P. moved to allow for the possibility for a band to play at the Big House Big Heart, Pete D seconded. Motion passes.
 - a. Sheri, Susan and Lauren will coordinate to get volunteers to play and ensure that the band meets UMBAA standards and instrumentation.
- V. **Old Business:** None at this time.
- VI. **New Business:**
- a. **Election of Board Members:**
 - i. **Mike reviewed the slate** that will be presented to general membership for vote: *Dennis Gmerek, John Lukacs, Susan Sutherland, Linda Ridley, Salo Korn.* Gary moved to approve the slate, Scott K seconded. Motion passed.
 - ii. There were two new member inquiries and Mike will continue to encourage them.
 - b. Gary moved to **release the mailing labels to Nu Lambda for southeast Mi** so they can invite them to activities, Linda seconded, motion passes.
- VII. **Future Meeting Dates:**
- a. **October 16, 2010:** General Membership / Homecoming (3:30pm game)
 - b. **November 17, 2010:** 7 PM (Officer Elections) – Revelli Hall



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- VIII. **For the Good of the Association:** Nothing at this time.
- IX. **Peter C moved to Adjourn,** seconded by Scott K, motion passed.