



The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 – 7:00 PM, Revelli Hall

Theme: Officer Elections

- I. **Call to Order @ 7:05pm.**
- II. **Approve Sept 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes:** Jim moves to approve with corrections the minutes, Linda seconded, motion passed.
- III. **Conductor's Forum:**
 - a. **Scott Boerma:** Excited to be bowl bound. Looking like it may be the Insight bowl which would be on the Dec 28th.
 - b. Going to OSU next week and then playing at the Big Chill. MSU is bringing a 50 member pep band to the Big Chill.
 - c. There are recording sessions for the next CD during the beginning of Dec.
 - d. Rec Sports is going to field turf the practice field and place a fence around it for the band. Will still have the dots on the field to mark spots for rehearsals. They will also turf rehearsal space for the reserves as well. It has been wonderful working with them and we appreciate their support. Small concerns to work out prior; where to park the student cars on Saturday, the loss of income from parking and section tailgate space. Targeting Aug 1st of 2011 to be completed.
 - e. UMBAA let Scott know that there were a lot of great comments regarding the Oz halftime show. Scott indicated that the students had a lot of input for the show and for the jokes. The Oz show took a lot of work and was a lot of fun overall.
 - f. Overall positive feedback with "miking" the band. There are still issues with feedback and the delay. Will work on modifying but decided will continue next year.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report (Peter Cubba):**
 - a. Net income of \$7,656. We are staying within our budget with our expenses so far.
 - b. Homecoming was up to 350 this year.
 - c. Endowment & Scholarships: Market value is up to 270,372 and the principal is at 190,644.
 - d. There was a discussion about scholarships. Peter will follow up with Maggie to get the list to Gail.
- V. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Finance Committee (Peter Cubba):**
 - b. **Reunion Activities Committee (Rich Alder and Salo Korn)**



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- i. **Homecoming 2010:** Thank you to Gary and Salo for putting on another successful Blast. We will need to update the music library soon. Gary will coordinate this effort.
- c. **Member Activities Committee** (Linda Ridley)
 - i. **Campus Band Reception** (Nov 14th): It was short and sweet. Seemed to go well. We ran out of cups but overall it went smoothly.
 - 1. Dr. Pasquale sent note of appreciation for hosting the Campus Band reception that was read to the board. We are grateful for the wonderful relationship we have with the School of Music, Theater and Dance and appreciate the opportunities to build relationships with the current students.
 - ii. **Merchandise Sale:** no update at this time as it is pending a way for on-line transactions.
- d. **Communications Committee** (Matt Miller):
 - i. **M-Fanfare:** items due on 11/25 for 12/1 mailing.
Please submit articles to Gail:
 - 1. Board Election results- Mike K
 - 2. Current names and contact information for newly (re)elected Board Members- Matt M
 - 3. Any news on Website- Linda
 - 4. Information regarding Winter & Spring UMBAA Concert Band sessions- Sheri
 - 5. Names of our 2010 Scholarship recipients awarded in October- Peter C
 - 6. Preliminary Information on the UMBAA Golf Outing- Matt M
 - 7. Symphony, Concert, Marching, Athletic and Jazz Bands updates and/or anything that the directors want the Alumni to know...special events, concerts, etc- Kristen
 - ii. **Website:** Linda continues to work out the details of the billing/payment process for the website.
 - iii. **M-Notes:** send articles, updates to Dennis.
- e. **Governance Committee** (Matt Pickus):
 - i. **Volunteer Liability Shield:** voted at the General Meeting to add the liability shield to the Articles of Incorporation, it passed.
 - ii. **Affiliation with UM Alumni Association:** Rochelle will invite Kellie Durham from the Alumni Association to the January board meeting to discuss affiliation with the UM Alumni Association.
- f. **Ensembles Committee** (Pete Larson):
 - i. **UMBAA Concert Band** (Sheri/Pete):
 - 1. **Fall 2010 session:** We held our 5th successful UMBAA concert on Nov 14th. We are excited about the growth and feel of comradely in the UMBAA



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Concert Band growing each session. There were 74 members this Fall session. Last Fall we had about 43 members. We had 19 members sign up for all three 2010-2011 sessions this fall.

- a. We played a piece that was composed by a fellow alum, David Reed.
 - b. We also had a guest alumni conductor, James Roach this session that conducted a piece for us. Pending feedback from our survey we will plan of continuing this in future sessions.
 - c. We moved to Skyline High School for rehearsals and Huron High School for the concert. We are still working out a few issues we have had being locked out of the band room prior to rehearsal but are coordinating with Skyline to help fix this. We want to thank Jason Smith and Steve Roberts again for their support and allowing us to use their band equipment and venues. We really appreciate it and look forward to building wonderful relations.
2. **Winter rehearsals** will be Jan 13th through March 10th at Skyline with a concert on March 13th at Meyer Auditorium in Huron High School. We are looking forward to another great session this Winter. Winter registration will start mid December. Will have a new conductor, Trish Corneet for this session. We welcome Trish and are looking forward to working with her.
 3. **Spring rehearsals** will be April 12th through June 9th at Revelli Hall with a concert on June 12th at Meyer Auditorium in Huron High School.

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

1. We continued the conversation from the last meeting about the members of UMBAA playing at gigs for pay or for free; the proposals creating the UMBAA paid band; our relationship to the Fanfare Band; charity gigs;
 - a. Originally Pete posed a proposal for paid gigs that was passed. There is a belief of some members that this means that we would only play for paid gigs. This ensures that we do not conflict with Fanfare Band.
 - i. Fanfare Band may be extended to the Winter school session.
 - ii. We discussed what is considered an outside gig but did not complete the discussion.
 - iii. There was a suggestion about having a different look altogether to differentiate 'Pep Band' from 'Paid Gig Band'. The members overall liked that suggestion.
 - iv. There was a discussion about the original premise of seeking gigs to make more money. Pete explained that Gail and Rice may seek additional gigs for us but that we do not have to accept them.



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v. Kristen sent this discussion to the ensembles committee for further discussion on this topic to present back to the board by the January meeting.

1. There was a discussion that anyone would be able to attend the meeting to participate.

2. There was a discussion about how UMBAA was registered for the Big House Big Heart Run (BHBH).

a. This was initiated as an opportunity for the band to play at the BHBH and raise money for the band scholarships. An e-mail was initiated by a board member to the VP and Secretary with the opportunity. The board members did not have their e-mail in front of them but thought that an e-mail was sent to all of the officers about the opportunity. Minimally it was sent to 3 of the 4 officers. It was felt that since there was no commitment regarding getting on the list and that in order to meet the timeline with the next board meeting being so close the BHBH, we would prepare and if the board did not want to pursue, it would not matter. If the board wanted to pursue it, preparing would give us the opportunity. So we coordinated accordingly in order to have the opportunity to present to the board, including discussions with board members, multiple e-mails and with no one saying no prior to the Sept board meeting.

b. The discussion was stopped because it was not helpful or productive for our group.

VI. **Old Business:**

a. **Merchant driven fundraising opportunities:** Discussed that it is hard to have guidelines written regarding fundraising. We have a wide variety of opportunities. There were discussion about starting a new Fundraising committee to help with these opportunities.

i. We discussed whether we want to pursue fundraising or not. Mike K, Matt M, Scott K, Rochelle and Pete D volunteered to bring a proposal to the group at the next Jan meeting.

VII. **New Business:**

a. **Letter from a Past President, Bob Chartrand,** was read. He would like to have UMBAA look into having the Big Ten Network do a piece on the alumni and marching bands. There was a suggestion to run this by the UofM liaisons and Michael Haithcock first. Bruce Madej would be an initial contact for UofM. Kristen will contact Bruce Madej.



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- b. **Officer Elections:** Mike K proposed the slate for the officers:
 - i. Peter C – Treasurer
 - ii. Sheri M– Secretary
 - iii. Matt M- Vice President
 - iv. Susan S- President
 - c. There were no additional nominations for the slate.
 - d. Richard moved to take the slate as proposed, Scott seconded, **motion passed.**
- VIII. **Future Meeting Dates:**
- a. Susan set the date of the two next board meeting for the 3rd Wed of Jan and March. The next meeting will be Jan 19th at 7p and March 16th at 7p.
- IX. **For the Good of the Association:**
- a. Discussed the **Red Wing Alumni band opportunity** on Feb 4th. Currently this is going thru Maggie. There was agreement that we will ask for a donation to the scholarship fund and proceed from there. There were questions of other Big 10 alumni bands were going to be playing and if this event is being marketed as UM or Big 10. Pete D will get additional information regarding the gig and send out to the board.
 - b. Alex Anderson, the creator of Rocky and Bullwinkle, passed away.
- X. **Sheri moved to Adjourn**, second by Scott, motion passed.