



The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, October 5, 2013 – 9:15 AM

Revelli Hall

1. Good Morning and Welcome
2. UMBAA President Sheri Chisholm called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.
3. Band members from 1963 were recognized. It was the 50th anniversary of their first year in the bands. We were unable to formally organize a reunion.
4. Alumni were recognized by their first year in the bands
 - i) 326 members in attendance
 - ii) More than 60 trombones present!
 - iii) New members and those attending Homecoming for the first time were recognized.
 - iv) Attendees stood up by their first year in the bands: 1st Homecoming; Decades and special anniversaries: 2000s, 1990s, 1988 – 25-year anniversary, 1980s, 1970s, 1960s, 1963 – 50-year anniversary, 1950s, 1940s, 1930s.
 - v) Fred Nott was attending his 60th consecutive Blast.
 - vi) The oldest member attending was Doris English, whose first year was 1946. She was also the oldest returning female member.
 - vii) Members who passed away during the previous year were recognized (first year in bands): Jere Brophy (1951), Richard Baier (1972), Michael McLaren (1966), Ralph McIntyre (1962), Randy Blouse (1972), Jimmy Reynolds, (1970), William Trepper (1955), Carl Dephouse (1958), William “Bill” Curtin (1956), Dan Kovats (arranged “I Want to Go Back to Michigan”).
5. Our on-field director for the day was our beloved John Wilkins, returning for his 22nd year with us. As most members know, John started the alumni pep back in 1992 and officially retired in 2013. There is no way to adequately thank John for his dedicated service to our program. Sheri presented John with a commemorative baton on behalf of UMBAA in appreciation and gratitude for his service. John gave a brief acceptance speech.
6. The new alumni pep band conductors were introduced: Dr. James Nissen and Evaristo Rodriguez.
7. Alumni Conductors for the day were Eric Becher, Jerry Luckhardt, Jim Nissen, and Evy Rodriguez.
8. Game Day Reminders:
 - i) You must have your name badge for admission into the stadium. NO other participants such as children, spouses or friends are allowed through the tunnel or on to the sidelines before or during the game.
 - ii) Items not allowed in the stadium
 - (1) No alcohol - Special attention was called to an incident from last year. Jell-O shot containers were left near the front of the alumni band section. This was not well-received by our Athletic Department or the MMB. We represent U-M and need to be respectful. Have fun, but please remember – no alcohol. We don't want to lose our privileges.



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- (2) Other items not permitted: back packs, duffel bags, instrument cases, camera cases, binocular cases, no water bottles of any kind (including unopened bottles)
9. The schedule of events for the day were reviewed
 10. The order of music was reviewed
 11. The post game order was to be announced during the game
 12. Flip Folders
 - i) Do not remove music
 - ii) Place in the blue barrels in the lobby after the game
 - iii) Please keep your registration bags for your music in case it rains
 13. Special thanks to this year's Homecoming volunteers, led by David Aguilar, with help from Gary Straffon, Linda Ridley, and many others. Volunteers stood or raised their hand to be recognized.
 14. Special thanks to this year's BBQ volunteers, led by Tracy Rudd and Linda Ridley. Additional volunteers stood or raised their hands to be recognized.
 15. Business portion of the meeting –
 - i) A **MOTION** was made to approve the 2012 General Membership Minutes. The motion was seconded, all in favor – **MOTION PASSED.**
 - ii) Scholarships: \$13,000 in scholarships were planned to be given during Homecoming and Band-O-Rama
 - iii) Nominations for the Board of Directors
 - (1) 5 seats up for re-election on the Board
 - (2) Linda Ridley was recognized and thanked for her 12 years of service on the board. Linda would retire from the board at the end of the year.
 - (3) The slate recommended by the Nominations Committee was: Jeff Henderson, Salo Korn, Bailey Oland, Jim Roach, and Evelyn Laskowski
 - (4) A **MOTION** was made to accept the slate as presented by the committee. The motion was seconded, voted on. **MOTION PASSED.**
 - (5) In 2012, the Distinguished Service Award was introduced as a new award. It is given to recognize and reward individuals who have provided great service to our organization and worked diligently to further the purposes of UMBAA. The DSA was given to two members in 2013:
 - (a) Linda Ridley (1973)
 - (b) Pete Dalton (1981)
 - iv) John Stout presented information regarding the Elbel Club. It was noted that John U. Bacon quoted John Stout in his latest book, which led to an increase in donations to the band. John S. also mentioned the Victors for Michigan Campaign, to be launched November 9th, with the MMB present to help kick it off. The Elbel Club's goal is to fully endow the MMB. As of 2012, it was half-way to its goal. It plans to be 75% to its goal by the end of 2013.
 - v) UMBAA Board activities
 - (1) Board members stood and were recognized.
 - (2) A very successful golf outing was held again in August
 - (3) UMBAA welcomed new MMB members with the annual new member lunch



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- (4) Moving to electronic means for communications, registrations, and donations
 - (a) Starting this winter, the M-Fanfare will be sent electronically
 - (b) Paper/snail mail will still be available, but the end goal is to go electronic
 - (5) Alumni Swag is now available for order on Café Press. See your registration packet for information.
 - (6) The UMBAA website is being redesigned
 - vi) Alumni Pep Band activities
 - (1) Now in its 22nd season
 - (2) 2 new co-directors – James Nissen and Evaristo Rodriguez
 - (3) Pete Dalton is the Business Manager
 - (4) A new pep band subcommittee was formed to help Pete, headed by Tracy Rudd and Bailey Oland. The first action will be to review and modify the pep band repertoire.
 - (5) 6 rehearsals – starting October 15
 - (6) 8 events – starting October 26
 - (7) Information sheets at registration
 - vii) Alumni Concert Band news
 - (1) In its 5th year, with 12 concerts performed. The fall concert was a joint concert with Campus Band in Hill Auditorium Nov 10th at 3 PM in Hill Auditorium, with a joint student/alumni reception to follow.
 - (2) The Concert Band needs alto saxophone and double-reed instrument players! It is always looking for more members. Contact a board member for more information.
 - viii) Band-O-Rama was Saturday, Oct 26th at 7PM in Hill Auditorium. Tickets purchased were in the registration packets. Additional tickets were for sale at registration.
 - ix) Crisler Concert tickets were to be mailed out after Homecoming.
 - x) Please continue to check the web site for the latest information about your organization – umbaa.org
 - xi) Volunteers are always welcome in UMBAA
 - xii) The next UMBAA Board Meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2013. See the M-Fanfare for additional meeting dates.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 AM and rehearsal began.