

**Sharon Concert Band Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8, 2022**

**Attending:** Steve Bell, Angela Woodward, Amy Paul, Kathy Brink, George Mellman, Yesenia Martinez, Tom Lucci, Stephen Blumberg, Nicole Fantasia, Matt Leftin, Al True, Michael Saracino

Called to order at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 8:22 pm.

- **Booking (Matt Leftin)**
  - There may be one more performance for RSBB in September (Mansfield). There will be no further SCB concerts for the summer season.
  - Matt is checking with towns now for the 2023 summer season. Easton and Norwood will likely request dates. Target is four bookings for RSBB and six for SCB. After some discussion it was agreed that six should remain the target for SCB, although we exceeded it this year. We will book dates for the municipalities first, and give the assisted living facilities at a greater distance second priority. The only other feedback we have heard of about summer concerts was that we should not use the gazebo in Mansfield because it is small. We would like to have one or two concerts for Whitney Place, spring and summer. Steve will keep in touch with the facility about this.
  - Duxbury has a large Independence Day parade that we could participate in using a small group on a flatbed.
  - Tom was contacted by Sharon Porchfest with a request to participate. Porchfest would supply the location. The timeline is short to get ready for this September date. We could use RSBB, or a smaller group might consider attending and not brand itself as SCB. Will discuss the opportunity with RSBB, but it might be more realistic to consider for 2023.
- **Personnel (Kathy Brink, Al True):**
  - Russ Weinstein is retiring and has mailed back his music. It is not clear if he has a SCB music stand. Charlie Piper is also leaving the band. We are grateful for their years of service and musicianship.
  - Angie will create a Facebook post for members to share in hopes of recruiting.
  - Al has decided to resign from the band and therefore from his Board position. We thank Al for his years of dedicated service and musicianship. He will be greatly missed.
- **Director's Report (Steve Bell):**
  - New member referrals were received for flute, bass and tuba. Steve is working with Personnel to onboard them.
  - Third trumpets are a priority need.
  - We have not had much luck reaching out to people who have not returned since Covid. We will update the list of those to be contacted prior to the first rehearsal and ask section leaders to take the lead on contacting.
- **Old business – Oktoberfests:**
  - We are on track for the October 15 Break Rock Brewery event, with Amy O. and Kris taking the lead as producers.
  - A food truck is the preference for food, but we have identified a caterer in case we need to use one. One risk with using a caterer is that the food must be paid for up front, whether or not it is eaten.

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- An sit-down Oktoberfest concert requires more planning. New music might be introduced, necessitating more rehearsals, so a late October performance date at an inside venue is required. George will check on Sunday afternoon Sharon Middle School (SMS) availability.
- Steve will touch base with Amy and request a status update to be presented at an ad hoc meeting in about two weeks.
- **Old business: Start of fall season**
  - George is awaiting confirmation that SMS can accommodate our first rehearsal on September 1. If SMS is confirmed, we will have usual SCB rehearsal followed by RSBB rehearsal. If SMS is not available, we can use the Walpole Knights of Columbus Hall and could rehearse small Oktoberfest ensembles and/or RSBB.
  - Agenda items for a business meeting at the fall social or first full rehearsal: New chart donation volunteer; dues; volunteers for the Audit Committee; recruitment of new Board member; recruitment of volunteers to manage the trailer.
- **Treasurer's Report (Tom Lucci):**
  - See report sent out by Tom 7/10/22.
  - Numbers projected for fiscal year ending 8/31/22 are likely to be final. We will likely break even in FY 2023.
  - Invoices for Oktoberfest (approximately \$700) are coming due.
  - The conductor's chair for SMS is still an open budget item. We should look at Charlie's old emails to determine status. A discounted drafting chair floor model from Staples is likely to be a better value than a conductor's chair.
  - We need someone to take on the position of chart donation coordinator.
  - The biggest budget variable is events we produce ourselves. We need to check with Lake Pearl about Jazzy Valentine.
  - Dues are the other big driver. We have about 55 members committed to paying dues this year. We will notify the membership of upcoming dues collection at the first rehearsal or social.
- **Old business- Fall social:**
  - Town Spa charges \$150 for a weekend event with a server. There is no charge for a weeknight event.
  - Following discussion, it was determined that we will not have a social this year. A business meeting for the entire membership will be conducted at the first full rehearsal of the fall.
- **Old business- A-frame sign:**
  - Steve is working on obtaining a new A-frame, and Nicole has designed a QR code for it.
- **New business- Trailer (Al True):**
  - As he is leaving the band, Al will need to transfer management of the trailer to someone else.
  - The trailer is registered to Al personally and he would like to be able to terminate the registration by the end of October.
  - Cindy Masciarelli has previously volunteered to have the trailer stored at her property, so we need to touch base with her about this.