

Quad City Wind Ensemble
Sunday, August 11, 2013, 5:30 PM
Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM after dinner. Members in attendance were Chuck Collins, Rachel Fitkin, Jeremy Hill, Jim Holifield, JoAnn Hosch, Brian Hughes, Amy Meier, Jerry Miller, and Tyne Rieck.

Secretary's Report - Rachel

There were no minutes to approve (last meeting was informal with a discussion of the survey results and no notes were taken)

Treasurer's report – JoAnn

JoAnn presented the proposed budget for the 2013-2014 season.

We are anticipating receiving a check from Deere, Jeremy turned in paperwork for volunteering and they donate based on the hours he submits.

Jerry was in contact with The Presidents Own and we have no financial commitment to them. They also asked us to wait before doing any prep work or publicity to make sure they are able to come.

If we have another trivia night, it would be easier for bookkeeping if the QCWE wasn't officially organizing the event.

There was a question about the fee for performing at Bettendorf High School, Jeremy will check.

There was discussion about cost of the programs and ways to save money with that. The possibility of using a different company to print them or not having any printed programs was brought up. For now, we decided to continue to make programs and carefully check how many are left after a concert. Also, we will discuss experimenting with program options for our holiday concert.

Motion by Tyne, second by Jim to approve the report, motion carried

Conductor's Report – Brian

First concert's theme will be "Anniversaries," including works by Verdi, Wagner, Grundman, Dello Joio, and more.

Brian needs a good speaker for one piece he has planned, names were mentioned and Jerry will contact a few people and see if they're interested

He is planning on the concert to be 90 minutes including intermission.

Upcoming themes are "American Voices" (second concert) and "Oh the Places" (third concert).

Motion by Jerry, second by JoAnn to do a holiday concert again this year and invite the Big River Brass Band to perform half the concert, motion carried.

Chairperson's/Assistant Chairperson's Report – Julie/Jeremy

Calendar discussion

Auditions on September 8th

Brass, percussion, and new members will audition this year

Short discussion about adding a second person listen to auditions

Motion by Brian, second by Chuck to keep auditions the same, motion carried

Ensemble members will sign up for a five minute time slot between 12:00 and 3:30

If a person can't come to auditions, there will be an option to make a recording before

Only the first half the Iowa All State etudes (no solo) need to be prepared

For percussion, mallet and snare excerpts only

Tyne will create an email with instructions and send to Jim to forward to the membership

Seating results will be announced via email, music will then be available for pickup at Griggs

Information sheets will be distributed at the open rehearsal on August 25th

Third concert on March 16th

Rehearsals will start at the end of January/beginning of February, avoiding the Super Bowl

Jeremy will check on when campus will be open after break

Solo auditions will happen on a separate weekend

Final concert

Possibility of performing at Bettendorf High School in their new auditorium

Try to have performance before Mother's Day

Jeremy will check on a few options, including the possibility of having a Saturday evening concert

New Business

If we know anyone who should be in the QCWE, please send Jim their information

Members only area on our website

There was a discussion of creating a password protected area on our website that includes budget information, meeting minutes, pictures of board members.

We also can have some email addresses as part of our website.

There was a discussion about setting up generic ones for the continuity of board members (for example, creating a general chairperson email address instead of needing a new one each year for a specific person). Tyne will find more information.

There was discussion on how to follow up with the ensemble about the results of the survey given last year.

We want the group to know that we're addressing their concerns and making some changes.

Concert recordings

It was suggested that we put recordings of the QCWE on YouTube for more publicity. There was concern among the board members about the legality of performing published pieces without permission of the publishers.

Guest soloists

We discussed the idea of having a guest soloist perform with the group, and how it could increase our audience. We also debated about the benefits of having a performer from the QC area or someone from outside the region.

Recordings of previous concerts

A concern was mentioned about not having the recordings from at least two previous concerts. Jerry will look into.

Next Meeting Date and Time – September 15, 2013 – SAU – 5:00

Adjournment of regular meeting – 7:39 pm

Motion by JoAnn, second by Tyne, motion carried