

**NHBDA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2020**  
**Memorial High School, Manchester**

In attendance: Bunny Saranita, Lyvie Beyrent, James Chesebrough, David Umstead, Kurt Schweiss, Tim Russell, Bob Lehmenkuler, Sue Hahs

**Call to Order/Attendance:** 7:07 pm

Bunny Saranita

**Recording Secretary's Report**

Vin Duval

- Suggestion to change meeting minutes of 9/9/19, Middle Level Honors Festival report so that "percussion choir" reads "percussion ensemble." Group consensus.
- Motion to accept amended minutes: T. Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Hahs

**Executive Secretary's Report**

(Mike Adams)

- Submitted electronically prior to meeting. Report not discussed and voted upon, pending the potential late arrival of the executive secretary, which did not occur. Vote deferred to next meeting.

**Chair Reports**

▪ **Membership**

Bunny Saranita

- No change in membership since summer conference (NEBDI 2019)

▪ **Website**

Bob Lehmenkuler

- NEBDI dates to be added to calendar
- Any new information should be sent to Bob

▪ **Middle Level Honors Festival**

Kurt Schweiss

- Preliminary report sent out via email in pdf format.
- Plan in place for percussion equipment.
- Help may be requested/needed for sectional help, esp. percussion.
- L Beyrent to serve as band manager
- B Saranita to manage ticket sales at door
- Need someone to be responsible for purchase of snacks
- Later start time than past years
- Auditions: report on adjudicators. Looking for one more year of commissioned audition material. Rec'd 236 auditions from 41 schools, down slightly from last year – maybe because of festival on Tuesday? Earlier due date? More difficult-appearing audition material?

- **President-elect, Workshop & Clinician Sponsorship** David Umstead
  - Tim Gilmore presented NHBDA-sponsored workshop at NHMEA October MusicFest. Well-attended, useful, practical clinic. Introduced by B. Saranita, who provided a guh-LOWing report on the clinic.
  - Request from Andrea von Oeyen on behalf of NHMEA to sponsor Michael Markowski for two sessions at NH All-State Conference 2020. Motion to fund two sessions for \$500: J. Chesebrough. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Lehmenkuler. Passed, all in favor.
  
- **Jazz Clinic** David Umstead
  - Festival on February 1, 2020
  - Draft schedule sent out to participants. 10 bands participating, room for additional.
  - **Sonic Explorers** providing the core group of sectional clinicians. Mike Sakash and Doug Olsen to be the ensemble clinicians, with Jerry Sabatini picking up additional ensembles in addition to doing sectional clinics.
  - Hosted by Chazz Rogers at Hollis-Brookline High School
  - Emails with final info ready to go out to participating directors, just waiting on a couple of clinician bios
  
- **NEBDI** David Umstead
  - Coordinator position tied to PSU Director of Bands position, the posting for which was closed to further applicants on January 2, 2020. Dave not applying for position, so NEBDI will have a new coordinator for 2021.
  - Suggestion for additional NHBDA revenue through NEBDI registrations – increase registration fee, don't offer compensated attendance to executive board members, or current board members only, or, or.... Matter for further, future discussion.
  - Suggestion from J. Chesebrough: post dates and registration amount on website as soon as possible so that attendees can plan accordingly, including "putting in" for reimbursement from school districts.
  - 2020 clinicians: Kenneth Clark; Andrew Boysen; 95% on Col. Jason Fettig, U.S. Marine Corps Band and also Dr. Reese Land of University of Louisville; Carl Benevides for a tech session; James Chesebrough and Bunny Saranita to moderate the high school and middle school fora; still looking for a couple of other clinicians
  - Registration to be at NOON on Thursday, final session to end at 2:30 on Saturday. One of the sessions to be attendance at a NH Music Festival Orchestra concert which will include a performance of *Loon Lake Overture* by Alan Hovhaness. The rest of the schedule looks much the same, including the banquet and the jazz reading session which, as usual, will be happening more or less concurrently.

- **Chamber Festival** Kurt Schweiss for Tony DiBartolomeo
  - Saturday, January 11, 2020 at UNH
  - No mugs or cups, there will be t-shirts for participants
  - Expects festival to run in black by roughly \$600
  - Day starts at 7:30 am, concert at 5 pm

### **New Business**

- Lyvie Beyrent. Started a summer conducting/reading band two years ago. First year was successful with good participation. More difficult to get adequate participation the second year. Much discussion amongst board members of possible scenarios and ways that NHBDA could support this effort. Lyvie to consider suggestions and possibilities and bring a specific proposal to the board in the future.
- Kurt Schweiss: looking for the board's approval of additional funding for a third year of commissioned audition material for Middle Level Honors. Motion to appropriate up to \$850 for said purpose. J. Chesebrough, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Hahs

May 11, 2020 meeting at Gilford High School. It's \$5 Burger Night at Ellacoya's!  
July meeting on Friday, July 10 during NEBDI at Plymouth State University.

Motion to adjourn: V. Duval, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Beyrent

Adjournment: 8:21 pm

Minutes submitted by Vincent Duval