

# Central Ohio Brass Band – Board Meeting 04/27/08

## **Attendance:**

Greg Weber, Steve Bechtel, Andy Wolf, Jeff Hayman, Pat Herak, Jessica Sneering, Lori Auman-Seymour, Danl Wadkins

## **Absent:**

Paul Droste, Charlene Dailey,

Meeting called to Order @ 2:15 by Lori

## **Reports**

### **President's report** – Lori Auman-Seymour

- No report.

### **Treasurer's Report**– Andy Wolf

- The current bank balance is \$6,312.71. \$2,594.97 of that is dedicated to OBAF.
- The licensing for the new CDs is still outstanding.
- COBB paid Lisa Smith \$100 to frame a banner.
- Insurance for OBAF is \$383.
- Programs for OBAF are \$1,615.13.
- Lori moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Greg seconded, all accepted.

### **Artistic Director's Report:**

- Jessica is very pleased with our performance at NABBA this year.
- Jessica is not planning on buying new music for the summer season.
- Todd Seymour will be conducting COBB's concert at Our Lady of Peace on 5/18/08.
- US Open: although COBB will not be attending, perhaps we will be sending a small committee to the US Open in November 2008 to scout it out for a future trip.
- Jessica is considering a larger trip for COBB in 2010.
- The McCoy Center in New Albany has opened; Jessica is interested in COBB performing there.

### **Old Business** – Various people

- Greg will be sending a letter and new CD to COBB's potential donor from the Park of Roses concert in 2007
- The new CDs need to mention Signatures to thank them for their donation
- Sales tax: Does COBB need to track it and pay it? Danl will find out.
- Old CDs will become \$10 each once the new CDs are available. The new CDs are

going to be \$15 and both can be purchased for \$20 together.

- Jessica will check with Stanton's regarding the possibility of selling our CDs there.

### **New Business: various people**

- Donation process: Lori will talk with Andy Seymour about adding a link to a .PDF file on the COBB website regarding the donation process. Donations can be sent to the COBB P.O. Box. We need to make sure that donators receive receipts and that they are recognized by COBB. The Fair Market Value premium is \$20; donators may donate without the premium
- Grants: The Target grant is available; Pat notified Laura Wright about applying. Pat also contacted Christy about grants for bands traveling to OBAF from overseas. It seems likely that we will need to recruit another COBB member to assist in applying for grants. Lori will send an email out or address this with COBB at rehearsal.
- Uniforms: Pat suggested that Jessica might want to wear a navy polo shirt so that she will stand out on the podium against the standard uniform polo. A suggestion was made that COBB should switch to wearing navy pants or black pants in lieu of khakis for summer uniform; COBB will vote at next rehearsal.
- Scrip cards: COBB will begin selling both Kroger's and Giant Eagle gift cards to its members. The Kroger's gift cards will be ordered in \$5 increments; any money added to the card will yield a 5% return to COBB. The Giant Eagle gift cards must be pre-ordered and prepaid, since they are only able to be ordered in incremental amounts. The Kroger's gift cards are rechargeable; the Giant Eagle gift cards are not. Dani will enroll COBB in both programs and make an announcement in rehearsal to gauge interest. Dani and Andy will partner to create a working system for ordering and tracking cards.
- Brass Expo: Pat is interested assisting COBB in hosting an Ohio Brass Expo, in which high school students will attend a master class and perform in a joint concert. This will encourage involvement in central Ohio brass bands. Concerns were raised that COBB may not be equipped, at this time, to handle two major events (COBB and the brass expo). Some ideas include delegating responsibilities across different central Ohio brass groups or creating a committee within COBB to shoulder the responsibility for planning and executing such an event. Lori will address COBB to gauge interest in such an event.
- OBAF: Pat discussed the OBAF schedule and alerted the board to a need for volunteers for OBAF on Friday and Saturday. OBAF has been rescheduled for June 12-14, 2008 after it was cancelled due to inclement weather. The submissions for the OBAF Composition contest will be read by COBB ON 5/22/08 and the BBC on 5/20/08.
- NABBA 2009: NABBA has been scheduled for April 3-5, 2009. Accordingly, OBAF should be scheduled for 3/20/08-3/22/08, which is two weeks before NABBA. Lori will call Steve Bigley to ask him to call about hotel rooms for NABBA. NABBA 2009 will be held at the Brown Theater in Louisville, KY.
- Postcard mailing list: COBB currently has an existing mailing list; we would like to update this mailing list and begin sending postcards notifying people of upcoming concerts. The idea of an email distribution list was mentioned, but not formally

discussed.

**Miscellaneous--** Various people

- Greg will be making a "Circius" plaque to thank Paul Droste for his directorship of COBB in Jessica's absence
- Comfest scheduling: COBB is only available on the Saturday date due to the Park of Roses concert and a rehearsal for the England group. Steve Bechtel will check about scheduling a performance.
- Todd Seymour will handle all orders for new COBB polo shirts.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted by all.
- The rest of the agenda was tabled for discussion at the next board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made by Lori Auman-Seymour, seconded by Pat Herak

Meeting adjourned 4:10 pm