

WHEATLAND MUSIC ORGANIZATION
 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
 August 10, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> V <input type="checkbox"/> Kent Blackmer	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> Marco Menezes
<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Cavner	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> Barb Oakley
<input type="checkbox"/> V <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Croy	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> Caroline Passariello
<input type="checkbox"/> V <input type="checkbox"/> Carrie Harris	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> Maria Reiser
<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Hummel	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> Don Short
<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ane Krum	Emeritus members:
<input type="checkbox"/> V <input type="checkbox"/> Roger Little	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Ball
<input type="checkbox"/> V <input type="checkbox"/> Jo McLachlan	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Hoff

Attendance Code: P = present V=virtual A= absent

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> Lola Tyler	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Young	
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The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

Proposal Marco, second Barb, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: HAPPY WHEATLAND!!!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

1. Paid tickets have been mailed out. Now working on the volunteer tickets.
2. Several areas need volunteers. Day parking is down 35%! Friday is the last day for sign up.
3. Hepatitis A and Covid vaccines will be available Saturday at the Festival First Aid area.

OLD BUSINESS

FESTIVAL:

1. Covid Advisory Committee: 73% of USA counties are considered high risk. Both Clare and Isabella Counties have Delta Variant cases. Our area went to substantial risk today, will likely be high risk by September.
2. Safety Options: A. Require masking or B. Restrict the number of people in certain areas
3. Cancellation Options: Refund ticket money, roll over to 2022, let it stand as a donation. Consensus to print the program as a souvenir. Hellos & Goodbyes are updated, as is the information in several areas. T-shirts could be sold or held for 2022 sales.
4. Proposal Marco, second Mary Ane, that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Covid Planning Committee that the festival be cancelled if the Mecosta County and surrounding areas reach the substantial (orange) or high (red) risk categories, based on the currently rising numbers of Covid and Delta variant cases. Discussion continues.
 - a. Implementing the safety guidelines at festival would be overwhelming.
 - b. Remember that we, as a Board, are responsible for maintaining the brand, assuring a safe environment, etc.
 - c. Social media indicates that the general public is supportive of our efforts to monitor the situation and make good decisions.
 - d. General discussion of what/when/how to handle notification of the public and handling cancelled ticket orders, etc. Lola will contact our business partners, vendors, etc., then use social media to notify the public.
5. Following discussion, the vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Emergency Preparedness Committee is still working.
2. Land Management has been working to clear the downed trees, etc. Professionals were contacted to take down the large, more dangerous trees. Consensus to do minor road grading this year and improve the roads next year. Despite the heavy rains, there hasn't been much erosion of the roads.
3. Consensus to continue to hold in person Jamborees as long as they can be held outside.
4. Community Ed program requests will be considered in a case-by-case basis, depending on the location's ability to assure social distancing, etc.
5. Kudos to Lola for her grant writing efforts. She has kept us afloat these many months. Thank you!!!!
6. We are hopeful that we will be able to host Winter Wheat. The WW committee will continue to monitor the situation.
7. While this meeting was a lovely gathering, consensus to return to Zoom meetings for the immediate future.

ADJOURN: Proposal Marco, second Mary Ane, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Hummel
Board Secretary