

WHEATLAND MUSIC ORGANIZATION
VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
May 11, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lola Tyler	<input type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn Young	
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Proposal Roger, second Don, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the addition of one bill: Our annual insurance will be coming due at \$15K+. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – see attached emails supporting the Board's efforts during this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

1. Volunteer Challenge: The Program Committee had the highest % of contributors, but only 8 members, so....? From 12/1/20 – 4/30/21, we brought in \$25K.
2. The Jan Fowler Fund: see handout. This will be a restricted fund focused on dance calling. Preference will be given to WMO events, but it is open to all. The fund currently has \$2500, with more donations anticipated. Future growth potential is uncertain. Proposal Chili, second Maria to approve this fund as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The Schafer Fund Agreement has been signed. Construction is ready to go. Funds include \$28K plus grant monies. Mrs. Schafer agrees to fund future maintenance projects, no specifics noted at this time.
4. Shuttered Venue grant had over 10,000 applicants! We didn't qualify in the first round, but may qualify in subsequent rounds. It is still pending.
5. Policy change discussion re: opening up face to face meetings and events. Nursing homes have requested musicians. Proposal Barb, second Jo, to lift the restrictions as previously held, to follow current (ever-changing) guidelines, to require performing musicians to have been vaccinated, and sign the waiver form, and that the same guidelines apply to on site events/meetings. Motion carried 12 – 0 – 1. The grounds will remain closed to the public except for WMO sanctioned events.
6. Discussion of recommendation that we have a covid coordinator, responsible for enforcement of guidelines. Lola will send the link to the training for any that are interested.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Covid Committee recommendations: to be discussed tonight and voted on 5/21/21. When voting, rank your choices as first, second or third choice.
2. OPTION 1: the closest thing to a normal festival, but downsized; relied on Folk Alliance expertise, vaccination required for attendance. It's doable, but not easy.

3. OPTION 2: two single day events. Attendees not allowed to stay overnight on grounds, but staff could do so. Distance would be a deterrent for many people. The focus is to minimize mingling in the campgrounds, minimize foodies and A & C.
4. OPTION 3: Cancel festival until 2022. We can survive financially with this option.
5. Discussion: what about children's vaccines; if we defer, it would be easy to open up ticket sales at a later date as guidelines change; dance hall could be converted to sit down concerts; no Centennial Tent – current guidelines would only allow 200 people in it; minimize/eliminate recycling and composting, focusing sanitation mainly on foodie area; we could break even at 50% of usual budget, but may also need to further reduce expenses; consider increasing adult ticket price by \$20.
6. We are contractually committed to most 2020 performers. \$28K already out in deposits, would need \$65-70 K (total) to fulfill contracts.
7. Send interim questions to Lola or Marco.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussed feasibility of on-site vaccine clinic two weeks before festival. Services provided by Health Department. Johnson & Johnson one and done injection. Kathy Menezes is looking at options. Health Department is interested, if the numbers support it.
2. Winter Wheat: see attachment. Marilyn reviewed preliminary plans to move forward with a downsized Winter Wheat event. Board consensus given to continue planning.

ADJOURN: Proposal Don, second Mary Ane, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Hummel
Board Secretary