

WHEATLAND MUSIC ORGANIZATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
September 17, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Baker     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Little  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Ball       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marco Menezes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Bunting              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Neumann  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Croy       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb Oakley   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Hoff                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Reiser  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Harris  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Sachs    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Hummel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Tomasik |

EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lola Tyler | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacqueline Aldrich | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM. Proposal Maria, second Sarah, to approve the minutes from the August 2013 meeting, without addition or correction. Motion carried unanimously. Correspondence was circulated for review – mainly email comments and thank you cards. There was no public comment.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Lola is working on an actual count, but attendance appears to be higher.
2. Performer recording and raffle prizes are being mailed out.
3. Next week, she starts on refund checks.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

1. Proposal Greg N., second Tom, to pay the listed bills of \$139,915.74. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – deferred for Festival re-hash reports

NEW BUSINESS– deferred for Festival re-hash reports

COMMITTEE REPORTS – most areas submitted written reports, as requested. Most reports were presented without additional comment. See Lola for copies, if needed. The only comments noted below are those that were made in addition to a written report, or in place of a written report.

GATE: unable to open report – will resend in a different format.

DISPATCH: We need to add emergency exits to the maps, and post the written evacuation procedure, per the Mecosta Co. Emergency Services Director. An chronological incident report numbering system will be implemented for better tracking and continuity. It was noted that we have an incident reporting form, but no incident reporting policy.

TRASH CONSCIOUSNESS: Kathy was short of trash barrels and staff, as in previous years. She had cut early entries, per request, but it seemed like there were more people in early.

FOLK INSTRUMENTS – no report

The following comments were made by various audience members (summarized for this report)

DJ: had an issue with camp space intruded on by a neighbor, who refused to cooperate. This highlights the chain of command – she followed proper procedure....small consolation.

RF: had a similar experience, and needs a coffee pot for the Wednesday gate crew.

BR: His group was asked to “shut down the drumming” at 11:00. They do not camp in the quiet area. They thought that the general guideline was when the main stage shuts down. He also was disappointed by the lack of music at campgrounds throughout the festival grounds. He asks if we should consider parking cars off site during the festival.

AJ: looking for a name for the grey camping area to better identify the area. She noted increased car traffic. Other festivals don’t allow it, and she suggests gates could be used to minimize access to certain areas.

MB: overall, every stage was too loud.

AM: received many thanks and positive comments about eliminating the land rush. The \$10 vehicle pass didn’t accomplish anything other than make us some \$\$\$. It was not a deterrent.

DS: There was a higher volume of people on site Sunday night. One person ran into (and demolished) a porta-jon. He also informed the Board that he will not be in attendance at next year’s festival. We thank him for his many years of service.

GN: suggests JH to work next year in DS’s place. This will be addressed over the winter months.

JA: on line feedback was positive; we need to look for trash solutions; need credit card machine at will-call both on Fridays.

EG: more handi-cap accessible porta-jons are needed. Jeff will check on placement.

BB: wants to work toward a fire building; may have donations of labor and materials. He was referred to Jim/Building Committee. Chinese lanterns were an increasing problem. Two came down near the Pines/Main stage area. Thanks to Jim Pomranky for the use of his fire truck.

CH: thanks from the Middle Ground crew to Jim Mc. and volunteers for the upgrades to the stage.

Greg Neumann’s closing comment: It is remarkable that we pull together and make it work whenever we implement new changes. We may need a couple years to make it work. We all did a fantastic job. He thanks and appreciates us.

*WE HAVE A TRASH CONSCIOUSNESS PLAN IN PROCESS.* An Ad Hoc committee is being formed to address these issues.

Proposal Marilyn, second Greg N. to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Hummel  
Secretary