

**MSU ALUMNI BAND**  
Alumni Band Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, April 10, 2011

**REMINDER:** The next Board meeting will be Sunday, June 12, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Jim Barry, at the Olympus Room of the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

**Present:** Gary Baron, Jim Barry, Stacie Detgen, Betty Elliott, Tim Fox, Lynn Kelsey, Melissa Mackey, John Madden, Jack Nelson, Greg Pell, Bob Rice, Bill Sachs

2. **Secretary's Report – Betty Elliott**

The Secretary's report was approved as submitted.

3. **Treasurer's Report – Greg Pell** (attached at end of minutes)

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. In lieu of recent happenings with The Downtown Coaches Club, Greg assured this Board that we are following all legal rulings. He gave President Barry a copy of the Lottery Commission rules as an FYI.

4. **Vice President's Report – Stacie Detgen**

Stacie reported that she worked on the spring concert music selection committee. All the music was delivered to Gary, scanned and sent via e-mail to registered participants. The report was approved as submitted.

5. **President's Report – Jim Barry**

Jim reported that everything is moving forward successfully for the spring concert. The rest of his report is included in various items in the "old" and "new" business section. The report was approved as submitted.

6. **Band Director's Report - John Madden**

- a. The Grand Rapids concert went very well.
- b. The Wind Symphony has been selected to play at the American Band Masters Conference in Indianapolis next March.
- c. Dr. Whitwell's brother recently passed away. Betty will arrange for flowers to be sent to Dr. Whitwell and his family on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Madden's report was approved as submitted.

## **7. Member Relations Report – Tim Fox**

37 registered for the spring concert; 63 not attending but did return registration forms indicating such or with updated information; 30 indicating they will participate in the Kellogg brunch. Numbers are low, although more are expected right up until the date of the concert. Jim will ask Nancy to send another e-mail blast. All board members are encouraged to recruit, recruit, and recruit.

Tim's report was approved as submitted.

## **8. Special Projects Report – Jack Nelson**

An invite is expected for the annual Kedzie reunion which Jack will accept. Jack's report was approved as submitted.

## **9. Listserve Manager's Report – Nancy not in attendance**

## **10. Tour Band – Dale Bartlett -- Dale was not in attendance, but Bob Rice was reported that Mr. Bloomquist is now 100% cancer free and is hoping for a tour in 2013. There will be a meeting for those interested on the day of the Spring Concert.**

## **11. Golf Outing Coordinator's report – Dale Bartlett**

Jim reported that Lynn Brown who has long been in charge of the golf outing is asking to be released from her duties with the MSU Alumni Band Board. She is putting her energies toward her personal business and assisting in her daughter's business. Dale will resume the golf outing responsibilities until such time as someone else comes forward to chair the position.

## **12. Old Business:**

- a. Spring Reunion: Jim reports that the East Lansing High School auditorium has been reserved for the concert. The insurance policy has been purchased and Jim is working with ELHS band director, Dave Larzalere, to keep all facility charges to a minimum. The music program has been finalized; music scanned and mailed to registrants. Jim will meet with Stacie to contact Kirk Gartside about setting up the sale of alumni merchandise. Stacie and Lynn K. will handle the rehearsal refreshments. Tim will put up a sign at Dem Hall directing participants to the Music Building for the rehearsal (for those who missed the Facebook change of venue notice).

- b. Next Issue of *Encore*: Bill Sachs

Everyone congratulated Bill on the great job with last month's issue. He and Kim are working so well on the quality of the newsletter, the cost reductions and the progress of getting members to prefer the newsletter via e-mail and/or on line, as opposed to snail mail.

- c. Sharing AB Band Registrants with College of Music Alumni/Development Office: Tabled to next meeting.
- d. Fall Reunion Social Time: Jim and Bob met and decided that anything post game would not be well received or successful. Everyone (via newsletters and e-mails) will be encouraged to meet informally Friday evening. A survey will also be sent out for ideas for 2012.
- e. On-Line registration and Payment Update: Gary demonstrated an on-line event registration program called "Event Brite". He has been working with Scott Westerman on how to collect the money. Both felt this was a good program. It could also be an interim program that moves us to where we exactly want to be. It can only be financially feasible if we save in other places (postage and printing). Mr. Westerman indicated we can apply for a grant through MSUAA for a portion of the start-up costs. It was moved, seconded and approved that the Board will move forward with the "Event Brite" program.
- f. Instrument loan/use policy: Tim submitted a proposed policy. Mr. Madden indicated there is not a significant number of MSU instruments available for use and are almost always returned damaged. It was suggested that we advertise the available inventory with a use fee that would accompany a registration fee. If the person does not show up the use fee would be non-refundable. Tim will draft a revised policy for Mr. Madden's approval.

### **13. New Business:**

- a. Fall Reunion: Gary requested that the music selection be made soon, so that music can be obtained sooner, and he can work on scanning over the summer. Mr. Madden be in charge of music selection and he indicates he can have ready by June 1<sup>st</sup>. He also confirmed that the Alumni Band will be sitting in the stadium seats on the east side (the old SMB seats).
- b. Encouraging more recent grads to participate in Alumni Band: Tabled to next meeting.
- c. Policy for sharing e-mail addresses with outside groups and individuals: Tabled to next meeting.
- d. Policy for sending out group e-mail messages for outside groups and individuals: Tabled to next meeting.

- e. Next issue of *Encore*: The next issue can be any time we want. Discuss at next meeting.
- f. New Website: <http://spartanband.net/alumni/>
- g. Other Business: None
- h. Next Meeting: June 12<sup>th</sup>
- i. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:05.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty M. Elliott, Secretary