

**Alumni Blue Band Association  
Board of Directors  
CONFERENCE CALL  
Sunday, June 2, 2002  
MINUTES**

Participants: Dr. Bundy, George Cerminara, Kelli Ferek, Curt Harler, Catherine Hodges, Clarence Hodges, Bill Rote, Bill Rubert, Lee Shaw, Sean Smith, Tom Range

Not Participating: Hubie Haugh, Mark Heckel, April Strong, Ned Trautman

*Minutes:*

Tom Range moved to accept the minutes without changes; Curt Harler seconded.

*THON Solicitation*

Abby Diehl reported that the Blue Band raised \$2,735 from 66 ABBA members for THON.

*Constitution Amendment Proposal*

Prior to the previous meeting, Sean had proposed the following as an insert to 1.3.3:

*“Membership shall be activated upon the next July first after meeting the membership requirements [in Section 1.3.1] and upon the receipt of membership dues.”* The proposal was tabled during the last board meeting because the board could not reach agreement as to the intent of the proposal. Sean explained that those who pay ABBA dues at Homecoming would have their dues activated immediately, rather than the following July. Curt suggested that dues be due at Homecoming, alleviating any problem with members waiting until Homecoming to pay dues. Several board members stated that dues are due in July to coincide with the University’s fiscal year and to separate the membership benefit of Homecoming with payment of ABBA dues. There is also a concern with the complexity of attempting to accept dues and Homecoming payments at the same time.

Sean proposed revised wording to the amendment as follows: “Annual membership shall be activated at the beginning of the University fiscal year and upon receipt of membership dues. Memberships paid after the beginning of the fiscal year will still expire at the end of that year.”

Dr. Bundy proposed that ABBA drop “or the University Bands program” from Section 1.3.1: *“Membership in the Association is open to any person who was a member of the Pennsylvania State University Marching Blue Band or the University Bands program at Penn State who has completed one semester of participation.”* Some board members were concerned about excluding Pride of the Lions pep band members from ABBA participation, as pep band members do not need to be Blue Band members. The board discussed the possibility of including members of athletic bands but not those who were just members of Symphonic Band, Concert Band, or another band. The board decided not to bring the proposal to the rest of ABBA for voting. Tom Range suggested that someone check the ABBA database to determine whether there are alumni who are non-Blue Band members who belong to ABBA.

### *Pep Bands*

Lee Shaw sent information to the alumnus in the DC area who was interested in starting a pep band but has not received a reply.

The Pottsville alumnus who was interested in starting a pep band in that area talked to fellow alumni in the area but doesn't think there are enough alumni to warrant the establishment of a pep band at this time.

Lee has had difficulty getting in touch with the alumnus in Philadelphia who was interested in starting a pep band there, and will continue to attempt to follow up with him.

Sean Smith recently participated in a student pep band at the Maple Festival in Coudersport, PA. The pep band was sponsored by the Penn State Alumni Association and was organized by Chuck Jacks. Chuck invited Sean to join the students for the pep band's performance.

### *Website*

Tom Range reported on progress on the ABBA website. Tom contacted Sean Smith and Tom Cox regarding website development. Karen asked Tom Range to hold off until the arrangement with Tom Cox is finalized. There have been difficulties in the past with the turnover in students working on the website. Tom Range suggested that ABBA take over the development and oversight of hosting its own website. He also offered to design the site along with the ad hoc website committee (Sean Smith, Bill Rubert, Lee Shaw). Abby will check with the Alumni Association to see if it is okay with them.

### *Board Member Recruitment*

Abby reminded the board to look over the Homecoming registration list to identify potential ABBA board members, and to forward those names to Tom Range by July 1.

### *Homecoming*

Bill Rubert had volunteered at the last meeting to pull together music for alumni to use during the Homecoming parade. Dr. Bundy asked Bill to contact Helen, the ABBA secretary, in order to obtain the sheet music. Sean Smith reported that he will begin work on Homecoming in the next month or two. Abby asked Sean to prepare a list of tasks that need to be completed and the number of volunteers needed so that people can be recruited to assist Sean.

### *Next meeting*

The next ABBA Board of Directors meeting will take place via conference call either Sunday, August 4 or Sunday, August 11. Abby will email the two dates to the board to see which date is better.

Curt Harler moved to adjourn and Sean Smith seconded. The meeting was adjourned.