



2020-2021 Season – April 11, 2021

2:01 pm Call to Order

- Board members present:
 - Michael Ramirez - President
 - Laura McNulty – Vice President
 - Angela Aldridge - Secretary
 - Carolyn Knittle – Treasurer and Grants
 - Hoang Bui – Board member At-Large with a specialty in Social
 - Krista Baskerville – Board member At-Large with a specialty in Membership Oversight
 - Rich Gordley - Board member At-Large with duties to be assigned
- Carl Johnson (Music Director) was also present

Opening remarks of the Chair

There are three Board seats coming up for rotation this year:

- Carolyn Knittle – has decided to continue
- Laura McNulty – has decided to continue
- Krista Baskerville – has decided to continue

Minutes of Prior Board Meeting

Minutes were reviewed as distributed via email. There were no objections, and the minutes were accepted into official record.

Treasurer’s report: CAROLYN

Carolyn shared the 3/31/21 financial statements with the Board via email.

Donations from David Hindal’s memorial service have been received and deposited. Carolyn will work on thank-yous for the donations received, including a message about the repertoire of tributes to David during our upcoming June 2021 concert.

DMCO received a \$1300 grant from Bravo Greater Des Moines to support our June 2021 concert. The grant period is Jan 1, 2021-June 30, 2021.

As there were no further questions for Carolyn, the Treasurer’s report was moved into official record and the financials will be posted on the DMCO website.

Grants Report: CAROLYN

Carolyn will check on the status of grants with Prairie Meadows.

Angela will work on the grant with Farm Bureau.

Michael mentioned that our next capital purchase would be new bells.

Social Report: HOANG

From our 2/14/21 Board meeting, Carl Johnson noted we received a message via our DMCO Facebook page that Nola Hewus, the sole bassoonist in the first years of DMCO, passed away the week of 2/8/21. Since that Board meeting, Hoang has tried to find a contact to send a memorial from DMCO with no luck. Hoang is going to make one more attempt.

Regarding our May 4th annual meeting, since it is going to occur via Zoom, there is not much we can do as far as social activities. Last year, per Mike the Target gift card was well-received. This year, the difficult part will be deciding on recipients. Last year, the recipients were anyone who paid dues in the 2019-2020 DMCO season. With the difficulty this year of identifying recipients, the Board is not moving forward with the gift cards.

Set date for next meeting

Annual DMCO meeting is May 4th – 6:30 pm, via Zoom. (First Tuesday in May after last concert of the fiscal season, with a quorum being at least 50% or more dues paying members who participated in our last concert)

The next Board meeting after the annual meeting needs to occur 30 days after the annual meeting to elect officers. The Board decided this meeting will occur immediately following the annual meeting.

Report of the Music Director

Regarding our June 2021 concert, Abby Brown from Iowa PBS is no longer able to attend. Iowa PBS is still on board with promoting the concert. The Board discussed if we need a narrator, and the conclusion was we at least need an announcer since the audience will not have programs as they would in a live setting. Carl is going to speak with Iowa PBS on how they would plan to promote the concert (to children, adults, etc.). Carl will also look for an announcer.

Repertoire for the June 2021 concert:

- Creole Overture by Jean Berger
- Celtic Concerto by Laura Zaerr
- Wotan's Farewell and Magic Fire Music by Richard Wagner – in honor of David Hindal
- Bells of Iowa State by Jim Wilson – in honor of David Hindal
- Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No. 1 by Ottorino Respighi

Regarding instrumentation for the June 2021 concert, as of now we are well covered except missing a second trombone. Carl will send Angela a list of people performing in the June 2021 concert.

The plan for the June 2020 concert is for it to be streamed live and recorded. We need to find a company to do this for us (we are not using the videographer/sound company from the November 2020

concert). Chad Jacobsen from Iowa State would be a great option. Mike will reach out to Chad on his availability and cost, and bring the information back to the Board for a vote. For reference, the videographer/sound company from the November 2020 quoted us \$1000 for the November 2020 concert.

Regarding PPE requirements and other COVID precautions for the June 2021 concert:

- Instrument bags and bell covers will not be required.
 - EXCEPTION: bell covers will be required for trumpets and trombones.
- Masks:
 - String and percussion players – wear masks at all times
 - Woodwind and brass players – wear masks whenever not playing
 - EXCEPTION: flutists will be required to wear masks when playing
- We will not be taking temperatures before rehearsals or the concert, but assume everyone will use good judgment and stay home if sick.
- Contact Krista Baskerville if you are in need of a mask (baskervillemanor@yahoo.com)

Carl worked with our contact at Drake regarding our concert dates for the 2021-2022 DMCO season:

- Fall concert – Oct 31, 2021
- Messiah – this is still tentative. If we move forward with the Messiah this year, it would probably be Dec 5th or 12th.
- Ballet – there will not be a big ballet that includes DMCO in 2021 or 2022. Peter Pan is planned for April 8, 2023.
- Winter concert – Feb 27, 2022
- Spring concert – May 22, 2022
- Carl asked the Board's thoughts on adding a concert in April 2022. This could help us catch up on backlogged concert repertoire. There were no objections from the Board, and Carl will speak with Drake on if there are available dates in April. It was also suggested that we could perform at a different location, or perhaps a joint concert with high school students at a high school. Carl is going to research this for the potential of a Tuesday night concert in mid-April.

Unfinished Business

Mike opened the floor to the Board to voice any concerns, any thoughts, etc.

One Board member noted with the coming 2021-2022 season, COVID vaccinations are available, but what if a DMCO member is not comfortable playing, are they responsible for finding a substitute? Per Carl, for each concert we will communicate the logistics (rehearsal space, live audience/virtual, etc.). People can then let Carl know if they are not comfortable. Carl is typically the person who finds substitutes or works with the section leader to find substitutes. We do have a list of substitutes.

One Board member asked how Carl was planning on running rehearsals for the June 2021 concert. Carl is going to try to run rehearsals from the largest group needed to the smallest group, so people can leave if they are not playing.

As there were no further comments/questions, Mike asked Angela if there was any unfinished business. Angela reported no unfinished business.

New Business

Communications needed:

- DMCO website (John Sens) – Angela will send to John
 - May 4th annual meeting – Zoom – 6:30 pm
 - Zoom link to be provided in email closer to the meeting date.
 - Rehearsal and concert details for June 2021 concert
 - Concert dates for 2021-2022 season
- Emails – Angela will send
 - To entire membership list – May 4th annual meeting – Zoom – 6:30 pm
 - Zoom link to be provided in email closer to the meeting date.
 - To list of players for June 2021 concert – rehearsal/concert schedule and PPE requirements/COVID precautions
 - Regarding music, if you would like to have it ahead of time email Stacey Ramirez (smbostwick@hotmail.com) the date and either AM or PM of the planned pick-up, and Stacey will put it out in the bin on the front porch for them. Or, can receive music at the first rehearsal.

Announcements

No other announcements.

Any further business – for the good of the order

None.

Adjourn

Michael motioned to adjourn at 3:28 pm.