



MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 2021

Saturday 31st July 2021

OPENING and WELCOME

The Acting President, Adrian Loone welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting called for the purpose of;

- 1 Election of NBCA President
- 2 2022 Australian National Band Championships
- 3 2023 proposal for Australian National Band Championships

Meeting opened at 09.00am AEST

ATTENDANCES

- **Executive:** - Adrian Loone (Acting President), Tony Schraven (Executive Officer), Paul De Cinque joined the meeting after his election as President.
- **Councillors:** -, Megan Stapleton (VBL), Courtney Brown (TBL), Rob McCormack (WABA). Bruce Raymond (SABA), Annette Ries (QBA),

APOLOGIES

Bev Newitt (BANSW),

1. ELECTION OF NBCA PRESIDENT

Two applications had been received and circulated to Councillors for consideration. Both candidates were from WA and Robert McCormack was asked for and gave his feedback on the candidates. Councillors were asked for their comments and none were given so a secret ballot was held to determine the outcome. Paul De Cinque was elected as President of the NBCA.

The Executive Officer informed Paul of his successful election and sent the link to join the Zoom meeting. Adrian Loone suggested that he continue to chair this meeting to allow Paul to get a feel for the Council. This was agreed.

The Executive Officer informed the other candidate that he was unsuccessful.

Adrian Loone will do a press release for the website and Facebook informing everyone that Paul De Cinque is now the President of the NBCA.

2. 2022 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The QBA are happy with the idea of the NBCA running the Championships on-line. There are concerns around logistics and how do we collate the schedule across the different states.

The WABA are concerned about how we get a fair adjudication across multiple different venues.

The VBL are looking at utilizing venues in Bendigo to test run their suitability for the next Australian National Band Championships being held in Victoria. Megan Stapleton indicated that Yamaha and Hal Leonard are keen to sponsor in some fashion, either in kind, supplying merchandise and/or equipment, or financially.

The TBL would like to see a financial model. Questioned adjudication off-stream. There is a fair bit of hesitancy.

The SABA are concerned about the financial aspects.

The NBCA needs to keep the naming rights to allow broad sponsorship opportunities.

There was discussion regarding how NBCA could assist states with financial issues and some form of Equalization of costs was suggested.

Megan Stapleton was asked if Tim Kelly and the VBL could give some form of demonstration of how the streaming from multiple venues will work. Megan reminded the Council that Tim indicated that he would supply all equipment to the states for the streaming and would require 2 people from each state.

There was discussion about the number of bands that are interested and could possibly take part, which raised the concern of possibly having too many bands participating to fit into the weekend.

The issue of synchronization comes into play if any parts are recorded.

The possibility of running states and grades in blocks could help with scheduling, rather than jumping across the states for each band.

The entry fees were questioned about where they would go and if there would be profit sharing etc. Equalization.

Entry fees to go to NBCA. Executive Officer to check on ways to get money into account, Paypal, Square.

There will need to be at least one venue in each state, and come the new year hopefully there will be less likelihood of lockdowns etc.

All Councillors indicated that they were happy and willing to take on the extra work to make this on-line Nationals work.

Megan Stapleton will liaise with Tim Kelly for logistics around the streaming etc.

Adrian Loone will work with the states on venues, and work on the scheduling. Adrian will liaise with Jason from Queensland to set up website and domain name, and Courtney Brown will assist.

Bruce Raymond will work with the NMCC on the music availability and adjudicators.

Paul De Cinque is happy to do the financials.

Robert McCormack questioned what we do about rules and regulations. Robert will create rules to cover this Championships.

Bands to prepare two pieces instead of four, and bands will play these pieces in one sitting. The two pieces will be a set test piece and an own choice. Both pieces will be marked out of 200. Players must register with their states and can only play once per grade.

Annette Ries will be the Contest Liason Officer and look after band player lists.

It was suggested at this point that the entry fee would be \$300.00.

3 2023 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NBCA cannot take this on.

It was suggested that the new President Paul De Cinque communicates with the BANSW President and suggests that the 2021 report to the NBCA have the dates changed to reflect the different year.

Annette Ries was not sure but thought that Geoff Fry was to be the CLO for this Championships.

Executive Officer to find the 2021 report and send to Paul De Cinque.

Paul De Cinque to do a press release for posting.

Executive Officer to send contact details of Councillors to Paul De Cinque.

Adrian Loone was thanked for stepping up and filling in until a new President was found.

4 NEXT MEETING via ZOOM

Sunday 22nd August 2021. 10.00am AEST

5 CLOSURE OF MEETING

Paul De Cinque thanked everyone for their participation, and declared the Meeting closed at 11.20am AEST.