

Arlington Band Boosters
General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2023

Opening

The General Membership meeting of the Arlington Band Boosters was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on August 24, 2023 via Zoom call by Dave Kamen.

Present

Dave Kamen, Eileen Eckert, Beverly Embry, Evan R zodkiewicz, Karen MacNish, Rob Atkins, Eric Gillman, Rich Guillen, Alan Labouseur, Barbara Gillman, Paula Wraftner, Barbara Desilents, Matt Somma, Kim Sitarz, Andrea Hagan, and Dan Jacobs.

Approval of Minutes

Beverly Embry distributed the minutes from the July 27th, 2023, ABBI Executive Session to the board members via email.

A motion was made to accept and approve the July 27th, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion accepted by Alan Labouseur and a second by Eric Gillman. All members present approved the motion for the minutes. Motion accepted and carried.

Treasurer Report

Board member not in attendance. Report tabled until September meeting.

Old Business:

During the July reorganizational meeting, we forgot to vote for Carlos Velez and Andrea Hagan.

Motion on the floor to vote for Carlos Velez and Andrea Hagan as members of ABBI.

Motion accepted by Beverly Embry and a second by Barbara Gillman. All members were in favor.

Director's Report: (Mr. Guillen)

The district budget allowed us to buy 9 new marching band brass instruments to the tune of \$17,000.

Director's Report (Mr. Rzodkiewicz)

Thank you to everyone who volunteered this summer and all volunteers across the board.

Instruments are currently in, and we are waiting for the drill to be learned before using them.

The parent show is on August 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. This will be rain or shine. If inside, it will be held in the gym 5/6/7.

Scaffolding fell over in the last storm. There is a call out to the district to get a permanent structure. Looking at getting a band director podium. Rob interjected with the issues with the scaffolding. The upper layer is currently bent. The district has not told us to take down the scaffolding. Dave suggested waiting for a resolution from the district before purchasing or investing in anything. Rob and Evan will talk offline about some simple fixes they could do.

Dave thanked the Directors for everything.

Vice President: (Eileen Eckert)

Volunteer positions:

Dan needs a photo co-chair, so they can learn for next year.

Selena Gray and Melissa Mercay are going to co-chair the yearbook together.

Social Media will be Jennifer Burke-Adams

Adam Gift Cards will be Jennifer Stolarski

We need someone for Staff Gifts, Foam and wash, and Dome videos.

We need email addresses with positions. (Eileen/Beverly/Alan) update and send to Dave.

Invitational: (Barbara Gillman)

There have been lots of meetings and we are in full swing with planning. Barbara is waiting to hear back from Mr. Keech.

Asked the opinion of the board about using wristbands instead of tickets. Mr. Keech is meeting on Sunday with other directors. We are looking to order 3,000 wristbands at a cost of \$105.00. Dave felt that it should say 2023 Arlington Invitational on the band. Susan Smith recalls three schools had asked for tickets last year. We will not place the order until Mr. Keech has his meeting.

We are ordering all new signs for the event.

Marist College Marching Band is performing and setting up a table. The University of Albany is coming and setting up a table.

There is a concern with setting up 2 Apple tents and having enough volunteers. Dave felt we needed to see the volunteer list before deciding.

There is a call for a different layout for the event for the tents. There is a suggestion to put the tents along the walkway and make the entrance more festive.

A suggestion is to put ticket sales closer to the stadium. Eileen felt that this was not a good idea. This allows spectators to have access to a large area of the grounds.

Dave suggested closing the gate by the tennis courts. Issue: Handicapped parking enters through the tennis court gate.

Kim mentioned that Mr. Keech directs the bands down the walkway. Eileen felt there was plenty of room for the bands to walk through. Alan mentioned there are portable bleachers along the walkway, this could be an issue.

Barbara spoke about how NYSBFBC will receive \$2.00 per ticket sold. We need to provide an attendance report within 5 days to NYSFBC and send the check within 4 weeks. Tickets are \$10.00 presale and \$12.00 at the gate.

There will be no meal tickets this year. Judge Hospitality will be in LGI. Bus Drivers and Directors will be in Café C/D.

Golf Carts: The athletic department will allow us to use 2 golf carts. The board feels we need at least three. Can we use one of the safety carts? The issue is getting someone to let us borrow one. Eric asked if we could ask Don Solimene for help with this. Evan will reach out to the Athletic Department to get an additional cart. Are there restrictions on who can drive them? Evan felt it should be a licensed driver.

Eileen asked if we could get the wristbands numbered. We need to get the unsold ones back from the bands.

Andrea asked if we pay NYSFBC for every ticket sold or the number in attendance. Barbara's answer was just what tickets we sold.

Tag Sale: (Rob Atkins)

September 1, the South lot is set for the ABBI Tague sale. At 2:30 p.m. the trailers will be moved to the lot for storage of furniture and keeping stuff from the elements. Custodians are doing the chairs and tables on Thursday/Friday in the black box hallway. Friday all goods will be delivered, and the Tag Sale is on Saturday. We need a plug for volunteer opportunities. Evan has sent an email out to all the families and announced at practice.

Last year's marching band props:

The bench size is 6 feet. The bench cost \$200 and \$140 for materials to fix it. We will put it out for \$550.00. Maybe tap alumni to donate to it. The lamp post can be put up for sale in MB groups and theatre groups.

Photos & Yearbook: (Dan Jacobs)

Picture Day is September 19th and we will need help for the day. We are still using Shoot Proof. There is no change in pricing and no change in our pricing for this year. We need a chairperson for Photos.

A meeting will be held next week with the yearbook committee and Karen. Dropbox access is needed. We need to contact the publisher and we are starting kind of late.

ASOA Liaison: (Paula Wraftner)

The budget is set, and the first two meetings are on the calendar.

Cookie Dough: (Karen Jacobs)

Cookie dough starts tomorrow.

President's Report (Dave Kamen)

He is proposing we have elections 2/3 months before the end of the term to help with the transition.

Proposal: Section 4.2 Election of officers in April. Nominations begin in January and vote on the slate in March. Vote on this proposal at the September meeting.

Parent Show- Dave will have airtime to discuss the need for volunteers.

We need volunteers to judge hospitality, 50/50, and raffles at the invitational. Do we have a description of what judge hospitality entails? They use it the most at pre-show. We need to put a nice spread out for them. Kim stated there is a description in the handbook.

ABBI's presence is being requested for the Elementary Band Kid Nights on September 12th and September 18th. Eileen will do the 12th and Dave the 18th. Parents will be in attendance with their children. This will be a good time for ABBI to talk with parents.

We need to set up at the Fall concerts too.

The next meeting is September 21, in person at AHS.

Adjournment

Dave Kamen made a motion to adjourn the ABBI general meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Beverly Embry