

USARD Meeting Corning, New York 7/27/13

Attendance: Bill McGrath, Gary Rockwell, Joe Gillotti, Bill Mojica, Bill Hartmann, Charlie Kammer, Bob Zarfoss, John Bosworth, Gary Gillotti, Jim Smith, Ron Church

Bill McGrath's opening remarks;

Bill discussed articles and photos sent to the Ancient Times and Drum Corps World. Ancient Times article should be published in the next issue. Drum Corps World will publish 1 page in the next issue

Bill spoke about the first meeting in Pittsburgh (Turtle Creek) with Joe Capone. How it was discussed that these meetings would be open to all members. Everyone agreed

Bill discussed Steve's importance to the Association. Setting up the Convention, Hotel, etc. and will be missed. Bill Mojica conducted a moment of silence for Steve Young.

Gary Gillotti read the minutes of the April Meeting. Motion was made to accept minutes. Accepted

Treasurers Report- Charlie Kammer

Charlie went over Convention costs, Budget and account balances
Report on request

Membership and Recruitment- Joe Gillotti

Joe Gillotti said we had 87 paid members. He mentioned that Facebook and the USARD website were now linked. We had a booth at Deep River and handed pamphlets. We had 1 new member sign up and 1 renewal. Joe has a list of all paid members

Election of Officers- Gary Rockwell

Gary did a presentation on by-laws and stated we were not following bylaws. He discussed after the first annual meeting we would set up officers that would be elected on a 3 year cycle. We established in the beginning 3 Co-Presidents set-up to help run the organization. This was set-up before Bill Maling presented the bylaws. Gary stated "keep the bylaws, amend the bylaws or change the bylaws."

Agreed that we keep the bylaws

Discussion

Bob Zarfoss, "Keep what we have and any changes made today keep until the annual meeting in April."
(paraphrase or interpretation)

Bill McGrath stated: "These are the 10 people who always make it happen. We have open meetings
And the same people always show. 10% rule"

Gary Rockwell brought up the possible legal and government issues with the organization. Do we need a 501C3? Charlie brought up that we don't have sufficient funds for a 501C3, agreed to move on.

Gary Rockwell and Bob Zarfoss will work on the structure of the organization and its bylaws. Any amendments and nomination of officers will be sent to all members. Bill Hartmann brought that in the Bylaws this has to be done 3 months before the annual meeting. All agreed

Officers - Nominations

President –	Bill McGrath
Vice President	Gary Rockwell
External Programs	
Vice President	Joe Gillotti
Internal Programs	
Treasurer	Charlie Kammer
Secretary	Gary Gillotti

Executive Committee has been identified by name. Members will be appointed by the President.

Bill McGrath appointed the following

Bill Mojica

Bill Hartmann

Ron Church

Bob Zarfoss

John Bosworth

This committee will also form an Advisory Board

New Business

Bill McGrath brought up the 501C3 issue. Joe said there was a Government website that explains 501C3's. This discussion was tabled and Bob Zarfoss said he would check with the Drum Corps he teaches and see what their status is. Jim Smith explained that he was in the process of acquiring 501C3 for a Memorial fund he was working on.

Scholarships

Steve Young Scholarship

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Joe brought up Matty Lyons and how his family wants to set an award in memory of him.

Joe will get with the Lyons family and update the committee on what the family wants.

Charlie brought up any money taken from the treasury to a specific scholarship needs to be earmarked

Convention 2014

Bill McGrath gave the Rochester Proposal. There was an obstacle with a wedding going on that particular weekend. Decided to table Rochester until 2015

Gary Gillotti gave the Danbury, Ct Proposal. There was a snag in the price of the ballroom for the weekend. Gary was going back to Danbury to negotiate with the Crown Plaza.

A third option was discussed; Bill Zarfoss would get with Sandy at the Heritage in York Pa.

John Bosworth said that we should go to Connecticut - it would open a whole new world of drummers

Clinicians

Michael E?

Dom Cuccia

John Wooton

Steve Fagiano

WF Ludwig III

Jeff Queen

Performers and Clinicians distinguished the difference. And if you stay you must pay. Many in the past haven't paid

Website

Joe explained that he purchased a higher level of software which sends messages of possible hacking. The Facebook page Interfaces with USARD website. Facebook page, more likes higher ranking.

Sponsors

Cooperman, Black River Music, Drummer Service. Can we get anymore? Bill says we should all solicit for new sponsors. Premier, Sonor, Pearl, etc? Gary Rockwell will contact Rick Beckham and Tom Hannum on Sponsors

Logo

Ron Church says stays the same

Next Meeting: November 2, 2013? I also heard the 9th?