

Kansas City, MO Chapter
of the Barbershop Harmony Society
**Minutes for Oct 12, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting ,
Oct 2010 Online Meetings (Addendum #1 and #2), and
Minutes from Annual Chapter Meeting, October 27, 2009
(Addendum #3)**

Meeting Location: St. Thomas More Church
118th and Holmes
Kansas City, MO 64131
Scheduled start time: 6:00PM

Board Members:

Present: Doug Brott, Kent Miller, John Erwine, Carl Turlin, Brad Dawdy, Vince Perry, Harvey Shapiro , David Miller, Bob Murphy, Chuck Ames, Tony Strub, and Mike Schumacher

Absent: Mark Fortino and Rich Huyck

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: none

Proceedings:

1. *Meeting called to order* at 6:03 p.m. by President, Doug Brott.

-The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved

2. *August 2009 meeting minutes with Online minutes* (attached) and *Sept 2009 meeting minutes* (attached) were reviewed and approved as submitted.

3. *Finance report (attached)* provided by Treasurer, Harvey Shapiro:

- As of 09/30/2009 the Operating/Social fund was \$6883.74 & Restricted Fund was \$9450.32

-The report included the following INCOME ACCT# 301S SUMMARY: Truman Found Interest \$714.26, Metro Arts Council HE! Grant \$1556.29, Barbershop Harm. Festival \$526.86, Misc (\$40.20) for a total of \$2757.21

The finance reports submitted for September 2009 and August 2009 were reviewed and approved.

4. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. Marketing/Public Relations report (attached) by Vice President Brad Dawdy

-600 flyers for the Holiday Show have been printed and distribution has begun

-Maywood Printing was used again since they were only \$20 more than competitive bids while providing a higher quality paper.

-The Holiday Show will be included in event schedules in the following publications: Chamber of Commerce, Everest Calendar Channel, Time Warner Calendar Channel, Star, Pitch, and Sun. Am attempt will also be made to include the show listing in the Lee's Summit Journal.

-Dawdy is trying to have some early morning TV spots with quartets similar to Singing Valentine promos for the Holiday Show.

-Negotiations are in progress for a Saturday night Show in Richmond, Missouri in April or May of 2010.

-Contact has been made about having another concert in the John Knox Village Pavilion.

B. *Operations report* provided by Vice President, David Miller:

-All risers and backs have been returned from Lincoln. Fremont chapter member, Rod Denison delivered the three missing rails to Kansas City on Monday, Oct 11th at the CSD expense.

C. *Music & Performance report (from email)* by Vice President Mark Fortino

-Brandon Guyton was rebooked to coach HOA September 29th.

-Music Team meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2009 to discuss Holiday Show Prep, Repertoire Review, Spring Show Songs, New Contest Songs, and new HOA standards.

D. *Program report (attached)* by Vice President Carl Turlin:

-Meetings in September were extended to 10PM for extra prep for contest.

-Of the seven HOA quartets entered in the district contest, Chordtime and Homeward Bound accepted the invitation to sing for the chorus.

-The Annual Picnic was held at Lake Quivira on September 13th. It was sponsored by Don Peck and Harry Stewart. Thirty people attended calling to question the location of future picnics considering the boat house rental.

-The 2010 Installation/Awards Banquet is set for January 9th at the Overland Park Doubletree Hotel.

E. *Membership report (attached)* by Vice President John Erwine:

-Recent guests indicate that they would rather wait until we are out of the "contest mode" before rejoining us.

-Jim King is one guest who seems quite enthusiastic.

-On the topic of membership, the Board agreed that Secretary Vince Perry should compose a letter to the president of the St Joseph, MO Chapter offering HOA assistance and help during their present decline in membership. (Note: a letter signed by President Brott and Secretary Vince Perry was sent on Oct 13, 2009.)

5. Old Business:

A. *Grants*-updated by Executive Vice President Kent Miller:

- Received \$1000 from Heartbeats designated to be used for rent.

-No grants proposals are in the works at this time.

B. *Fundraising Projects* report -Update presented by Executive Vice President Kent Miller:

- HOA Garage sale at Mike and Linda Schumacher's house cleared \$825 as reported by Carl Turlin.

-The 2010 Annual Golf Tournament will be held on a weekday with date TBA.

C. *Holiday Show discussion*:

- Holiday Show Flyer will go this week reported PR VP Brad Dawdy.

-Rich Huyck is now regularly attending both meeting places of HOA and the KCCSA to sell tickets.

-John Erwine is the contact person for groups wishing to buy tickets at a reduced rate.

D. *American Harmony Movie* report -Update presented by Executive Vice President Kent Miller:

-Miller reported that the next step in the process of getting the movie is to poll the area chapters to find out their levels of participation.

- Brott said he would send emails to all area chapters in an attempt to get how many tickets each chapter would sell for the movie.

-Webmaster Vince Perry will put a link to the AHM trailer on the Harmony Explosion! webpage.

-President Brott expressed that all efforts should aim for having the movie in late January 2010.

6. New Business:

A. *Singing Valentine discussion* led by Singing Valentine Chairman John Erwine:

-Erwine said he was in need of a new co-chairman who would become the 2011 SV Chairman.

-It was announced that the program will use a new phone service called Google Voice and discontinue using the phone service company used in the past.

-Marlin Weidler will be providing computer equipment for the SV HQ this year which should eliminate the equipment problems encountered last year.

-**MOTION:** run the 2010 HOA Singing Valentine Program on Friday, February the 12th, Saturday, February 13th, and Sunday, February 14th: seconded and passed.

B. *International 2011 discussion* led by President Doug Brott:

-The Kansas City Chapter of BHS will host the International Convention and Contests in July 2011 with the downtown Marriott as the headquarters hotel.

-**MOTION:** Officially appoint Mike Mathieu and Bob Burdick as local co-chairmen of the International Convention 2011 Planning Committee; seconded and passed.

-Convention co-chairmen, Mike Mathieu and Bob Burdick have already begun work and are actively soliciting people to serve at chairman of the major committees.

C. *Miscellaneous items discussed:*

-Carl Turlin expressed a desire to set a date as to when the closet containing HOA equipment could be cleaned out.

-Tony Strub reported that the DVD for Harmony Explosion! usage was in the works with Jerry Meier doing the editing.

-John Erwine reported that he has not found any help in producing a HOA Membership DVD. It was recommended that Bruce Wenner and Dale Neuman be contacted to see if they knew someone in the UMKC film making department who might be able to find a student in need of worthwhile community project.

-The Board decided that Secretary Vince Perry should compose and send a congratulatory letter to the president of the Kansas City Metro Chapter upon their recent accomplishments in District Contest by their chorus and chapter quartet.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.
· Minutes submitted by Secretary, Vince Perry.

-An *Executive Session* followed to discuss *Barbershopper of the Month & Extra Mile Award(s)*

Online Board Meeting Addendum #1

MOTION: Pay \$500 to renew the HOA membership in the KC Chamber of Commerce; passed online, effective Oct 27, 2009.

Online supporting documentation:

Based on my count we have 9 yes votes. Motion was made by Brad, seconded by John Erwine. Motion Passes.

Doug Brott

From: Brad Dawdy <dawdyq@yahoo.com>
To: HOA Board <hoabd@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tue, October 27, 2009 11:45:46 AM
Subject: [hoabd] Membership fee for KC Camber of Commerce

We discussed this a while back and had some reservations about renewing this membership.

However, in light of the 2011 International and discussions with Mike Matheiu, this membership is probably of some value.

Doug and Kent have asked me to motion for an email vote from the board, instead of waiting until next meeting.

Therefore, I move that HOA renew their membership with the KC Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Brad Dawdy. VP Marketing
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Online Board Meeting Addendum #2

MOTION: Accept the HOA Music Team's proposal entitled "**Improvement by Quartet Fun!**" (Document is below the documentation of the motion); seconded and passed online October 29, 2009.

Online supporting documentation:

With my "aye" I count 8 votes for the MOTION which is a passing margin.
vp, sec

Second. CT

Carl Turlin
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-----Original Message-----

From: hoabd@yahoogroups.com [mailto:hoabd@yahoogroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Doug Brott
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 5:53 PM
To: HOA Board
Subject: [hoabd] Fw: Fwd: HOA Improvement Revision [1 Attachment]

The included document was sent to me by Mark today. As you will see, the Music Team has been working on this proposal to help all members of HOA improve on our "Journey to Philly" and beyond. I am hopeful you will all see the careful planning that has gone into this idea. Believe me when I say, there has been MUCH discussion amongst the Music Team on the best way to present this program AND make it work. I think they have done an excellent job. With this e-mail Mark has made the motion for the Board to consider this program and to approve or disapprove. We need one of you to second the motion. Because time is of the essence, we really do not want to wait for the Nov Board Meeting. If any of you feel we need to meet face to face to discuss the merits of this program, we could do that next Tuesday, before or after rehearsal. If you do not feel this is necessary, once we have a second, please provide your thoughts and/or votes. I thank you all for your attention to these "e-mail meetings". It does allow us to conduct necessary business in a timely manner.

Doug Brott
Doug,

This evening after the chapter meeting, the music team gave their final endorsement of the attached plan to be submitted for approval by the Board.

We would really like to get the Board's approval on this as soon as is reasonably possible because we really want to take an appropriate amount of time to communicate this with great care to our membership.

You have been copied on all of our discussions to date, so I think you understand the plan has been very well thought through by a large number of people.

If you think this will require a special meeting, I'm willing to make an appearance and discuss anything or answer any questions the board may have. Actually, any of our musical leadership team copied above are willing to attend a meeting as well.

We look forward to the board's response.

Thanks much!
Mark

The Document:

The Heart of America Chorus
Improvement by Quartet Fun!
By Mark Fortino, HOA Music Vice President

The HOA music team met on October 25, 2009, and reviewed the input provided from chapter members at the chapter meeting held on Tuesday, October 13th. That was the first Tuesday that followed the District Competition weekend where the chorus placed 3rd overall and averaged a 79.3.

Music team members provided input they have received from chapter members since that meeting and it was clear that the music team has been strongly encouraged to raise the bar for our chapter and its members. The music team reviewed the chorus's mission statement: *The Kansas City chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is a*

singing fraternity whose mission is to learn, teach, and perform the highest-quality, entertaining, a cappella music that embraces the barbershop style through the Heart of America Chorus and its chapter quartets, to bring about a spiritual and emotional response from the performer and the audience.

There is no doubt that we have made progress over the past year, but in order to perform the highest-quality, entertaining, a cappella music that embraces the barbershop style, we all must continue to improve. The music team considered several ideas, including ones that HOA has used for decades including returning to having members tape and section leaders grade tapes and provide input back to members. While taping has a place, in general, the music team is still focused on having FUN and wants even the qualification process to be FUN for the members and potential members of our chapter.

Therefore, the following was decided for recommendation to the HOA Board for approval. Every potential member, and every current member will need to pass an audition process that will include:

- 1) Learning the song Heart of My Heart
- 2) Performing (which includes all three categories of Singing, Music & Presentation) Heart of My Heart inside of the "HOA AUDITION QUARTET". The HOA AUDITION QUARTET will be Rob Mathieu (Tenor), Mark Fortino (Lead), Jonathan Andrews (Baritone), and Shaun Whisler (Bass).
- 3) David Krause along with one or two other members of the music team will coach each audition and provide feedback to each member or potential member on how they can individually improve themselves.
- 4) Every member or potential member must be able to perform with the audition quartet at at least the equivalent of a 65% level if they were to compete in a district level competition in order to become a member of the HOA Performing Chorus. Singing in a quartet with guys that have scored in the high 70's and low 80's should make this a very positive experience for everyone.
- 5) Each member or potential member will be given 3 tries within a 3 month time frame to pass the audition. Thereafter the music team may suggest other possibilities for further learning our craft.
- 6) Finally, at the option of the member, if they would prefer to qualify using their own quartet versus the audition quartet, they may do so. The audition quartet is there in order to provide every member the same opportunity to sing in a high quality quartet. But, it's up to the member as to what they feel most comfortable with.

We believe this will be a great experience for our members and potential members that may have never had the opportunity to sing inside of a great quartet. At the same time, each member will have the opportunity to receive individualized coaching for improvement, all while having FUN!

The music team discussed taping qualifications as well. While every section leader has the right to ask any member to tape at any time on any song, at this point, no standardized taping qualifications have been established.

It is important to note that the Music Team believes it is highly likely that less than 25% of our members and potential members will pass the audition on the first try. It may not even be that high of a pass percentage. In order to make this exercise worth everyone's time, it needs to be meaningful, and guys really do have to want to improve. There isn't a member that can't improve on something. This process isn't being put in place to disqualify guys or simply to qualify guys. It's being put in place to help everyone improve and at the same time raise the standards for HOA. This will be a great and fun way to improve ourselves for the benefit of our chapter!

If approved by the HOA Board, auditions will begin in December!

Annual Chapter Meeting Minutes Addendum #3

-The KC Chapter of BHS Nominating Committee comprised of Past Presidents Marty Oldehoeft, Tony Strub, and Mike Mathieu conducted a secret paper ballot for the 2010 office of Chapter President. Candidates were: Kent Miller and Joe Mathieu.

-Ballots were counted by committee appointee MikeTempler.

-Oldehoeft informed the chapter that the winner and new Chapter President Elect was Kent Miller.

-The Secretary noted a chapter quorum present (greater than 30% of members in good standing of the chapter (44 members)) as prescribed in the Standard Chapter By-Laws Article 9.1.

-MOTION: Declare the nominations closed for the official slate of officers and board members nominated by the chapter nominating committee, save the office of Chapter President, and be elected by unanimous acclamation of the members present; seconded and passed.

-The following are the officers elect and board members at large elect for 2010: President Kent Miller, Immediate Past President Doug Brott, Executive Vice President Vince Perry, Music/Performance VP Mark Fortino, Membership/Chapter Development John Erwine, Program VP Carl Turlin, Marketing/PR VP Brad Dawdy, Operations VP Jim Clark, Secretary Rich Huyck, Treasurer Jim Porter, Board Members at Large: Jim Kemper, Mike Mathieu, Val Putzier, and Chuck Ames, and Board Member Emeritus Dale Neuman.