

PRESENT:	<u>Present</u>	<i>*Absent</i>
Chapter President (Pres):	Doug Jones	
Immediate Past President (IPP):		<i>*Denny Bley</i>
Executive VP (Exec VP):	Phil Merkel	
VP Music & Performance (VP M&P):	Tom Norin	
VP Membership (VP Memb)	Ron Obermeyer	
VP Marketing and Public Relations (VP M&PR):	Dan Patton	
Corresponding Secretary (Corr Secy):	Bill McDonald	
Treasurer (Treas):	Roger Arnold	
Board Member At-Large (BMAL):		<i>*Frank Fedarko</i>
Board Member At-Large (BMAL):	Ray LaTurno	
Board Member At-Large (BMAL):		<i>*Lowell Holloway</i>
Board Member At-Large (BMAL):	Brian Johnson	
Recording Secretary (Rec Secy):	Fred Geldon	

(\* = *Absent*)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

#### BUSINESS

2. The minutes for 1/12/09 were approved, with the reference to “November” in paragraph 2 deleted.
3. Pete Brintnall (not including his jokes) was selected as the January BSOM.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

4. Bill McDonald (Corr Secy) reported that he will get the necessary show clearances (A9014) and will send complimentary show invitations to members to the Fairfax City Council, Arts Councils (of Fairfax City and Fairfax County), and appropriate people from M-A District and local chapters (A9015).
5. Roger Arnold (Treas) reported on the status of the Social Fund (A9002). The transition from Bert Johnson (A9001) is in progress, and will be completed after the May 15<sup>th</sup> tax filing.

On behalf of Roger, Bert submitted a spreadsheet comparing the 2009 Draft Budget to Actuals (thru 2/1/09).

The required IRS Form 1099's have been provided to all talent who made \$600 or over in 2008. We are on schedule to complete the tax return by May 15<sup>th</sup> (which is the due date for non-profits).

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6. VP M&P Tom Norin submitted a Music Committee report. The choreography for Heart and Old Piano Roll Blues has been simplified to help us remember that we are a singing chorus that has some (but limited) mobility, rather than a dance troupe that can carry a tune. The Committee has selected two songs for future contests: "It's Only a Paper Moon," and "Paper Doll." (A minority view favored electronic music, but the Committee decided to stick with paper. The Committee will continue to communicate by email, however.) The Committee also agreed to add "Moon River" to the repertoire (but not for contest), which is a terrific choice because it has bass melodies.
7. VP Memb Ron Obermeyer reconfirmed that the Board desires that another guest night be held. (A9016)
8. VP M&PR Dan Patton reported that he has received Ivan Halfond's spreadsheet with media and government contacts. Dan will arrange to have business size cards printed to be given out by Singing Valentines quartets (which have been done). (A9017)
9. 2009 Show Chairman Lowell Holloway submitted a Show Report. The revised Show budget includes unexpectedly higher parking cost from NVCC (\$764 vs. \$220) and increased cost of the Sweet Adeline's Guest Quartet "Maxx Factor," which reflects "Maxx Factor's" 4th place International standing at Honolulu last fall. Ivan Halfond and Dan Patton will work together to handle publicity for the Show. Show flyers have been printed, tickets have been printed, and the Program Ad Forms have been produced. If we sell the budgeted number of tickets and ads we can have a financially successful Show (and hold the Afterglow in Maui – or at least splurge on Hawaiian punch). Tom Norin, Music Committee Chair, has issued a call for local quartets who want to sing on our Show.

The Board discussed the possibility of expanding the intermission to allow for socializing and refreshments. Ray LaTurno will explore whether the sound system can be improved from last year. (A9018)

10. 2009 Installation Banquet Chairman Bill McDonald reported that the final bill will be sent to Roger. (A9019)
11. The Action Items spreadsheet was updated.

#### NEAR FUTURE EVENTS STATUS

12. Retreat 2009 Review Interest and Timing: Tom Norin recommended, and the Board agreed, that the retreat be limited to a one-day coaching session, perhaps followed by a social event (dinner?) with spouses and significant others. Tom will try to arrange for coaching by one of the Joe's - either Cerrutti, who has coached us during the past year, or Connelly, who inspired the world-famous song, "We're gonna lose to Joe."
13. SV's STATUS – Doug reported (from Maury) that we have 45 confirmed orders, which is ahead of last year's pace. Maury has circulated the necessary logistics information. The remaining piece of the puzzle is the makeup of the quartets, which will be determined soon (and in any event no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>!) [Follow-up: Thanks to super-heroic measures by Maury Cralle and Tom Norin, the SV program

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was extremely successful, with quartets lined up and more customers than ever before.]

14. **Winter Uniform Status** – Ron has shirts in the 5 colors that made the “downselect” at the January Board meeting. These shirts will be modeled at the rehearsal on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Tom Norin stressed that the choice of shirt Depends on the results of the Runoff. Members will pay only for the shirt (approximately \$30); the chapter will pick up the costs of embroidery, shipping, etc. The Board resolved unanimously that the “deal” offered to members will also be offered to wives and significant others.

The Board discussed whether the chorus should gamble on OTB (Other Than Black) trousers, to add a different colored trousers (e.g., khaki). Ron will circulate an email to get a sense of how members feel on that issue. (A9020)

15. **March Host PreLims.** Phil reported that we need many more volunteers to help fulfill our chapter’s hosting responsibility. There will be a sign up sheet at the next rehearsal (February 11<sup>th</sup>), with dates and time slots to be filled in. If significant gaps remain, Phil expects to move from “Fear, Sarcasm and Ridicule” to the next step: “Shame.” [Follow-up: Members have responded well, so the need to turn the dial to “Shame” has been avoided.]
16. **HCE 2009- 6/18-21 Entire Chorus Coaching – Saturday.** Tom reported that we are waiting for more information from District.
17. Doug reported that the OTH will not be available on February 24<sup>th</sup>; we will meet at either Green Acres school or Ron’s church.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

18. A potential increase in annual Chapter Fees is on hold until we see the financial results from the Singing Valentines and Show.
19. **Officer/chapter job descriptions.** Members are requested to review the job descriptions contained in the Manual to see if they are accurate descriptions of how these jobs are performed for the Jubil-Aires, including information regarding relationships and timelines (A9010). In some cases job descriptions do not yet exist and must be written (A9011).
20. **Chapter Vision, Mission Statement, & Goals** – Doug Jones asked Board members to review the vision and mission statements during the next two months to see if any changes should be made (A9012). The Mission Statement has apparently gone missing; Doug Jones has assumed the mission of finding its hiding place. (A9021)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

21. The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Submitted by the Recording Secretary: Fred Geldon

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