**Minutes from the MNCB Board meeting Sunday, April 27, 2025 via Zoom**

Meeting started at 7:13 p.m. and ended at 7:54 p.m. Comments and minutes are in **blue**. Persons responsible for to-do items are in **red.** Updates are in **green**.

Present: Brian Gillin, Heather Gillin, Mary Arranz, Peter Parashes, Mike Farrell, Bonnie Strang, Deborah Newnham, Don Semler, Kevin Sparks, Sharon Reed

Absent: John Longacre, Ron Romof, Michele Truitt

MNCB agenda:

1. Treasurer’s report – not given. John absent
2. July 4 parade update – do we have a trailer? Still need official letter from the parade committee, but it is believed that the committee is working on that now and we should have the letter shortly. Brian was able to speak with Randy Bates family member while we were meeting, and Randy will be pulling us with his Arasapha hay wagon for the July 4 parade.
3. Consortium update – Don Semler reported that our concert dropped off the Consortium calendar and he asked if we were listed as being a member. **At rehearsal last night Don said that he spoke with the webmaster, and our concert is back on their calendar and that they will check on our membership status.**
4. Events to play – feedback on Arbor Day celebration on April 25, 2025 – The Arbor Day committee was thrilled to have us play. Ten of our members were there to provide music. We will evaluate that event should we be asked to play again next. It was acknowledged that the time of day makes it difficult for many of the band to participate.
	1. Dunwoody – **Mary** will contact after **Sharon** gives her a name to call
	2. White Horse – **Mary** will contact after **Sharon** gives her a name to call
	3. Riddle Village- **Peter** knows a resident there. He will contact that person. Today **Sharon** ran into a former colleague who lives there. He will contact her with a name of the person in charge of entertainment.
5. MNCB picnic at Rose Tree Park?? Suggested date Sun. June 1 from 11-3. Rain date June 8. Need to poll band for interest.

After looking at the Rose Tree event schedule, the June 1 date is not feasible. Suggestion that the picnic be June 8 from noon – 3. Brian polled the band last night and there is considerable interest in having this picnic. More to come later.

1. YouTube videos- update re: ASCAP Kevin suggested that **John** proceed with the sign-up process, then bring the cost to the board for approval.
2. Summer play at Blue Rocks? – **Brian** will contact the management for open spots for us to play. May be 2 times during the season (already started) – late June or early July, and August. Brian announced it to the band last night at rehearsal and Kevin reiterated the fun we have doing that.
3. Other items:
4. “Armed Forces Salute” will be played at our spring concert but not at Maris Grove.
5. **Mary** needs 2 letters from **Brian** for the concert program: President’s Letter and “About the band”

1. Schedule next meeting -Next meeting is scheduled for Mon. June 2 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Respectfully submitted April 29, 2025

Sharon Reed, Secretary

**Next meeting: Mon. June 2 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom**