

Boise Chordsmen Board Meeting

Date: September 7, 2025

Attendees:

- (X) Steve Wargo - President
- () Sid Brown – Immediate Past President
- () Zach Haynes – Treasurer
- (X) Terry Jones – Secretary
- (X) Kimball Larsen – VP Communications
- (X) Shad Durfee – VP Membership
- (X) Eric Maine – VP Marketing
- (X) Brad Pfau – VP Music
- () Dennis Berg – Grant Writing
- () Elijah Haddad – Member at Large Year 2
- () Doug Smith – Member at Large year 1

Invited attendees:

Call to order: Steve Wargo: based on board members who have stepped away, we do have a quorum

Time: 7:04 pm

Acceptance of Previous Board Meeting Minutes: Corrected start time of July Meeting

Moved by: Shad Durfee

Seconded: Kimball Larsen

Vote: Unanimous in the affirmative

Treasurer's Report: No report this month Zach was not present. He will send it out on Tuesday. He did mention that we received the Bud Lebo grant and paid for advertising for Youth Festival.

Received Treasurer's Report

Moved: None

Seconded: None

Vote: None

Officer Updates/Action Items:

Communications:

- Youth Festival: last year Kimball was asked to create a separate website for them, does not look like it was updated, recommendation is to reach out to Dennis and see if he was going to update, but it needs to be updated tonight as ad spots are airing tomorrow, so Kimball will update the website.
- Connecting Text capability for communication to our fan base, Kimball is going to test it. Small cost involved.

Grant Writing: Steve Wargo reported for Dennis Berg

- \$5000.00 Bud Lebo grant received
- Idaho Commission on the Arts \$6172.00 grant awarded.
- Eric is going to take over grant writing following the youth festival on an interim basis to ensure a smooth transition until other arrangements are made.

Marketing: Eric Maine

- Show Clearance is complete, next meeting will be to formulate marketing plan
- Merchandizing: Plan is to create basic T-shirts, will have design for next board meeting and may have a request for extra funds
- Guest Chorus: Need to begin marketing for the Christmas guest chorus

Membership: Shad Durfee

- Rich to Audition this week.
- Ammon passed audition last week.
- Discussion on board members, Dennis Berg and Doug Smith have withdrawn, we still have enough board members and the appropriate members according to BHS are still present. No need for a special election.
- Game plan for guest night and for Christmas Guest Chorus Shad and Eric to discuss.
- Roster Cleanup: Shad is going to make a push to see who is still paying dues and to see if he can update the roster.
- Installation Banquet: Shad to begin process of choosing a venue to book, will bring to next meeting

Music: Brad Pfau

- Quick Review of Idaho Falls
- September 12 is Quartet Extravaganza, 14 quartets, Brian from the Church is doing sound, we cannot use the Fellowship Room on Friday.
- EVG district convention is October – No quartets are going to compete in EVG
- Rocky Mountain District is September 26-27, Sagefire is mic testing on Friday
- Christmas Show is Dec 9th and 10th
- Division contest will likely be in Spokane next spring.

Old business not yet resolved/Miscellaneous items

Sid asked Steve to share a couple of items

- Twin Falls is creating a new chorus; Spencer Esmond is handling it. First rehearsal is on September 16th. Will be a mixed Chorus. They do have a director lined up Dale LaFon. Potentially have some quartets to sing on their Christmas show. They have a goal to eventually be BHS affiliated. Sid's proposal is to bring their chorus under the umbrella of the Boise Chapter. They will be separated financially and will have their own board.

Motion for the Boise Chapter of BHS to establish a new Chorus in Twin Falls.

Moved: Eric Maine

Seconded: Terry Jones

- Discussion: Eric – reason for the motion is for the chapter to grow the Society. Purpose in the motion is to give them the footing to help them to eventually become their own chapter. Their membership dues would be paid through the Boise Chapter.
 - Brad Pfau – initially they will be a member of the Boise Chapter and so will pay Boise Chapter dues.
 - Kimball – Do we need to put a time limit on their membership with the Boise Chapter. Potential issues include administrative.
 - Shad – we voted not to do this with Star Harmony, because we wanted to maintain the Chordsmen as a men only Chordsmen and then to add another, should we table and have a discussion with Star Harmony?
 - Eric agreed to table the motion pending a discussion between Steve Wargo and Kaylynn Hyman of Star Harmony. Will discuss again at our next meeting.
- Sid request for discussion: provide Zach a raise in his base to \$300, maintain per event fee at \$100
 - Justification, recent ask for HU attendance
 - He is arranging for us specifically and completing rehearsal tracks and not asking for remuneration
 - General inflation
 - Steve feels we need to not have a motion yet, we need our treasurer present to discuss it financially. Feels we need to handle it as a part of the normal budgeting process. Tabled for future meeting
 - Eric Maine: Steve Scott is coming to the Boise area the Middle of October, asked if he could come to a rehearsal, Zach countered with an offer to coach us for our October 14th. Zach would like to potentially approve an honorarium for that coaching. Table discussion until Tuesday and then have a standup meeting at the rehearsal.
 - Steve Wargo: Are current board members willing to maintain current positions. Eric Maine will run for President. Because of this we will need a new Marketing Director. Shad Durfee, Brad Pfau, Kimball Larsen, Terry Jones are willing to continue in their positions pending vote of the membership. Steve talked with Zach Haynes who will stay on as well, we need to discuss the ongoing viability of the members at large positions.
 - Also discuss at October board meeting potential elimination of the grant writing position as a board level position.
 - Motion to cancel the contract for the printer.

Moved: Kimball Larsen

Seconded: Shad

Voted: Unanimous in the affirmative

- Sid will discuss with Dennis the removal of the printer from his home by the end of the year. Dennis will need to cancel the contract as well.

Adjournment:

Moved: Eric

Seconded: Shad

Vote: Unanimous in the affirmative

Time: 9:14 pm

Stand up meeting September 16, 2025

Called to Order: Steve Wargo

Time: 10:02 pm

- Discussion regarding honorarium for Steve Scott for some coaching on October 14th
 - Motion to approve a \$200 honorarium for Steve Scott as consideration for Coaching the Boise Chordsmen on October 14th.

Moved: Brad Pfau

Seconded: not needed due to number of current board members

- Discussion points: He will be here anyway, and the amount is non-negotiable

Vote: Unanimous in the Affirmative

Meeting adjourned: 10:05 pm