

**Area 2 Council Meeting  
August 17, 2002  
Windham, Maine**

**Harmony Creed**

**Welcome from D.Dyer Area 2 Representative**

**Roll Call**

Area 2 Representative	D. Dyer
Area 2 Advisor	Linda Muise
Area 2 Secretary	Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Treasurer	Cathy LaSalandra
Area 2 ACJC	Dianne Clark
Area 2 Membership	Aileen Murray
Area 2 Education	Linda Parviainen
Area 2 Public Relations	Chris Kuntz
Area 2 Borderlines	Diane Zanetti
Area 2 Quartet Promotions	Toni MacGregor
Area 2 Historian	Marj Gillis
Area 2 Director Network	Cathy DeCoste
Barre-Tones	Sandy Lewis
Capital Chordettes	Aileen Murray
Chair City Pipers	Linda Parviainen
Champlain Echoes	Mary Jane Thieret
Harmony Heritage	Cathy LaSalandra
Maine-ly Harmony	Debbie Staples
Montreal Chapter	Gail Kelsall
New England Voices in Harmony	Chris Kuntz
Sounds of the Seacoast	Peggy Scott
Women of Note	Marj Gillis

**International 2004**

D. Dyer has submitted our bid, but it has not been read yet because we do not have a location yet. Cynthia has been in touch with the tourism board in Montreal. Has answered preliminary questions proposed by the tourism board.

The steering committee will consist of, Linda Muise, Pat Sargent, Dianne Clark, and D. Dyer.

Please note that if the entire area host convention that the ½ price all events is waived. Everyone will pay full price.

**Study & Review**

**Medals** - 1 ½ years ago we had information from Diane Coates but never sent info to membership. Study&Review is recommending option one of our choices. We need to state what will be listed on the Ballot for options.

It was asked could we buy the medals in bulk with Area 3?

Linda Muise will make up the ballot to be distributed to the membership.

**Mic Testers** – How do we handle prospective chapters as mic testers. We don't feel we should be using prospective chapters as mic testers, but we should have them be part of the entertainment for the weekend.

Motion was made by Linda Parviainen that only chartered chapters from Area 2 be used as mic testers. Chris Kuntz seconded. Motion Defeated.

Motion was made by Marj Gillis , Because there is no way to standardize the participants for mic testers in chorus contest Area 2 policy, there be no mic testers in the chorus contest. Aileen Murray Seconded. Motion Carried.

**LUNCH BREAK**

Motion was made by Sandy Lewis to update the AC&C guidelines to include prospective chapter be afforded the opportunity to perform. Seconded by Cathy LaSalandra. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Marj Gillis to include prospective chapter to the registration form. Seconded by Gail Kelsall. Motion Carried.

### **Finance Committee**

Finance committee is recommending that we change the monetary award to the hostess chapter for hosting AC&C from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

Motion was made by Peggy Scott to change the Area 2 financial policy for hostess chapter AC&C profits from ½ up to \$500.00 to ½ up to \$1,000.00. Chris Kuntz seconded. Motion Carried.

The manual chairman will make sure all changes are made to the Area 2 manuals reflecting these changes.

Linda Muise has the ballots all ready to take back to the chapters for voting on divorcing the dinner from the all events. This vote is due by October 1,2002 to Bette Nardelli, Area 2 Parliamentarian.

### **Area 2 Calendars**

Please get your information to Cathy LaSalandra by October 15,2002 for the nest calendar. We would like to see chapter information added. Please survey your chorus and get back to Gayle Jordan as to whether your chorus would like to have another calendar this year.

### **P.R. Position**

Motion was made by Linda Parviainen to accept the changes to the P.R. Coordinators position. Mary Jane Thieret seconded. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Cathy LaSalandra that we add to the Hostess Guidelines in the Area 2 manual the backrail to be included with the forth step of risers when requested, also a ramp to the stage will be provided. Debbie Staples seconded. Motion Carried.

### **ABC Day – October 19,2002.**

No budget has been submitted as of yet for this event. Instructors need to be notified. It was felt that the budget could be submitted using some time at Hits with Linda Parviainen and the chairman to finalize this and get the notices out. Women of Note will be hosting an ABC/Quartet Day in March 2003.

### **Area 2 Ribbons for International support**

The ribbons for chorus and quartet contest support for Area 2 are handed out by the Area 2 Rep at international. Dianne Clark will look into getting these from her source in RI.

### **September 11, 2002 Tribute**

All chapters and quartets in Area 2 have been asked to try to perform publicly on September 11 and report back to D. Dyer as to what you did. Please remember to dress in Red, White, and Blue.

### **Prospective Chapters**

We are pleased to announce that Noteable Blend Chorus has decided to join Harmony, Inc. Also we have A Classic Blend, Cornwall Chapter, Green Mountain Sound, Crosstown Harmony all still working on their prospective chapters.

### **Novice Quartet Award**

Motion was made by Sandy Lewis to amend the criteria for the Novice Quartet Award to read as follows: Awarded to the quartet attaining the highest score that has no more than one member who has ever competed in any area/regional or international barbershop contest. Seconded by Mary Jane Thieret. Motion Carried.

### **Scent Free**

A motion was made by Aileen Murray to add to the Area 2 hostess guide housing chairman's duties that the hostess chapter request scent free from the hotels. Seconded by Debbie Staples. Motion Carried.

### **Treasurers Report**

Changes to the budget were noted and will be corrected and sent out.

### **Finance Committee Report**

- 1) The Stage Manager has requested we purchase Gaffing tape to use on stage and not damage it. This will be added to the ACJC budget line.

- 2) Recommended by the finance committee that the First Place Ribbons expense be absorbed by the Area and not AC&C.
- 3) Recommend a three year trial for ½ price All Events pass for students. Student being anyone under the age of 23.
- 4) Recommend that we offer a one day pass for students to attend craft classes at AC&C. Using next year for a 1 year trial to see what there response will be. This will be a \$20.00 fee for the day. \$10.00 for Craft classes and \$10.00 for Quartet contest.
- 5) Allocate \$1,500.00 to judging fund. This will allow \$100.00 if and when applied for by the individual in this program.

It was asked if we wanted to vote on these recommendations as a whole or individually. It was asked if we could please vote on them individually.

Motion was made for a ½ price student all events pass for a three year trial. Aileen Murray seconded. Motion was voted on with two no votes recorded. Marj Gillis and Peggy Scott. Motion Carried. This will start with AC&C 2003.

Motion was made by Gail Kelsall to accept the remaining recommendations from the finance committee and the treasurer's budget as revised. Linda Parviainen seconded. Motion Carried.

### **Chapter Reports**

Sounds of the Seacoast – They have about 30 members. Co-Directors. They qualified. They had a Spring Sing May 13. Installation. Yard Sale in June. They have two registered Quartets. They will be having a cabaret show Dec. 8. They will be hostessing AC&C 2003, in Nashua.

Harmony Heritage – They held their installation in May, with D. Dyer as installing officer. They qualified. They are learning new music. Had a Lottery Ticket Raffle. Did their annual Kids Day event for North Attleboro Firefighters by manning the ticket booths for four days. They have about 40 members.

Montreal - They have 37 members. They qualified. They did a comedy Festival raising \$1,300.00. Garage sale. They will have a cabaret Sept 28. Will do Xmas performances and are working on their marketing skills. They will helping with the men's convention next summer in Montreal.

Capital Chordettes - They will be performing and helping at the mens convention also. They have 67 members. They had installation and presented each member with a certificate. Had a Karoke Party and Pool Party and a Black & White Ball at the end of June. They are getting their own webpage using Capital Chordettes.org. Doing fundraisers to go to international.

Maine-ly Harmony – Did a show in May with Change of Heart. Director resigned in May but they have a new one. They have 26 active members. Marched in a Memorial Day Parade. Yard Sale. 19 of their members are going to HITS. They have 3 Quartets. Three paid performances in September.

New England Voices in Harmony – One of their directors has stepped down. They are going through some growing pains. They have 35 members. Show will be in October. Did fundraising for Kohl's Dept. Store. They have some up and coming quartets.

Champlain Echoes – They have 33 members 4 of them are teenagers. Have a new director Becky. Having a cabaret Oct 5. Learned 10 new songs. They have new costumes. Asked us all to pray for Alice who is still very ill.

Chair City Pipers – They have 15 members 2 of them students. They just had a 4 week voice lessons session. Doing performances in nursing homes. They are having their show on Sept 21. Doing singing Valentines and Seasons Greetings.

Barre-Tones – They have 33 members. Have had guest nights. Did a performance for Barre homecoming days. Busy Summer, show on Oct.1. and have 1 quartet.

Women of Note - They have 35 members. Have done 2 vocal aerobics. Have a mother /daughter team. Revised their standing rules. Did three summer fairs this year instead of show each being two hours using they quartets and octets. Retreat Oct 1, with Roger Paine. WON.org website. Looking forward to international.

**AC&C 2003**

Theme will be, Down by the Sea in 2003. No they are not wearing bathing suits.

**AC&C 2004**

Possibly the Champlain Echoes

**AC&C 2005**

A chapter is checking.

**Area 2 Rep Report**

Congratulations 100% Chapter participation in recent International BOD elections.

Visited all but 6 chapters and will be working on getting to the rest soon.

Area 2 has the highest membership in Harmony, Inc. 546 members w/renewals.

HITS is coming soon. 19 members of Maine-ly Harmony are attending this year, maybe others could try this as well.

Corporate facts sheet was passed out at the men's convention. There were monitors with Jeanne O'Connor's picture as president and a message from her as well. Thank you to the council for taking the time to be here. Remember Education does not have to be limited. Please share. Thank you to Maine-ly Harmony for the great lunch and snacks today.

Congratulations to Marj Gillis on her election to the Assistants position on the International BOD.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gayle Jordan, Area 2 Secretary