

Area 2 Conference Call meeting Minutes
August 6, 2010

Those Present:

Gail Kelsall
Gayle Jordan
Chris Kuntz
Aileen Murray
Heather Solomon
Barbara-Ann Macintosh
Lois Lundsted
Julie Schwingbeck
Angie Dolber
Sandy Anagnostakis
Linda Janes
Sue Kellison
Anne Danforth
Jackie White
Barbara Ladabouche
Evelyn Colby
Corinne Bissonette

Gail Kelsall welcomed everyone to our conference call meeting. One of our firsts this year. We look forward to it working well for us.

Motion was made to accept the April Minutes. Motion by Lois Lundsted and second by Aileen Murray. Motion Carried

Gail reminded all presidents to send in their reports for placing with the minutes on the Area website. Chapter presidents reports are now due at the April meeting instead of August. This report should be sent to the Area 2 secretary before our April meeting at AC&C each year.

Borderlines

Julie reported on the Borderlines. She will send out a reminder to all chapters to delegate a contact person for your chapter for her to send reminders too. The council talked about maybe having a theme or subject for each borderlines issue. This will allow for each chorus to contribute some information that may be helpful to others ... would make for some fun also. It was suggested that Champlain Echoes do an article on their membership award. Maybe including some info they used to attract members.

Membership Lottery

Chris and Aileen reported that if it is agreed we would like to do another Membership Lottery for Area 2 this year. This would start from April 2010 – March 2011. As before the Chapter presidents will email Chris and Aileen with the names of New members to Harmony and their chapter. Each name submitted will gain a chance in the drawing. Prizes will be a choice of Chorus coaching up to \$200.00 or learning Tracks up to \$200.00. We would also like to recognize all the new members at AC&C 2011 by having them all stand at the banquet Saturday night.

Area Development

Aileen reported that we have a prospective Chapter in Area 2 Named Chapman Mills Sound Connection. They have 24 members now, they have 1 quartet and another in the works. They have a website. They will be attending the Capital Chordettes education day. They are in the western part of Ottawa, 7 members were previous members of Crosstown Harmony. They are working on their Bylaws and standing rules now. Won't be long we hope.

Sister Chapters

Last year sister chapters were established at our August council meeting. These chapters were put together placing a stronger chapter with a slightly weaker one to help with anything each other needed. Hoping that some of the weaker ones and ones who didn't participate in Area 2 or International would get some help in this direction and to give support where needed. Because of losing some chapters this past year our sister chapters have been changed. Gail Kelsall will send out a new list for this year. Chapman Mills Sound Connection will be included in this list.

FYV (Find your Voice)

This program is doing very well. They have new brochures and bookmarks to use. There are new Image Files available on our websites and ads are there also that can be used as is or changed to fit. There will be templates made for Postcards in word or publisher to be used as is or changed, also, press release templates. There are Logo and web banners available. If you have used some of these or have any questions, Chris Kuntz welcomes any feedback either by email or in our Borderlines. Some other chapters may benefit by articles of successful ventures using these.

D&O Insurance

Application forms should have been sent to Harmony, Inc. from each chapter already,. Information is coming just don't know when yet or how much it will be cost wise. We will keep you informed as we receive the information.

AC&C 2010 report

There was a profit of \$9,961.68 from our AC&C this year. We understand that you may feel we have overpaid for AEP, the problem is we only have previous years counts to go on when making our budget. As most of you may know we never know where our judging panel will come from until close to contest so we have to budget for their travel and expenses on the high side. Also we received money from International for our Area 2 contest forms. This was around 900 plus which was not figured into budget. We also received a donation in the Area of 600 plus from the photographer which we didn't know what that amount would be before hand to figure in. We came in under budget on some items. All these things factored in on the large amount of profit. The Area 2 finance committee will meet and make some recommendations on the disbursement of this profit.

Medals for AC&C

There was some talk in past of doing medals for our AC&C placements. It was not cost effective, but we would like to revisit this. It has been suggested by Diane Coates that we look into this again and get some costs. Two or three other areas give these at their AC&Cs. Gail Kelsall will investigate this with other Areas to get some feedback and see about costs. She will report before end of year.

AC&C 2011

Diane sent out a report to all presidents. Their budget is nearly done and will be out soon. They are still waiting on some information.

CD Recording Equipment

Barbara-Ann reported that with the turn of age that the cassettes that Bill Mac Intosh does for each contestant of their performance are becoming old technology. He would like to update his equipment to be able to produce CD's of the performances now. He will need to purchase a mic for the podium and a Portable CD Recording unit. He feels that \$1200.00 should cover the cost of what is needed.

It was suggested by Linda Janes that Bill produce a DVD which would put both visual and better sound together on one tool. She suggested that he talk with Tim Brooks from the Society who may have some info on this and also to speak with Vicki Hayes who has done our videography. Barbara-Ann will relay this info to him and we will have a report on this before end of year.

Education Day update

Capital Chordettes education day is Sept 25th. You may register on the website. They are receiving some registrations and hope to have at least 100. They are at 66% right now. Some of the instructors will be: U4X, Lindsey Chartier, and Morgan Lecroix, and Linda Janes. Course descriptions will be online in a couple weeks. The Thousand Islanders and Chapman Mills will be attending. They will have quartet coaching also.

Manual Update

Sections of the manual will be broken down and all council members will be asked to go over these and revise them. There are many things that need to be updated.

Education

Linda Janes spoke of the survey that she sent out about making changes to help give some help to Area 2 members who would like to attend classes. She said the response was to not make any changes to the classes at AC&C. We need to think of some ways to help chapters financially to attend some educational opportunities.

Photography

Barbara-Ann spoke of Ed Lily who was the photographer for our AC&C this year. He is very good and treated us very well. He was able to accommodate each chorus this year and we didn't have any problems with pictures being bad that we know of. She would like to suggest to NEVIH that they contact him to use at AC&C 2011. She will send his info to Diane Coates.

The Finance committee will be meeting to recommend how to spend our profit this year. If you have any ideas please forward them to the council and finance committee.

A reminder that our AC&C 2011 will be May 12-15th in Manchester, NH. Please note this is our changed year from the end of April because of the holidays.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Jordan
Area 2 Secretary