

# **Far Western District**

## **Special Meeting**

January 9, 2021  
7 PM via ZOOM

**Meeting Called to order at 7:12 pm by President Bill Rosica**

**Members Present:** Bill Rosica, Nick Papageorge, Jim Maass, Rich Owen, Kathy Kileen, Kyle Williamson, Rich Postal, Chuck Roots, Adam Kaufman, Brett Littlefield, Rob Menaker and Craig Hughes.

**Management Team Present:** Jeremy Loper, Scott Suwabe, David Melville, Kenny Rios, Roe Darnell

**Others Present:** Donna Hisey and Dan Shively

**Agenda Item 1.** President Bill welcomed new board members, Kathy Kileen and Rich Postal to the 2021 FWD Board.

**Agenda Item 2. Midwinter**—David Melville with assistance from Don Shively. This agenda item was moved to the end of the agenda. For details, see below.

**Agenda Item 3. Spring Prelims Convention and Contest**---Bret Littlefield

Brett reported that March Prelims would be moved to May but is now suggesting cancelling all spring contests and use contestant video submission instead. He proposed to make the October contest an open contest. So for Cleveland quartets can submit video qualification. It was moved and seconded to cancel in person spring and divisional contes and make International quartet qualification video submission only Also the board reaffirm that the October contest would be an open convention as was approved for last year. Motion passed...all ayes.

**Agenda Item 4. Divisional Contests**—Brett--- this agenda item was discussed within Agenda Item 3 above.

**Agenda Item 5. Progress on Directors Guild**—Scott

Scott reported that he has been having meeting with various chorus directors. He is also working on getting the Directors Guild start up and had identified some directors to work with. President Bill suggested to get DVPs involved in helping getting directors involved.

**Agenda Item 6. Progress on Leadership Academy** -- Nick

He is looking at dates for the Academy. There was discussion on what needs to be done to get ready for the ZOOM Leadership Academy. David recommends that while free, guys should register for the class in order to get accurate class counts. It was decided to set February 6<sup>th</sup> for the Leadership Academy. There was some discussion regarding class lengths etc. and other elements regarding the LA program.

**Agenda Item 7. Update on Fall Cruise** -- Bill

Bill reported that deposit deadline move to March 3<sup>rd</sup>. from Feb. He indicated that if we do not know about the sailing status for October by March.... then we should “pull the plug”. There was some discussion regarding what is going on regarding COVID and the possibility of the contest not happening. It was decided that a decision be put over and be made by March. A special board meeting will be held in mid to late February to make the final go or no go on the contest/convention on the cruise.

**Agenda Item 8. Summer Board Meeting:** The summer BOD meeting was set for June 19, 2021 9 AM.

Also the Spring HOD Meeting will be on Saturday March, 13 at 7 and BOD on Friday, March 12 at 7. Secretary Jim Maass reminded all that HOD brochure reports need to be prepared and sent to him.

**Agenda Item 9. Update on Community Outreach** – Bill

Charles Carothers was not in attendance, so President Bill reported that Charles was not able to do much because of COVID. Nobody is having meetings of any kind. Charles is looking to 2022 when things return to normal.

**Agenda Item 10. Other Items of Interest.**

Rich Owen reported that the district is in good financial shape since money is still coming in from dues but expenses are very low. There was some discussion regarding the excess funds and how to deal with it. This will be an agenda topic for either the March or June board meeting.

Kenny Roos had nothing to report regarding Youth in Harmony as the high schools are having tough time for music. So basically, this is on hold and he will be making plans for the future.

**Agenda Item 2. Midwinter.** The BHS is hosting a virtual midwinter convention using special software. Three will be rooms for chapters to feature quartets and choruses.

David talked about online “rooms to sing tags,” chapter rooms, quartet rooms etc. and brought up some interesting things that can be done. Dan has been working with him on this project. David gave a Demo on the virtual software program and took questions and answers.

Meeting Adjourned at 9 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Maass  
Secretary  
Far Western District