

Carousel Organ Association of America
Board Meeting Minutes
17 June 2018 - 9:30-11:00 EDT
Knoebels Rally – Super 8 Motel - Danville, PA

Call to Order: 9:30 am – Room 111 – Super 8 Motel

Roll Call: Present – voting members Rulli, Yorburg, Swanson, Venable, Buckler, Harris, by cell phone Noordmeer, Thomas – ex-officio members Bopp, Hendricks. No other COAA members were present.

Technical problems prevented use of the teleconference system. Guillaum and Batist had indicated that they would attempt to participate by teleconference

Vice President's Report: Distributed by email on 13 June 2018 – see Appendix 1

In discussion Yorburg suggested purchase of an organ for use at rallies which makes it easy to explain how our organs work. The Jäger & Brommer (J&B) organ with plastic panels (<https://www.mmdigest.com/Pictures/JBbellyorgan.html>), the Orgel-Kids outfits (www.OrgelkidsUSA.org), and the J&B Karakuri Organ (http://www.coaa.us/index_archive/Issues_21_to_30/The%20Karakuri%20Organ_%20Ron%20Bopp_%20_26.pdf) were cited as examples of possibilities. Yorburg and Bopp (American agent for J&B) are to contact J&B about the project.

Secretary's Report: Distributed by email on 30 May 2018 – see Appendix 2

Treasurer's Report: Distributed by email on 7 June 2018 – see Appendix 3

In discussion: Current checking balance is a bit over \$50,000 with 172 member renewals having been processed.

Payment of of expense of \$448.75 for bronze plaque recognizing Knoebel's Amusement Resort's contributions to the public appreciation of outdoor mechanical music was approved. The plaque has mounted been mounted on the Fratti organ on the big carousel. Director Buckler has made a personal contribution of \$200 toward the cost.

Payment of membership records expenses of \$260.15 by Gary Stevenson was approved.

The Board voted to thank Marc Dannecker for his work as Treasurer, and particularly for the extra work he undertook during the transfer of financial operations to the incoming Treasurer.

The Board voted to thank Ron Bopp for his work on straightening out past problems with invoicing for magazine ads and to authorize his handling of ad invoicing in the future.

Election Committee Report: Distributed by email on 30 May 2018 – see Appendix 4

Editor's Report: Distributed by email on 31 May 2018 – see Appendix 5

Rally Chair's Report: Distributed by email on 12 June 2018 – see Appendix 6

At the meeting it was announced that COAA would be taking part in the 2019 Worldwide Circus Summit. (Big E fairgrounds, West Springfield, MA, July 9-13)

In discussion it was mentioned that we had been invited to return to Shupp's Grove in 2019, but that Yorburg would be unable to serve as host since he would be responsible for COAA activities at the Circus Summit. Paul Senger was suggested as a potential host. Venable volunteered to help by acting as Registrar, but not in additional roles.

Social Media Report: Distributed by email on 7 June 2018 – see Appendix 7

In discussion Harris was explicitly authorized and encouraged to post *Carousel Organ* publication announcements on MMD.

Director's Reports: Distributed by email – See Appendix 8

New Business:

Motion:

In order to expand the public impact of the *Carousel Organ* magazine, COAA will:

- **Actively encourage members to place their personal copies of the *Carousel Organ* in public places such as waiting rooms, senior centers, and libraries after reading them.**
- **Increase the distribution of the *Carousel Organ* through subscriptions paid for by COAA to libraries, museums, etc. which maintain displays of reading materials. The initial target will be twenty subscriptions. COAA members will be invited to nominate recipients, with the President, Education Chair, and Editor determining the working list.**

Motion passed

Motion:

COAA will prepare updated Membership Directories on or about 15 July and 15 December each year. These will be distributed electronically to all members with email addresses on file, and on request mailed to members at a cost set by the Treasurer.

In discussion the Board members expressed opinions supporting the December distribution, but that a second distribution was unnecessary, noting that individual officers might have need of additional updated lists during the year.

Motion failed

Motion:

Clarification of the Nominating Committees Responsibilities (COAA By-Laws Article 8, Section 2, 3, and 4)

All members who respond to solicitation for office, who have submitted their own names or have had their names submitted by another member, will be placed on the ballot if they are members in good standing, and agree to serve.

Motion passed

---- End of Formal Agenda ----

Additional items discussed:

Membership Promotion – Application forms, fliers or cards at rallies. The Rally Chair has updated our stock of fliers with labels and has distributed fliers and cards to organ owners at the rally.

Herschell Carousel Museum – The Board voted to purchase a sponsor’s paving brick for \$125.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am

Appendix 1 - Vice President's Report

New educational opportunity: www.OrgelkidsUSA.org

New event for next year: Worldwide Circus Summit July 9-13, 2019 at the Big E, W. Springfield, Mass.

Would like to discuss other educational opportunities at the board meeting.

Bob Yorburg

Appendix 2 - COAA Secretary's Report

30 May 2018

Review of Ohio NONPROFIT CORPORATION LAW

COAA operates under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code » Title [17] XVII CORPORATIONS - PARTNERSHIPS - Chapter 1702: NONPROFIT CORPORATION LAW. These are readily accessible on the internet as LAW Writer® Ohio Laws and Rules.

Only two sections stand out as affecting day-to-day operations. These are:

1702.13 Membership.

(A) The corporation shall maintain a record of its members containing the name and address of each member, the date of admission to membership, and, if members are classified, the class to which the member belongs.

1702.15 Corporation to keep books and records of account and minutes of proceedings.

Each corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account, together with minutes of the proceedings of its incorporators, members, directors, and committees of the directors or members. Subject to limitations prescribed in the articles or the regulations upon the right of members of a corporation to examine the books and records, all books and records of a corporation, including the membership records prescribed by section 1702.13 of the Revised Code, may be examined by any member or director or the agent or attorney of either, for any reasonable and proper purpose and at any reasonable time.

On 8 May 2018 I reviewed changes to the code made since 1 January 2014 and found nothing which affects COAA in the near future.

Wallace Venable



COAA Secretary

Appendix 3 - COAA Treasurer's Report

Our balance as of June 5, 2018 is \$50,588.22 vs \$47,773.07 in 2017.

This year, so far, 142 Memberships have been processed: 2 for 17-18, 123 for 18-19, 4 for 19-20, 3 for 20-21, 9 new memberships for 18-19, and 1 membership cancellation (It appears he did not renew last year). Additionally there are 3 pending: 2 for 18-19 and 1 for 20-21.

We have had \$490.00 in donations to the Education Fund and \$60 for Rally Support.

Ron Bopp has worked diligently to clear up the past Journal invoicing. As a result, we have received a total of \$3670.61 for Journal advertising this year.

I have reviewed the By-Laws and minutes for the last two years.

At the meeting I would like to discuss the limits on spending without Board Members prior approval, for the Officers, Board Members, and other members that may have expenditures.

Greg Swanson

Appendix 4 - Election Committee's Report

[The following results were transmitted to the COAA Board on 7 February 2018. There are included here to insure that they are archived in official minutes.]

The Election Committee appointed by President Rulli and consisting of Wallace Venable as Chair and COAA Member Al Kusmira counted the COAA Ballots.

Each name on an envelope or email transmission message was checked against the current membership roster. This was done before opening envelopes or looking at an attached ballot. One ballot was rejected because it had no return address and discarded unopened. Ballots were then removed, stacked, and shuffled.

We each counted separately and compared results. Every candidate had significant support. The results may be summarized as follows:

Total Ballots cast - 110

Vice President: Bob Yorburg (unopposed)

Treasurer: Greg Swanson (unopposed)

There were five candidates for three positions as Director. All candidates received significant numbers of votes, but the results were clear.

Directors elected: Stefan Batist, Henk Noordermeer, and Glenn Thomas

Candidates not elected: Bill Guimes, Jim Quashnock

I retained both the ballots and the envelopes or transmission messages for 90 days, so that if there was a challenge the results could be reviewed. No challenge was received.

Wallace Venable
30 May 2018

Appendix 5 - Editor's Report

For June 17, 2018

1. Articles - issues

Issue #76 (July, 2018) will be printed at the time of Knoebels' rally.

2. Rally Edition

The rally edition will be sent out with the January, 2019 issue of the *Carousel Organ* and will also be online.

3. Color

Fourstate Printing continues to do an excellent work for our journal.

4. Cost per issue

No change from last report (carefully review "Carousel Organ Production Cost" attachment)

5. Color ads

¼ page	\$ 50/issue or \$180 for four issues	B&W \$ 60 for four issues
½ page	\$100/issue or \$360 for four issues	\$100 for four issues
Full page	\$195/issue or \$700 for four issues	\$195 for four issues

6. Advertising dilemma

After the first of the year the same ads seem to be given the okay to reprint time after time. I questioned this and with the help of Marc Dannecker the backlog of ad payment has been cleared up and several ads are now not printed per their advertiser. The problem seemed to be that the advertisers were not invoiced for their ads. One prime example was Steve Stanton who, when questioned about not paying for full page ads in issues 70-75 (\$1,050.00) said he hadn't been invoiced and his secretary hadn't paid. Several advertisers noted this.

All ads have been checked regarding payment and their wish to continue; the following changes have been made effective with issue #76

Thomas Collection (full page) – stopped Greenwood (½ page) – stopped
Hubert (½ page) – hasn't responded – ad will stop Wright (Business card) – stopped

Nunn (½ page and full page) – stopped Sanford (Business card) – stopped
Klinger (Business card) – stopped but still has ¼ page
Stanton (full page) – stopped but continues with ¼ page

7. Advertising in other journals

National Carousel Association—we have been trading ¼ page ads

8. Articles from the board

I urge the officers and board members to consider authoring an article for the "Carousel Organ." Not only does it give quality to the articles contained within any particular journal but it gives credence to the position of officer/board member. The October issue is looking real good as it has a great lead-off article.

9. Request for rally photos

As in the years past I have requested members to send in rally photos if they want to see more coverage of their rallies. Please encourage your rally hosts to help with this.

10. Back issues—Gary Stevenson continues to do this quite well.

Appendix 6 - Rally Chair's Report

June 2018

Suzanne Hendricks

The rallies schedule for 2018 is underway with a successful rally at Lake Winnepesaukee Amusement Park, Rossville, GA, thanks to Wally Venable and Mark Chester who shared the host responsibilities. We have four rallies remaining after this weekend at Knoebels, they include: Nelis' Dutch Village, Holland, MI, July 14-15, Pioneer Power Show, Le Sueur, MN August. 24-26, Weston Muster, Weston, MO, October 20-21, and Soule Steam Festival in Meridian, MS, November. 2-3. It is an exiting season and I appreciate the efforts of all our rally hosts including: Mark Chester, Luke Curtis, Ralph Schultz, Gordie Davidson, Greg Hatcher and Roger Smith. Without these dedicated individuals we would not be able to present our happy music to the public at large.

We have no confirmed rallies for 2019. I anticipate that we will have a rally at Lake Winnepesaukee on Memorial Day weekend and at GermanFest, Milwaukee, WI the last weekend in July. The midwinter meeting is being planned for March 9-10, 2019 in Dahlonga, Georgia. The host is Craig Darlak, and an organ rally is planned for the city square.

Appendix 7 - Social Media Chair's Report

June 7, 2018

The Facebook page continues to see growth. Since the last report (August 15, 2017) we have added 60 new page followers. Total followers is now at 514.

The country breakdown is as follows:

US 412 Botswana 7 Brazil 2

Netherlands 33 Germany 6 Denmark 2

UK 11 France 5 Ireland 2

Canada 9 Australia 4 Italy 2

Belgium 7 Argentina 2 Japan 2

There have been 96 posts since August 15, 2017. 75 of them are video postings.

Events have been created for every rally.

Actions being contemplated:

1. Posting the Journal cover and index of articles as soon as they are available.
2. Encourage COAA Facebook users to invite friends to follow the page.
3. Encourage non-members who follow the page to consider joining COAA.

Sam Harris

Appendix 8 - Director's Reports

I expect to be at Knoebel's all day Saturday through dinner, but not on Sunday. I will be available for the Board meeting Sunday morning by phone. I assume call-in instructions will be provided. Further, I will be available for any discussions on Saturday, and will seek out other Board members and leadership for any discussions.

I have reviewed the By-Laws and minutes for the past two years.

Further I have been very active within the organ community during the past few years, including attending various organ functions and rally's, producing Wurlitzer music rolls, numerous discussions and consultations with organ owners, authoring and editing numerous articles in the field of carousel organs, and working on and maintaining my organs. As one who is a full time organ enthusiast, I am pleased to be able to serve on the Board of COAA

Glenn Thomas

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I have received a fund raising letter from the Herschell Carousel Museum. They are selling sponsored paving bricks for \$125.00. We might consider one of these. Particularly if they would consider making our literature available in the Wurlitzer display area. Mark Chester may be a middleman for this.

Bob Buckler

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Sorry I will not be at the meeting in Knoebels.

I have read the emails of reports and the By-Laws.

Awaiting directions from Angelo regarding telephone instructions for the meeting.

Henk Noordermeer