**Attendees** of virtual Zoom Bd Mtg: Jack Press, President//Dave Kirby, Treasurer// Ben Marder, VP Membership Chapter Development//Tom Raffety, VP Music Performance (& Chorus Director)//Jeffery Bunch, Chorus Manager (& Asst. Director)//Beth Karlin, VP Marketing & PR //Bob Karlin, VP Communications// Mark Singer, VP Programs//Mark Wolf, Past President//Kathie Edwards, Bd Member at Large// Phil Lockwood, & Ron Malkin, elected Bd-Members-at Large for 2021// Shelly Herman past President attending as an observer. (See last page of the minutes for a list of Board of Directors serving 2019-21 calendar years.)

Zoom Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm May 19,2021 by Jack Press, President, Presiding

**Old Business**

**Secretary, Kirk Prather—** absent for May Bd Mtg. Dave Kirby recorded May Board Meeting for Kirk.

**Treasurer Report:** Dave Kirby: Chapter has $3,189 in Bank. Deposited Harmony Foundation receipt $151 & BHS Dues receipt $325. ASCAP/BMI outstanding is $1,034. Leaving Spendable cash =$2155

**Highlights of Officer VP Reports Posted on Chapter website for April 21, 2021:**

**Membership VP**: **Ben Marder: Highlights of Ben’s Membership report---** last month 5 new people contacted chapter via Meetup-----Ben called St.Marks Episcopal Church again and reports no new news about estimated dates to resume in-person church services and providing rental rehearsal dates. ……. Ben included details of last CDC guidelines: Small groups of completely-vaccinated adults can now meet in homes and outside without masks, and meet inside buildings without masks only in small groups. CDC recommended using social distancing in small groups (no large groups) in only well-ventilated rooms.

**Music VP:** **Tom Raffety’s Report, Team meeting May 13, posted May 14,**

Still planning for first chapter rehearsal using new Jamulus software for all the chorus on May 24. ……We have agreed upon a new virtual member audition process and we have a baritone likely candidate…,,,will have a Zoom guest speaker, Chris Burns, from Tampa Bay, Fla. on 6/28/21 to join our Zoom rehearsal from 7:30 to 8:30…Music Team requested new rules about talking in Break Out room rehearsals…On Tuesday June 1st,  another split rehearsal session: Zoom for 1st half--2nd half for Jamulus …Bob Karlin announced making a “Forever Songs” CD we want to keep in our chapter repertoire, and select for future chorus programs, and a 2nd CD for new/old songs---that we plan on learning/relearning to bring up to performance level for chorus programs……. Especially past favorite songs not performed recently.

**Chorus Mgr: Jeffery Bunch, no report -----**

**Program VP:** **Mark Singer.** Katie McDonald, BHS Staff Specialist for Recruiting and Retention, joined our Zoom chorus rehearsal for a 1-hr presentation & discussion on Monday April 26 rehearsal, about proven recruiting/retention activities of Barbershop chapter members during this pandemic, followed by a good question and answer session and then more general discussion. Many attendees were very complimentary about the session.

**Marketing & PR VP: Beth Karlin** reports Amazon Smile donations program is receiving more Amazon customers signing up to Amazon to specify that Amazon Donate their small donation percent of Amazon Smile customers quarterly purchased dollar sales to our eligible chapter 501(c)3 non-profit charitable corporation each quarter.

We have finally delivered to Ralph’s Grocery chain headquarters their specific requested documents from both our chapter & our parent Barbershop Harmony Society. Hopefully Ralph’s staff will soon sign us up as an eligible quarterly receiver of Ralph’s quarterly donations to 501(c )3 organizations and our chapter members and friends will signup with a Ralph Grocery store and specify our chapter as their specified choice 501(c )3 non-profit corporation to receive their small percentage of their quarterly dollar purchases at Ralph’s grocery stores.

**Communications VP: Bob Karlin’s report, Posted April 21, 2021 Bd Mtg--Highlights**

With a few exceptions most of the chapter chorus members have purchased and installed Jamulus software, & upgraded their computers if necessary to Windows 10 and purchased recommended headsets……….A Jamulus server site reservation page is now setup on the chapter webpage so chapter members can reserve time using the chapter Jamulus Server………Our website has a new chapter recruit form & a new audition procedure… new website donation tab seems to be working well …still need chapter board and chapter members to update their skills list…need public news posted on website….

We have started Jamulus rehearsal sessions, having members practicing making various adjustments to best synch and balance their singing to best blend with their fellow singers We have members needing additional technical assistance, and coaching and we will likely experience having to solve unexpected problems. But we have already learned a lot and given singers the pleasant if not thrilling impression they were in a real chorus in-person rehearsal singing 4 part harmony! Our members will gradually get better and faster at adjusting blend and collectively the chorus will develop an improved Jamulus blended choral sound.

We have experienced a few startup unexpected rehearsal problems problems, such as discovering on rehearsalnight the assigned rehearsal sheet music and assigned learning tracks were missing in the online chapter rehearsal web site music library for one or more chorus singers. We have investigated how these missing availability errors have occurred and have since made changes to hopefully avoid these errors in the future. But in the mean time we need to systematically discover these possible missing distribution errors that have already been made and fix them before the night of the rehearsal. Each member singer needs to look ahead at least 1 week , maybe 2 or3 weeks ahead of a specific rehearsal night to check that they have both their needed sheet music and learning tracks of the song they have been assigned to practice on the chapter website. Singers need to immediately alert their **section leaders, and Bob Karlin & Tom Raffety** who can make sure the missing sheet music or learning track problem has been fixed long before rehearsals.

**Past President: Mark Wolf: no report**

**Members at Large: no reports**

**New Business**

**Jamulus :** Section leaders should find out who in their section group still needs to be set up & needs coaching support to learn & practice using their headset along with navigating Jamulus software.

Next Barbershop conventions may be a virtual events. There are many complaints about the new website. If convention is an in-person event it will be in Mesa Arizona.

**Jack Press: announced:** Next Zoom Music Team Meeting is June 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Next Zoom Board meeting is Wed June 16, 2021 7:00 pm.

**Good of the Chapter :**

List of Board Members 2019 2020 2021 E=elected, or serving 2nd yr

President Ben Marder Jack Press Jack Press 2nd yr

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Chorus Mgr \*not-elected Jeffery Bunch\* Jeffery Bunch\* Jeffery Bunch\*

Meeting Adjourned 8:25 p.m May 19, 2021