**Attendees**: Ben, Shelley, Rochelle, Tom, Dave, Kathy, Mark, Bob, Shelly, Jack, Kirk, Ross (see last page for full name of Board of Directors & positions held for 2019-20 calendar year)

**Minutes for Aug 12 2020 Board** **Mtg.** Minutes by K Prather Sec’y was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** Dave Kirby: Chapter Bank Operating Account Sept 16, 2020 was $3,230, which leaves $ 2,196 of spendable funds after ASCAP/BMI past due $1,034 fees are paid.

**Secretary:** Kirk mailed received BHS membership renewal to Bill Cohen.

**Membership VP**: Ben Marder reported in a recent Far Western District Zoom meeting for chapter leaders, most of the chapters reported difficulty in recruiting new members during the pandemic. Most of the chapters are having Zoom meetings on their regular rehearsal nights to maintain chorus socializing and rehearsing of songs. Their objective is to keep members active and interested in their chorus. Some chapters even have chapter volunteers plan Zoom meetings on special Barbershop related topics, sometimes with guest speakers or showing recorded Barbershop quartet & chorus videos from U Tube.

Ben has been working with Shelley to arrange 3 readings of candidate nominees for our Board of Directors for Calendar 2021 at our Zoom chorus rehearsals: 1.Sept 21, 2.Oct 5, 3. Oct 12 followed by chapter vote which voted unanimously for nominees for the 2021 VHS of Directors listed at the end of the these September minutes.

**Music VP:** Tom Raffety reported that at the District Zoom meeting that each chapter reported what their chapter was doing in regard to Zoom meetings. Nearly all of the chapters reported that they were having chapter chorus Zoom meetings on their regular chapter rehearsal nights. Some chapter zoom “rehearsals” included more time for socializing, and less rehearsing of new songs, many chapters were doing vocal warmups and singing favorite chapter Barbershop songs.

Our VHS chapter description of our Zoom chorus rehearsals using Zoom break-out rooms for section rehearsals from Tom and our Music team members in attendance developed a lot of interest and questions from other chapter leaders in the meeting. They asked for contact information for making follow up phone calls or emails to get more details about our chapter chorus procedures for using Zoom break-out rooms for section rehearsals so they could test doing it. This level of interest from other chapter leaders made all our VHS chapter leaders proud of all the hard work our chapter members have done in experimenting with our section rehearsal procedures using the Zoom software break-out rooms.

We are continuing to experiment with our Zoom rehearsal procedures, for example we are experimenting with dual sectional breakout rooms. Also the Teaching quartet is trying to develop a small tag to the Brown eyed Girl song.

**Chorus Mgr.: Jeffery Bunch**

**Program VP:** **Mark Singer**

**Marketing VP:** **Ross Brown**

**Communications VP: Bob Karlin** has completed 3 monthly Communications memos reporting on progress to more fully implement our new chapter robust website software and these memos are posted on our website. Bob suggests that at our next October Board Meeting that the Board discusses an official Chapter action item tracking procedure that is reviewed and progress documented in each Board Meeting and documented in the Board monthly minutes.

**Members at Large:**

**Past President: Shelley Herman**

**Youth Training.** Kirk has completed the BHS International Youth Training Course.

**Barbershopper of the Decade:** Tom Raffety indicates that he has now collected all the nominations and then received all the votes for the nominees for the Chapter Barber Shopper of the Decade from the special chapter committee composed of all the past annual Chapter Barber Shopper of the Year Awards. The Barber Shopper of the Decade will be announced at Chapter Installation Dinner planned in January 2021.

**Barbershopper of the Month of August:** Kathie Owen

**New Business:** Kirk Prather submitted a written motion to the Chapter Board that all the Board members who have been giving oral reports at the Board Meetings switch to submitting short written reports or outlines to be posted on our chapter website by Bob Karlin two days before the Board meeting so that all the reports can be read in advance of our monthly Board Meetings. This chapter motion was passed and is based on the recommended chapter Best Practices by all our BHS officer training manuals.

Next Zoom Music Team Meeting is Thursday October 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Next Zoom Board meeting is Wed October 21, 2020 7:00 pm.

List of Board Members 2019 2020 2021 nominees elected

President Ben Marder Jack Press Jack Press

Past President Shelley Herman Shelley Herman Mark Wolf

Secretary Dave Kirby Kirk Prather Kirk Prather

Treasurer Kirk Prather Dave Kirby Dave Kirby

VP Communications Bob Karlin Bob Karlin Bob Karlin

VP Music Performance Tom Raffety Tom Raffety Tom Raffety

VP Chapter Development Warren Garfield Ben Marder Ben Marder

VP Programming Jack Press Mark Singer Mark Singer

VP Marketing Ross Brown Ross Brown Beth Karlin

Board Member at Large Mark Singer Kathy Edwards Ron Malkin

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