

Carousel Organ Association of America June 2024
Board Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2024, 10:17 AM EDT – 11:15 AM EDT
Knoebels, Elysburg, PA Pavilion G

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Yorburg at 10:17 PM ET.

Roll Call: Present

President	Bob Yorburg	Education	Marie Bemish
Vice President	Bill Hall	COAA Sales	Suzanne Hendricks
Secretary	Paul Senger	Rally Chair	Suzanne Hendricks
Treasurer	Bill Guimes	Webmaster	Richard LeVangie
Director	Ian Fraser		
		Past President	Angelo Rulli
		COAA Member	Cindy Hall

Adoption Of Agenda – NA - Informal Meeting.

New Business

1. Mechanical Music Radio

Bob Yorburg announced that James Dundon from Mechanical Musical Radio (MMR) had supplied us with MMR fliers. They were printed by the rally host and included in the registration packages.

They will also be making announcements on MMR broadcasts advertising COAA.

2. Contributions to The Wonders of Mechanical Music & Carousels Virtual Events

(Continuation of discussion from April 2024)

Bob Yorburg renewed the discussion that we haven't received any contribution to the Wonders of Mechanical Music activity from our partners (Musical Box Society International (MBSI), National Carousel Association (NCA), Automated Musical Instruments Collector's Association (AMICA), AMICA Lady Liberty Chapter and MBSI East Coast Chapter.)

Bill Guimes had drafted a letter to the organization requesting donations for review. A mark-up to the letter was done at the meeting. Bill will send the updated letter via USPS mail to the partner organizations requesting donations.

3. COAA Facebook Page(s)

(Continuation of discussion from April 2024)

Bill Hall discussed the issue of having two COAA Facebook pages. Bill hosts one and Sam Harris of the Social Media Committee hosts the other.

It was agreed that the page hosted by Bill Hall will become the official COAA Facebook page. Some unique or historical material will be migrated to that page from the other page.

The moderator of the page currently holds reviews before posting the material. This delays the posting by about three days. Bob Yorburg would like the material to be posted immediately. The moderator will now remove any unacceptable material after the posting.

Sam Harris will help Bill Hall with the postings. Bill will contact Sam to work out the details.

4. Web Site Updates

(Continuation of New Business Items 1 and 2 from April 2024)

A discussion was held regarding updates to the COAA website to integrate the PayPal payment system with joining and online donation process. Discussions with Rich LeVangie determined that this can be done. This will require adding a database to the web server. This may require additional subscription costs to the web hosting company. Rich said we would also be able to add online rally registration. Rich will investigate adding these features.

We would also like to be able to sell COAA merchandise online. This would require using an existing online website that does imprinting. They would hold the inventory and supply as ordered. Ian Fraser will investigate companies that can supply this service.

5. Rally Registration Fees

A discussion was held about rally fees including registrants who don't attend, late registration, and rally day registration.

It was decided that if someone registers and doesn't attend then registration fees become a donation to the COAA.

Late registrations will be charged a \$10 late fee per registration. This accounts for extra work by the Rally Host for replanning meals, separate badge and package assembly. As previously discussed, the rally fee will be \$15 per registrant starting in 2025.

It is up to the Rally Hosts if they will accept rally day registration.

All these rules will be listed on the Rally Forms starting on the 2025.

6. Rallies for 2025

Kalanna Lester has volunteered to host a rally at Eldridge Park in Elmira, NY in 2025. The park would limit this to crank organs only.

The Rotary Clubs of Broome County, NY is enthusiastic about hosting a 2nd Carousel and Band Organ Rally at the Johnson Carousels in 2025.

Suzie Hendricks will work the hosts of these opportunities to include the rallies into our 2025 schedule.

7. Special Award Plaque

Bob Yorburg recommended that one of our members receive an award for the work they have done. Bob Yorburg made a motion to make the award to that person. It was seconded by Angelo Rulli and unanimously approved by the officers present. Marie Beemish will develop a design for the plaque and a cost estimate. A second vote will be taken by e-mail to approve the design and price.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 11:15AM EDT.