

The Burlingtone



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Minutes of June BOD 8 Meeting-

BOD Mini-Minutes-June 8, 2006
Meeting, Waterbury Complex, 7:30PM

- Treasurer**-Jerry Walter did not have the final data on the Annual Show.
- All Committee chairs were asked to submit budget requests for the balance of the year.
- Quartet VP**-Bill Baker submitted his resignation, due to personal reasons.
- Music VP**-Neil Cerutti said the Committee will meet June 15 to decide 2006 Show theme and songs.
- YMIH Chair**-Bob Cauley reported on continued success with the Lyndon Institute; has been asked to be on the HCNE Board in August; recommends the Chorus sing at Boy Scout Camp Norris on Friday, July 29; Board approved one scholarship to Harmony Explosion Camp in August at HCNE.
- Program VP**-Steve Janes has plans for upcoming rehearsals including HV and CVQ performances; suggests that someone host an International Convention party, televising the video stream from Salt Lake City of the Chorus and Quartet contests—all in (See **BOD**, p.2)

UCANSING2 CAMPAIGN BEGINS AUGUST –

Attached is a flyer to announce the **UCANSING2** campaign the Society will begin on August 1st.
The Chapter's role includes as much PR and Marketing via radio, print, and tv as possible to dovetail with the national campaign. The Society will provide pre-produced 30" and 60" spots for radio and television, as well as ads for the print media. The real work, however, is done by each of us in an effort to recruit new members during this time culminating in a National Guest Night (on September 13 in our case). We need everyone to help with this campaign and take advantage of the noise level that will be generated. Best to start now and figure out who you are going to ask to attend this special Guest Night in September—I would think our Membership VP will expect upwards of 30 or 40 guests that night. It is our big opportunity to bring in that special lead or bass; that future Newsletter editor; or future Show Chairman. You know our long term health depends on bringing in new members to experience our special musical harmony and fellowship.

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attendance to help defray the cost.

-**Booking Agent**-Al Carpenter reports a possible package show in Montgomery on August 6; also the show at the Fairgrounds in Essex on July 27; has a request from the Orchard Elem. School to allow the 4th grade girls to sing with the Chorus at the Expos game on July 20.

-**Membership VP**-Charlie Church is concentrating on the National Membership campaign starting in August and culminating in a National Guest Night in ALL CHAPTERS the week of September 12. Charlie noted the lack of guests and potential members in the last several weeks.

-**PR & Marketing VP**-Jerry Huetz reported on Show PR activity, including radio spots and press releases as well as those from Sue Cerutti. He will coordinate with Membership VP to focus on National Campaign; UCANSING2 posters to be distributed. Plans to use the Society produced MP3, CD, DVD, in promoting the Campaign to local radio, tv, and print media in support of the Membership drive.

-**Prez Dick** is seeking a 2006 Show Chair.

-**Steve Janes** agreed to Chair the Division Contest on April 22, 2006 in Burlington.

-The Chorus has again been invited to participate in the **Veterans Day Parade** and Ceremonies on November 5, 2005 in Vergennes with the Boy Scouts. Al Carpenter is contact.

-The Board agreed to switch the June 28 rehearsal to Monday June 27 to enable the GMC to join the **Rutland Chorus**. Prez Dick to confirm with Dan Graves, director.

Halifax Hotel

Reservations—D. Blouin

Gents, for those of you planning to go to Halifax this fall, the NED convention team has sent me a list of hotels available, out of which I have picked 3. I picked hotels closest to where the competition will take place, and because the rates are high I would encourage rooming with one or two more people.

The choices are:

-Delta Halifax(HQ) C\$169

-Delta Barrington (HQ) C\$184

-Prince George Hotel C\$179

The following information is required: Name, Sharing room with, Credit Card #, Type(Visa,etc.), Exp. Date. Only one credit card will be used per room; if you are sharing a room, you must settle up individually. I also need arrival date, time and departure date, since some will arrive Thursday, and some will arrive Friday. Your reservations for times before and after the convention will be your responsibility. ***I NEED THIS INFORMATION BY TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST !!, or the District will lose rooms. Thanks.***

Halifax Transportation Information—VIA Rail

--Mike Hermann

An entire New Renaissance Comfort Class Car with 50 wide reclining seats (pillows and blankets provided) has been reserved on Train #14 VIA RAILCANADA leaving downtown Montreal's Gare Central Station on **Weds. Sept. 28th at 6:30 PM and arriving in downtown Halifax 4 PM (NS time) the next day.** (See Trans.p.3)

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The price quoted for our group is \$264.56CA (collecting \$225 US) for adults 18-59. Seniors get an additional discount and the rate is \$239.25CA (collecting \$204 US) for those turning 60 or over by the travel date (Sept. 28, 2005)

The group price reflects a discount of 44% off the regular train fare, and travel is flexible as to the return date for those who wish to stay and explore Halifax or Nova Scotia by (rented) auto. **The planned return date is Sunday Oct. 2nd leaving Halifax at 12:35 PM (their time) and arriving in Montreal at approx. 8AM on Monday.**

I want the guys to pay in 3 installments by check. Cash is accepted if we have a signed receipt and in an envelope). This would be a payment of \$68 or \$75 per person due in three installments: by June 21st, by July 19th, and a final 1/3 in early August (2nd) or 9th at the latest. I want to get everybody signed up early and "committed" to go, and start putting aside the funds into a Trust Account which I will set up for fiduciary purposes for VIA payment.

This is a fairly expensive trip and we need to also plan on setting up vans and car pooling options for the trip to Montreal on Wed. afternoon Sept. 28th. The bus option was looked into, but adds expense, and we have people coming from Central VT and returning on different days, so they want to have cars in Montreal for a later return trip. If we car pool and share gas and parking fees, it will be

cheaper for us (at least on cash outlay).

A sign up list will be circulated to have members indicate their commitment and also to indicate their ticket status("A" for adult 18-59; "S" for seniors age 60 by 8/28/05)-Mike

CALENDAR

June 14-EBS-Cathedral Sq., Burl.
June 27-Rutland Chorus Rehearsal
July 3-10- International Convention in Salt Lake
July 20-(Wed.)-**Vermont Expos**-Anthem only
July 29-Boy Scout Camp Singout-Eden, Vt.
July 27- **Package Show in Essex Jct.**
Aug. 6-Package Shop Montgomery, Vt.
Aug. 12-13- **Harmony College Northeast**
Aug. 13-**Ethan Allen Tower Sing-Out**
Aug. 24-(Wed.) **Vermont Expos Game-Raffle & Anthem!!**

Sept. 13-**Guest Night!!**-National Campaign
Sept. 30-Oct. 2- Fall Convention in
Halifax, Nova Scotia—PLAN AHEAD

Duffy Alumni Luncheon-

Please make note of the fact that Ned Duffy, past member of the GMC, Barbershopper extraordinaire, Bass profundo, Banker mundo, will be in town Friday, June 17. A luncheon at the Lincoln Inn in Essex Jct., at noon is planned. All are invited.

Plattsburgh Show a Local Hit!—

The Dreamers attended the Plattsburgh Show Saturday night, as well as the Vendittis, the Grevatts, the Allens, and the Huetzes. An enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the Beekmantown H.S. chorus as well as the Peru Senior high Women's Select chorus, the Cumberland Bay Chorus and quartets, and the Guest quartet The Troubadours. The Dreamers also sang at the Afterglow.