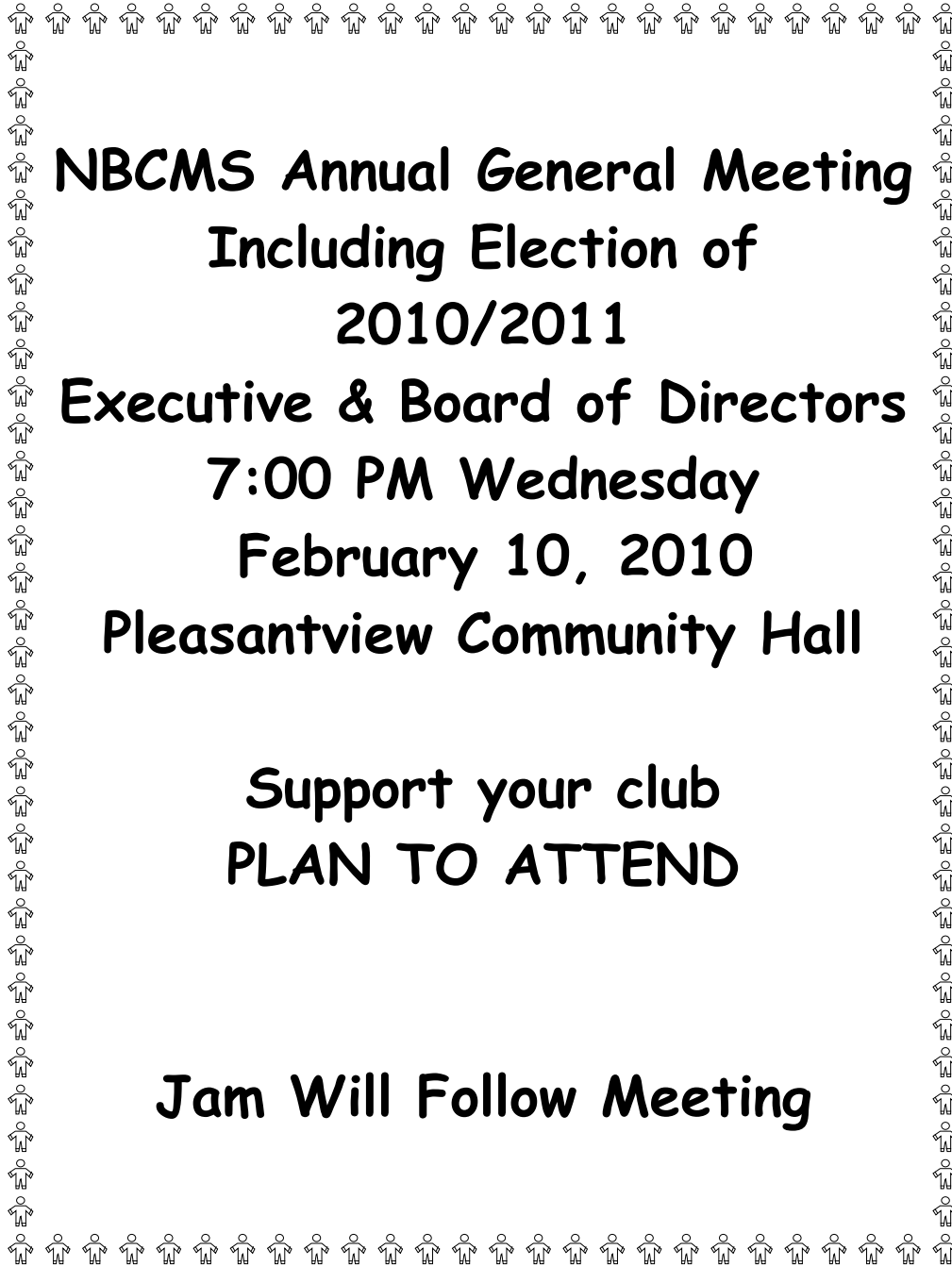


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Bluegrass Bulletin



Official newsletter of the Northern Bluegrass Circle Music Society



**NBCMS Annual General Meeting
Including Election of
2010/2011
Executive & Board of Directors
7:00 PM Wednesday
February 10, 2010
Pleasantview Community Hall**

**Support your club
PLAN TO ATTEND**

Jam Will Follow Meeting



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We welcome written articles and Photos. Unfortunately, BB does not have the space to publish all material submitted

Remember to Renew Your Membership before March 1, 2010

Application is enclosed, available online at www.bluegrassnorth.com or at the Wednesday Jam

Memberships will not be sold on February 10



Carolyn Hotte President and Events Director



Happy New Year!! I hope your holiday season was filled with friends' family and music. I apologize for having to cancel the jam on December 30th but due to circumstances beyond our control (the hall was rented to someone else) we had to. This did give a few of us an opportunity to attend and enjoy the Little Flower Open Stage at the Fiddlers Roost. It is time to think about the upcoming year. The Annual General Meeting and election of the 2010/11 executive is February 10th, upstairs at Pleasantview Community Hall 10860-57 avenue starting at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend. As you know the NBCMS, your club, is run by volunteers for its members and general public. We are an active club because of all the volunteers who make this possible either being part of the executive or doing the many other tasks involved with running our jam and events. As the end of this term draws near I once again invite you to please consider a position on the executive, the executive needs to change we need fresh ideas, new approaches and

new leaders to help us maintain our vibrant club and promote, present and preserve Bluegrass Music. I thank you all for your support over the past 3 years it has been both a pleasure and an honour to serve as your President. As the President I have been an ex officio member of all committees and when present conduct our meetings. We have an executive meeting once a month and once a year after the election the new executive gets together for a day to discuss and set goals for the upcoming year. I have also been the Entertainment Director for sometime. As Entertainment Director the key areas are contacting Bluegrass Bands, negotiating prices, renting venues, band contracts, scheduling events, booking accommodations and generally taking care of the bands while they are here. If you have an interest in either of these positions or any other executive position please consider getting involved. It can be a rewarding and pleasurable experience. The job descriptions are posted on the website and available at the jam. Please read them over become involved this is your club.

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The deadline for the next newsletter is
March 3, 2010

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Terry Ruddy Vice President



Terry is a bluegrass music traditionalist, and currently serving as vice-president of the Northern Bluegrass Circle Music Society. A strong supporter of bands from our circle being opening acts for the society's concerts.

This is Terry's second term on the executive. Previously serving as equipment director, Terry leading role in identification and tagging all music equipment belonging to the Society was a success.

Terry has enjoyed serving and will allow his name to stand for re-election for the position of Vice-President of the Society.

Randy Mabbutt Secretary



Volunteering is a fulfilling venture. It has been my pleasure to sit on the NBCMS executive for the last two years. As Recording Secretary for the club my duties included formulating the draft of the Regular Monthly Meeting agenda after consultation with the President and other board members, recording the meeting proceedings and providing the final minutes for review by the board. This small contribution to the club gave me a much greater insight into the internal workings of the club as well as meeting new people with a like minded appreciation for Bluegrass Music.

I have come to believe that anyone can contribute to a group by just participating though volunteering. It was

agreed from the start that personal time constraints would make it hard for me to provide any more time to the club than the Recording Secretary Job description outlined. However, it became apparent early in my tenure that a large amount of time was not what was required. One meeting a month for an hour or so, sharing ideas and helping brainstorm on some important topics of concern were important to the club also. Selling tickets at the concerts, helping with a few tasks at the Fall Workshop and just being available to lend a hand now and then made it easier on the ones that put in more time than I could provide.

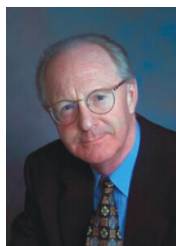
I will not be seeking re-election at the February Annual General Meeting so to allow others to experience the executive of NBCMS. I have enjoyed it immensely and thank everyone for their support with my tasks.

Arlene Eberhardt Treasurer



As the NBCMS treasurer, I deposit monies, pay bills and make reports as needed by the executive, board of directors, members or government agencies. I am willing to seek re election in 2010.

Noel McNaughton Advertising and Website Director



My jobs as Website and Advertising Directors are to make sure the things get done that need to be done. In general, I think I have carried out those duties, with the help of many others. Rick Moscicki is looking after advertising. He and I discuss how to allocate the advertising money, and he places

the ads. We will make some changes for the next concert, based on straw polls of the audiences at the last few concerts.

I have maintained the website during the past year, and try to make changes in a timely fashion.

Characteristics to insure success: Don't try to do everything yourself. Get help and you won't get burned out, or too far behind. I am willing to serve another year.

Bob Whaling Equipment Director



I have enjoyed being the equipment director and will seek re-election. This position is mainly looking after all the NBCMS owned equipment, making sure all equipment is in good repair, and keeping the inventory updated. The contract person for

setting up the sound system for the weekly jam is my responsibility as well. To date I have had few repairs to look after and few changes to the inventory, Thanks to Matt, the sound system is ready each Wednesday for our Jam. If any member has any questions regarding the NBCMS equipment, please feel free to speak to me any time.

Our mission is to Preserve Promote and Present Bluegrass Music

Cindy Pearce Membership Director



HERE IT COMES !! The end of the season for the Northern Bluegrass Circle Music Society. And as your Membership Director, this is my opportunity to offer this friendly reminder to **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**. There are 379 of us to renew, the line-up shouldn't be too long.....

It has been my pleasure, over the past couple of years, to serve as your Membership Director. I have met some great people, and have been proud to introduce them to our club and its benefits. I've seen lots of interest in the library. This is a great indication that our membership is devoted to learning about Bluegrass music, its origins and its technique. Participation at concerts and workshops has increased too. It is a wonderful feeling to know you are part of something that is growing stronger and better.

Being on our club's executive has benefits. Working

with a core group that is committed to a cause is powerful. We all strive to promote, preserve and present Bluegrass Music. I have learned so much. I encourage you to get on an executive. **ESPECIALLY** this one.

2010 – 2011 is shaping up to be a great year. Carolyn, Terry, Ron, Paul, Bob, Noel, Linda and Randy are great people to work with. And when you put this group of leaders together, there is nothing that they can't accomplish. I am sorry I won't be able to continue my commitment.

Yes, you read correctly. There will be an opening on the executive for someone who loves people..... and Bluegrass !!! I have spent two fantastic seasons with the executive of the Northern Bluegrass Circle Music Society. Change and opportunities are heading my way and decisions have been made. Please consider sharing your talents with the executive. New people + fresh ideas = a strong club. Thank you for **all** your help, advice, and patience. See you in the Circle.....

Ron Mercer Workshop Director



In 2009, I organized the Winter Jam in January, the mini workshop with John Reishman in the spring and the Fall Workshop in October. I receive lots of support for my position throughout the year. I am willing to let my name stand for 2010 but welcome any competition.

Paul Hnytko Hospitality & Volunteer Director



As hospitality and volunteer director every week I have the coffee and other items ready for the weekly jam. I assist when needed the other members of the executive in doing their tasks. I support the concerts and other club activities as best I can with Green Room nourishment and in any other way possible. I am responsible for the Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque and the Christmas jam dinner. This is just a small part of my duties and it is quite involved in the big picture. Thank you for the volunteer support.

Linda Saboe Newsletter Director



Thanks to the membership for allowing me the opportunity and pleasure to serve as the newsletter director. Special thanks to the publisher Carolyn Hotte; the rest of the executive and Board of Directors; the Bluegrass Bulletin editorial team (Sue Decker, Sheila Hallett, Kayla Hotte, Ron Pid-

skalny and Doug Reid); to the countless volunteers who so willingly helped with the mail outs; to the 'guest contributors' and to all of you who read the Bulletins and gave us your feedback.

I look forward to helping a newly elected Newsletter Director. It is a great way to serve the club and keep in touch with our many events and newsworthy members.

