

AGM 2022 – November 27, 2022

Report on the Fall 2022 Session

Report on the Virtual Program – by Cathy Wilcox

The virtual program transitioned over the 2021-2022 year, from three virtual bands to two – maintaining one intermediate jazz band and one intermediate concert band with a Jamulus component.

The virtual program provided a means for members to continue to meet and play music, and see friends from the comfort of their home.

Many musicians have expressed gratitude for this option and if there is continued demand, it may be possible to continue with this format. So let friends and family who may not have these opportunities in their communities know – our virtual bands are open to developing musicians across Canada.

Report on the In-person program – by Colin Williamson

In just a couple of weeks we will be wrapping up our third very successful in-person session and preparations are well underway for our upcoming Winter in-person session - which is sure to be popular.

The in-person program was reinitiated/rebooted over a year ago, in the fall of 2021, with four bands total: two concert and two jazz bands at an intermediate level, and was built back to a total of 5 in-person bands this past fall with:

- an easy-intermediate concert band at Brookfield HS on Tuesdays with Felicia Persaud;
- an afternoon intermediate concert band on Thursdays with Sheila White;
- an evening intermediate concert band on Wednesdays with me, Colin Williamson;

two intermediate jazz bands on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Woodroffe United Church, led by Rocco Romeo and Nick Roy.

The bands are located at two fantastic sites, Brookfield High School and the Banquet Hall at Woodroffe United Church.

By all accounts,

- this session is very successful, everyone is enjoying being able to play together again;
- the Covid-19 protocols, which continue to be implemented, have allowed us to continue making music with success, with everything running smoothly and members adapting well;
- all band leaders continue to select a wide range of music and adjust the program and the repertoire based on the abilities and interests of their musicians.

We are looking forward to a wonderful winter program of concert and jazz band music, beginning early in the new year. Hope to see you there. Thank you.