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**Subject:** FPGBB General Meeting Minutes 7-2-2020

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FORT POINT GARRISON BRASS BAND

General Meeting

July 2, 2020

via Zoom

MEETING CALLED: 8:10 pm

**PRESENT:** Doug Thompson (President), Marty Sampson (Treasurer), Greg Sweatt (Secretary), Bill Allen, Bruce Dewing, Chris Mosher, Eric Totman, John Whitecar, Mac Wright

**AGENDA:** Member check-in, survey results, restarting rehearsals (when, where, how; current schedule; general feelings/comments), Stones River

All FPGBB members told what they've been up to, what's been going on with them lately, what's new, and what projects they've been working on during this pandemic while the Band has been "on hold."

Marty's survey results from the Band members revealed that 6 were willing to start up rehearsals again, and 4 were somewhat willing to rehearse (did someone vote twice?). Mitigating factors as to rehearsing live again were: masks, a vaccine available, and location.

As for location (members could vote for more than one), 8 members favored our usual place in the UC Davis Arboretum, 2 listed a park, 1 for a private residence, and 1 for a beach house in Hawaii.

July 18 (a Saturday) was mentioned as a possible rehearsal date. The continued severity of the Corona virus pandemic was a concern for starting up again, and what would be the criteria for doing so. Bringing a small towel or rag to drain our water valves on, using sanitizing wipes to clean our area of use, and standing a minimum of 6' apart from our fellow musicians were listed as precautions. Marty mentioned that when playing a fife or flute a minimum of 13' apart was recommended due to the direction of the lips and airflow.

Our usual Virginia City gig over Labor Day weekend will probably be cancelled (we should know officially after July 10). A good bet would be to cancel any hotel reservations for this year, or move them forward for VC Labor Day weekend in 2021. As for rehearsing in the Arboretum (or for that matter any outdoor venue), a worst case scenario would be that the FPGBB would be asked to leave. We won't know 'til if or when that happens. A large public park was suggested as a possible rehearsal location with plenty of room to stay apart from the public (like Gibson Ranch, a county park). Bruce offered his large backyard as a possible site in Grass Valley.

Stones River (this mid-October) was still a go as of a week and a half ago according to Doug. The Band will revisit the event and its status in August at another meeting to gauge the Band's thoughts and interest in going to this gig. Several members had reservations about flying anywhere in the near future.

Another possible FPGBB Zoom meeting was suggested for Wednesday, August 12 (assuming the Band doesn't rehearse prior to then).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:04 pm