

Bend Pops Orchestra Monthly Board Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM

Present: Katie Adase, Kim Holland, Donna Mitchell, Chris Moody, Chris Redgrave, Eddy Robinson, Judy Sissener, Stacey Weldon

Action Items:

- July Board Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve by Kim Adase, 2nd by Chris Moody. The motion passed and the minutes will be entered into the records.

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report - Reported and accepted.
- Fundraising - The Ensemble Fund is \$750.00 in the black.
- Membership - Chris reported 75 returning members; There are waitlists in some sections.
- From the conductor - Eddy will review section caps with leads and present proposals at the next meeting.
- Grant Updates - Deschutes Cultural Coalition (\$2,000): Judy will confirm the earmark for the new budget. Federal Grant (\$12,000): grant is pending. Judy will check with Ann on submission status.

On-Going Business:

- Small Ensemble Summer Concert Postmortem (Kim/Katie)
Participation: 34 musicians in 11 groups
Donations: ~500 raised (mostly Venmo/cash)
Attendance: Exceeded fire code capacity forcing the venue to turn people away.
In the future, book a larger venue. Also form a more formal committee to delegate tasks.
- Madras Concert November 21
Officially booked for Nov 21. The 6K grant must be spent. The board will review the budget to allocate funds for transportation and equipment.
- Board Secretary Recruitment
Recruit a new secretary to replace Donna. Announce opening in the welcome email and at the first rehearsal.

New Business

- Section Caps: Eddy will review section caps with leads.
- Bend Pops Shirts: Create branded shirts for members and for sale at concerts. Stacey will research online vendors.
- Board Meeting time still works for everyone.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM

Next meeting: August 13th at 5:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Mitchell