



Dear Members:

The 2016 – 2017 Season has been challenging. Finances were a prime concern. Some ambitious plans for 2017 were curtailed and relegated to the back-burner for now. But stay tuned in 2018.

Last September, we initiated a small Membership Fee, and this renewed revenue stream has helped substantially. Thank you for your support. It was a necessary inconvenience.

The Executive pledged to continue the Annual Wintergrass Concert Series for 2017, but reduced our commitment to only 2 Concerts from our usual 3 per season. Come out and bring a friend!

Our Annual Summer Camp-Out will continue in 2017, despite a shortfall last year. We have renewed confidence with the approval of a donation from the Town of Meaford, supporting our return to their community this summer. And the St. Vincent and Meaford Agricultural Society has graciously approved our use of their property for another year at the Fairgrounds. Our event budget in 2017 remains unchanged from last year, yet we are managing to provide a spectacular stage show, with a few new surprises, as well. Please plan to attend, and stay all weekend.

Our Weekly Thursday Night Jams at the Owen Sound Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion continued this year with a healthy attendance, right through the challenging winter months. Thanks to the support from the Legion, we enjoy marvelous accommodations year round.

Looking forward, there is a bright brighter future for our Club. Thanks in no small part to all our Members and those who have supported our events over the past year. Thank you to our sponsors and supporters. Thank you to the wide variety of musicians who have graced our jams and concerts. Our listeners are the most precious of all attendees. Week after week, we see them come back again and again. It's reassuring to see so many enjoy our programs.

I want to draw your attention to summer's end and the beginning of a new Club season. The Executive – those tireless volunteers who enable this association to chug along – will be holding the Annual General Meeting in September. I encourage everyone who has enjoyed our organization to take an active role to help out. For 16 years, our Club's success has been dependent on the involvement from valued volunteers. Come out to the AGM. Enjoy some tunes and please consider committing your time to serve our musical community. Choose to help on a committee, become an executive, or commit your time on a shorter, casual basis.

Myself and a few others will be ending our term this year. There is no measure that can convey the joy and satisfaction experienced by my involvement with such marvelous people, the heart-felt music, and the fun-filled friendships that will last a lifetime. Thank you.

Mike Matejcic - President  
March 2017.

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