

2021 Mississippi Band Directors Association Fall Business Meeting
The meeting is taking place on Zoom
August 21, 2021

- I. **The meeting was called to order** by Nicole Allen, President
- II. **Invocation** was given by Jason Harell of Pearl
- III. **Introduction of Officers**
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. Nomination of 3rd Vice President
 - 1. Clover Lacey- District 3
 - 2. Daniel Wade- District 4
 - B. Discussions
 - 1. Cullen McBride from Mize spoke on behalf of Daniel Wade
 - 2. Louise Smith spoke on behalf of Daniel Wade
 - C. Daniel Wade was elected as the new 3rd Vice President
 - D. Nomination of Member at Large
 - 1. Erica Shirley from New Hope was nominated
 - 2. No other nominations were given from the floor
- V. **Approval of Minutes**, Tamiko Bridges, 2nd Vice President
- VI. **Approval of Financial minutes**, Jamie Young, 1st Vice President
 - A. Reminders about fees and forms
 - 1. Fees are due by September 15, 2021
 - 2. All forms can be accessed from the MBDA Website
 - B. When sending in dues, please add director's names with the check
- VII. **Clinic Housing & Fees**
 - A. Concerns about housing students from different districts in the same room
 - B. We are asking that band directors reserve their students' rooms for this year.
 - C. The Natchez Grand will be an option
 - D. The main goal is to have a clinic at this point.
 - E. Information for clinic and housing will be emailed later
 - F. Student clinic fees will be \$50 this year.
- VIII. **Required music list**
 - A. This was voted on last year. The fee for our association is \$300
 - B. Final stages of the NBA music list are currently being updated.
 - C. Log in and credentials will be emailed later.
- IX. **MHSAA and Lions Band updates** were given by Jeff Cannon.
 - A. NFHS has initiated a team scholarship program. They would like to also include the performing arts.
 - 1. Guidelines to determine if your band program qualifies for the scholarship program can be found on the MBA website.
 - 2. Aggregate score is 3.0
 - 3. April 1st is the deadline
 - 4. This is inclusive of middle and high school programs.
 - B. Fall events
 - 1. If you are interested in hosting a marching event, it must:
 - a) Sanctioned so that NFHS catastrophe insurance protects you and your district.
 - 2. Everything is right now a-go
 - 3. Out of state trips & bordering trips must also be approved. This is also covered by the NFHS catastrophe insurance.

C. Marching Band Evaluations

1. Everything at this time is a-go (Evaluations & Championships)
2. In MS, we go by the European trends and they are currently in a decline. We are currently 4 weeks behind.
3. The MBDA Executive Board has asked MHSAA that the 4 minute marching band minimum be waived for this school year.
4. The biggest question now is virtual school attendance questions.
 - a) This is to benefit the bands
 - b) The rule states that you are allowed to practice two hours a day if you are virtual. This will be dependent upon your school district's decision whether you can practice or not.
 - c) What happens when the school district allows the student to pick virtual or in-person attendance? They can practice, but they CAN'T perform. If there is a game and they are virtual, the team has to forfeit.
 - d) Practices have to be after normal school hours and can't be any longer than 2 hours in duration.

D. Concert/Spring Band Evaluations

1. Will return to a normal year this school year along with sight reading.
2. NO VIDEO SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ALLOWED!

E. Josh Forsythe asked if we are still required to complete Dragon Fly and Mr. Cannon state, YES.

F. Clover Lacey asked if the directors could receive the approved information about virtual learning and other rules of engagement in an official MHSAA letter format? Mr. Cannon stated that this information had been emailed to their school administrators and athletic directors.

G. Matthew Porter asked can all of this information be included in one document in case an administrator was not on the website? Mr. Cannon stated that the only thing that is not in writing is the 4 minute time limit.

H. Callen McBride asked if the band is quarantined will there be time for the band to have an acclimation period? Mr. Cannon stated, NO and that as soon as your band returns, the band programs can resume normal activities.

I. Lions Band report

1. The group was a fresh/young group due to no marching for two years.
2. It took a lot of adjusting to get students back to the level to compete, participate, etc.
3. August 28th will be a visual workshop at 9 am at Pearl High School. Sunday, August 29th will be held at PRCC.
4. Online registration tool is up and ready. All students must be registered to attend the workshops.
5. Dates for round one Lions Band auditions will be November 13th
6. Round two auditions will be held November 20th (callback)
7. Audition protocols from last year will be the same for this year.
8. No parents will be allowed in the building
9. The 2022 Lions Band trip will be Montreal, CA and the trip has been approved to compete in the International Lions Band Parade

J. If anyone has any questions, they can reach out to Mr. Cannon on his cell phone (601-260-5001)

K. State Marching sites and dates were given

1. 64 bands had signed up as of this morning
2. Please get his updated by September 15th

3. State Marching championships has 33 bands signed up as of this morning.
- X. Information was given by Nicole Allen regarding the **83rd Annual Clinic**:
- A. Dates: December 9 - 11, 2021
 - B. Registration will be held Wednesday, December 8, 2021
 - C. Clinicians
 1. All State Band--Dr. Tonya Mitchel-Spradlin
 2. Red Band--Joel Denton
 3. White Band--Erin Cole Steele
 4. Blue Band--Greg Springer
 - D. Lunch will be provided to students during auditions, Thursday, December 9th
 - E. A student clinic will also be provided so that directors can attend their specific meetings and clinics.
- XI. **MHSAA State Concert Evaluation dates** are as follows:
- A. North Region @ Oxford HS-March 28-31, 2022
 - B. South Region @ Biloxi HS-March 28-31, 2022
 - C. Central Region @ Pearl HS-April 4-8, 2022
- XII. **Old Business**
- A. Taxes--The tax attorney filed the paperwork for taxes. We will be responsible for the attorney fees, etc.
- XIII. **Band Manual Revision** is being completed by John Taylor
- XIV. **New Business**
- A. We are partnering with Mississippi State University for an archival project.
 1. Ms. Elva Kay Lance addressed this topic and reported that this would be mainly digital due to the limited space available.
 2. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact the MSU band office
 3. At this time no staff member has been appointed to be the project manager/leader
 4. There will be a report that will be made available at a later date
 5. Clover Lacey stated that there are several artifacts located in the MS Delta via audio and vinyls, etc. Ms. Lance stated that at this time to hold on to all of these valuable artifacts until a detailed plan is confirmed.
- XV. **Announcements:**
- A. Andy Pierce announced that the War Eagle classic would be held October 16th and the information is available on the MBA website
 - B. Clover Lacey announced that there will be a MS Bandmasters Consortium in the Spring of 2022 on February 19th. This event is a Solo & Ensemble festival. For more information please email Ryan Jobe (rjobe@mdcc.edu)
- XVI. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
- A. Jason Harrell motioned to end the meeting
 - B. Seconded by many constituents.