

Minutes of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association

Meeting Date: December 7, 2012

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association was held at the Natchez Convention Center on December 7, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by MBA President Clay Fuller. There were approximately 275 regular members in attendance. Sid McNeil gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report: 1st VP Reuben McDowell gave the treasurer's report.

Awards and Recognitions: Toni Reece presented the A.E. McClain award to Mr. Brennon Eaton. Stephanie McArthur presented the Edythe McArthur award to Ms. Lora Emerson. Vance Wigginton presented the Phi Beta Mu Director of the Year awards to Mr. Kevin Cole. Elva Kaye Lance recognized the Sweepstakes Winners for 2011-2012 and 2012. Clay Fuller recognized the 2012 State Marching Band Champions. Mr. Fuller then recognized Jay McArthur and presented him with a plaque for serving as President of the MBA in 2011-2012.

Clinic Reports:

Member-at-Large Bryan Jefferson gave a report on clinic auditions and thanked those that helped.

3rd VP Matt Rowan reported on the updates to the MBA Website and encouraged members to visit it routinely. He mentioned that many forms will be made available to submit online starting in the Fall of 2013. Mr. Rowan said that the State Concert Evaluation Form will be online and available starting in January.

2nd VP Sid McNeil reported on the Music Selection Committee and music list. He stated that the current required music list will be split back up into 6 classifications to be used for 2013-2014. Mr. McNeil recognized the members of the music committee. Mr. McNeil then reported on the exhibit area, college displays, and vendors.

Member at Large, Bryan Jefferson reported on clinic auditions. He recognized all judges and thanked them for their work. He encouraged the entire body to help with judging by signing up at the fall meeting.

1st VP Reuben McDowell reported on status of fees and registration. He encouraged any member with outstanding purchase orders for clinic fees to help get that taken care of as soon as they returned back to their schools. He then reminded the body that the deadline date for membership in the MBA is to allow for the Liability Insurance of the National Federation. He stated that you can still be a member of the MBA by paying after the deadline, but you wouldn't have the NFA insurance. He spoke about receiving fees and checks without a form it is very hard to determine where the check came from and who it is for. Mr. McDowell then reminded the body of the dates for the 2013 clinic and announced the clinicians and performing ensembles.

Mr. Jeff Cannon spoke about State Concert Evaluation scheduling requests and the proposed schedule. He then spoke about the MS Lions All State Band audition process and thanked the people that served as judges for the auditions. He then mentioned about some of the Lions Band uniforms burning up in a fire at the dry cleaners and asked if anyone would like to help fundraise for replacement uniforms to please contact him.

Mr. Willie Rigdon, housing chairman for State Clinic, spoke about the clinic registration process as well as check out procedures.

Mr. Clay Fuller reported that the proposed date for State Concert Festival 2013-2014 is late march or early April. This was met with resounding applause. He then announced the dates for State Marching Evaluation and State Marching Championships. Mr. Fuller then reported that the Entry fee for State Marching Evaluation would go from \$150 to \$200 in order to help

cover costs of judges and running the event. This fee had not been increased in 17 years. He also said that each region will charge a unified fee of \$8.00 for spectator entrance for State Marching Evaluation but could charge an additional fee for any night contest that was held. Mr. Fuller reported that the Site Hosts agreed that the MBA Executive Board would appoint and hire a Judging Coordinator for State Marching Evaluation Band Judges. Mr. Fuller then mentioned that there were no proposals made from any outside members for any changes to the MBA State Marching Championship. Mr. Fuller reminded the body that they have the right to propose things to the Championship Advisory Board for consideration at State Band Clinic each year. Mr. Fuller then mentioned that there would be a few changes to the procedure of State Marching Championships as recommended by the Advisory Board, Championship Committee, and Executive Board. Once approved these changes would be posted on the MBA Website. Mr. Fuller then mentioned that the Executive Board should be the liaison between the MBA and the MHSAA. He encouraged the body to contact the Executive Board if there were any issues with the MHSAA so that we, as an organization, could help and provide support. Mr. Fuller thanked Pearl High School, Clinton High School and Hinds Community College for serving as site hosts for State Marching Championships and encouraged the body to support these schools when on their campus. Mr. Fuller then thanked the Site Hosts for State Marching Evaluation.

Mr. Fuller then thanked Mississippi Music for providing several things to help with the running of the clinic. Mr. Fuller then read a letter of thanks from Mr. Reuben McDowell concerning the passing of his father.

Mr. Fuller then thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rigdon for their 23 years of service to the MBA.

Business From the Floor

Mr. Vance Wigginton then presented a motion to change the point allocations on the current concert evaluation sheet. The numbers in each caption would have a 20 point spread as opposed to the current 5 point spread. There was a motion made and seconded to approve the sheet. As long as approved by the MHSAA, the proposed sheet would take effect in the Spring of 2013. There was a call to question. The body then voted to approve the proposed concert evaluation sheet.

Mr. Cannon then publically thanked the Executive Board for their dedication to the MBA and the sacrifices they made for the betterment of the bands in Mississippi.

Mr. Zach Harris then requested that we add to the State Marching Evaluation Entry Form to a type of vehicles that each group would bring to festival it would help the Site Hosts.

Mr. Harris also encouraged the board to look at the Sweepstakes Award for 2nd Bands and the possibility of awarding that to 2nd bands as well.

Announcements were made, door prizes were distributed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25PM.