

**Minutes of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association**  
**Meeting Date: March 27, 2010**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association was held at Pearl High School on March 27, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by MBA President, Mark Bryant. All members of the Executive Board were present and approximately 50 regular members were in attendance. Sid McNeil gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

**Officer's Reports:**

President Mark Bryant reported that the MBA Board had met with the MHSAA regarding planning and implementation of the 2010 Concert Band Evaluation, and had further considered the possibility of relocating State Band Clinic to a more feasible location. Mr. Bryant reminded the membership that any concerns should be directed to the MBA executive board for resolution before contacting the MHSAA.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Andy Sanders, gave the treasury report. He reported a beginning balance of \$75,015.24 in the General Fund, deposits in the amount of \$26,798.14 and withdrawals in the amount of \$74,806.98 for an ending balance of \$27,006.40. Mr. Sanders reported a balance of \$35,725.22 in the Championship Fund, with deposits in the amount of \$8,629.15, withdrawals in the amount of \$11,790.11 and an ending balance of \$32,564.26.

Mr. Sanders further reported on the process of considering Jackson and Natchez sites for State Band Clinic, and that the MBA Executive Board had made the decision to hold State Band Clinic at the Natchez site. He gave a brief overview of the premises and spoke briefly about the positive aspects of hosting clinic at this site.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jay McArthur reported that he enjoyed hosting bands at Ridgeland during State Concert Evaluation, and that he would welcome any suggestions for improvement.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President- No Report

Member-at-Large Gail Griggs encouraged anyone interested in judging at State Clinic to contact her.

Past President Linda Davis reported that Solo and Ensemble would continue, and that it is slated to be scheduled in late April in hopes of increased participation.

**Committee Reports:**

Jeff Cannon reported that the All-State Band had been a successful one, and that the students had behaved admirably. He also stated that the Lions Band trip to Australia was set, and that auditions would continue to be held in early November to avoid conflicts. He invited the membership to attend the Lions Band Concert to be held June 24 at Jones Co. Junior College at 7:00. Mr. Cannon welcomed suggestions from the membership regarding State Concert Evaluations held at Pearl High School.

**General Orders**

Jeff Cannon made a motion to move All-State Band to State Band Clinic, with auditions to coincide with Lions Band Auditions. The motion was seconded, and after discussion the motion carried.

## **New Business**

A motion was made to amend the MBA bylaws to read as follows:

*The first meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association shall be held at 2:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August in the Jackson area.*

The motion carried unopposed.

Andy Sanders noted that the meeting would be held at Ridgeland High School's Auditorium, pending approval from the school's administration.

Dr. Craig Aarhus, Assistant Director of Bands at Mississippi State, who is the Mississippi representative of the National Band Association, spoke to the membership about the benefits of NBA membership and persuaded all to consider joining.

## **Announcements:**

Zach Harris asked that the executive board reconsider the date for Marching Championships in order to avoid conflict with administration of the ACT.

Dr. Aarhus announced that MSU would again offer the Summer Band Director Workshop.

Andy Sanders thanked Ronny Griffin for his work with the website and stated that MBA forms would soon be posted in a more user-friendly form on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00AM.