

KMEA Marching Band Committee

Tim Allen, Chair

November 21, 2020; 10:00 am EST

Teleconference

MINUTES AND SUMMIT NOTES

I. Roll Call

Dist. 1 Beth Stribling P	Dist. 5 Patrick Brady P	Dist. 9 Pauletta Smith P
Dist. 2 Conner Kinmon P	Dist. 6 Austin Bralley P	Dist. 10 Curtis Ervin P
Dist. 3 Grant Jones P	Dist. 7 Michael Stone P	Dist. 11 Jason Bowles P
Dist. 4 Brian Ellis P	Dist. 8 Jenny Hipple P	Dist. 12 Mike Arthur P

Also in attendance were Band chair Joe Craig, Band chair-elect David Centers, KMEA president George Boulden, KMEA vice-president Terry Thompson, KMEA president-elect David Graham, and KMEA executive director John Stroube.

II. Motion by Erven, seconded by Stone, to approve the agenda. There were no objections.

III. Motion by Ellis, seconded by Jones, to approve the minutes from meetings on July 11 and July 15. There were no objections.

IV. Reports

A. MBC chair Tim Allen, and executive director John Stroube, each gave general statements about the status of the SMBC

V. There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business - Tim Allen led a discussions

A. Tim Allen outlined what a normal year in 2021 would look like, with six bands per class advancing from each region and six bands per class in finals. David Centers suggested that high school band directors be surveyed, asking their band size this year and their projected band size for 2021. Discussion ensued about the reliability of such a survey. The ultimate consensus was that it should be distributed no sooner than January, and possibly monthly after that so KMEA can assess the trends.

B. Tim Allen led a discussion about eliminating the spring concert festival assessment requirement to participate in 2021 SMBC. Consensus was that we should leave the requirement in place, and provide an online form for bands to request exemption.

C. Tim Allen led a discussion about crafting a plan for 2021 in case restrictions continue to be prohibitive. A task force was assembled to study the matter, consisting of Tim Allen, Austin Bralley, Brian Ellis, Jenny Hipple, Michael Stone,

and Beth Stribling. (During the marching band summit that followed the business meeting, Scott Sexton was added to the group.)

- VII. The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday, February 27.
- VIII. Motion by Stone, seconded by Stribling, to adjourn. There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stroube

Notes from the summit:

1. Michael Wooley suggested that assistant directors be recognized during the championships. After discussion, Tim Allen suggested that head directors be provided the opportunity to list who should be recognized. The BOA model was referenced.
2. Michael Wooley suggested that a band's previous accomplishments be mentioned at some point during championship events. After discussion, it seemed that it should be done after scores are locked in, and at finals, the pass in review might be the best time. Possibly these accolades could be announced during awards at quarterfinals and semifinals.
3. Michael Wooley brought forward a previously described concern that CO2 fire extinguishers are the only allowable smoke effect according to KMEA rules. John Stroube restated his previous recommendation that a demonstration of an alternate method be provided, and specific criteria be established about any alternate means before the MBC should change the rule.
4. Scott Sexton described the means by which his school had provided in-person and virtual marching band events this fall.