

KMEA Marching Band Committee

Tim Allen, Chair
February 6, 2019, 2:00 PM
Louisville, KY

MINUTES

- I. Chair Tim Allen called the roll at 2:00 PM
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| Dist. 1 John Lovell P | Dist. 5 Patrick Brady P | Dist. 9 Pauletta Smith P |
| Dist. 2 Corey Mullins P | Dist. 6 Austin Bralley P | Dist. 10 Curtis Ervin P |
| Dist. 3 Seth Peveler P | Dist. 7 Jeff Bayerle P | Dist. 11 David Jaggie P |
| Dist. 4 Brian Ellis P | Dist. 8 Jenny Hipple P | Dist. 12 Mike Arthur P |

Also present were President Terry Thompson, President-Elect George Boulden, Vice-President Brad Rogers, and Executive Director John Stroube

- II. Chair Allen asked for an approval of the agenda. Smith/Peveler APPROVED
- III. Chair Allen asked for an approval of the minutes from December 8, 2018 Smith/Arthur APPROVED
- IV. Reports

A. MBC Chair Tim Allen

- a. KMEA Marching Band Committee Chair Allen reminded those present that KMEA MBC-selected clinicians for this year are Susan Smith and Adam Dalton, presenting Saturday at 9:40 am in the Breathitt Room. Seth Peveler suggested Gino Cipriani. Tim Allen mentioned a short list from previous years: Nola Jones, Glenn Fuggett, and David Starnes. Brian Ellis suggested postponing this discussion until after the judge training module discussion. He mentioned that the upcoming meeting will be April 20 in Elizabethtown.
- b. Tim reported on his subcommittee's progress toward establishing five viable sites for statewide semifinals. He provided a list of possible sites (see Appendix 1). There were no questions.
- c. Tim spoke about concerns that the format change, which passed a second reading in December, might fail to pass the Band Council or the KMEA Board. He presented options for the motion:
 - i. Amend the proposal for enactment for the 2020 season. This allows time to address the financial impact, and allows time to figure out the smaller details/logistics of site hosts/payment for semifinals sites, etc.
 - ii. Withdraw the new format motion, and only send forward the other approved motions (see items 1-7 in old business from December's minutes) This will allow MB committee/Band Council to address format change as a separate issue and address the concerns about it before it goes to the board.

If amendments are made, the amended motion would go forward to the Band Council. If withdrawn, the Band Council would not act on it.

MOTION: WITHDRAW THE FORMAT PROPOSAL TO BETTER SET OURSELVES UP FOR 2020 PEVELER/MULLINS. Seth Peveler said that on his survey, eleven respondents do not participate in the SMBC and six of them said they would consider returning. 20% of the remain 80 said the statewide semifinals would cause them to look for other competitions in leu of the SMBC. Brian Ellis objected to re-examining the matter. He questioned the financial impact statement. John Stroube defended his financial statement. Mike Arthur talked about how reserved seating could be sold. Jeff Bayerle supported the idea that the financial impact is the main hurdle to passage. Pauletta Smith said her district voted for the proposal before they know of the financial impact, but they feel different now. **MOTION PASSED.**

- B. Judge Coordinator George Boulden gave no report.

- C. Executive Director John Stroube reported that although a contract has not been executed, indications are the championship will be on October 26 at Western.
- D. Brian Ellis, subcommittee chair for judges' online training module, spoke about a judge online training module. He has put it in Google Sites so it is hosted at no cost. Curtis Ervin and Steven Page have been serving on his committee. His module has an introduction section with philosophy and judge ethics, a section on the KMEA scoring system, criterion reference system, the derived achievement, numbers management, and commentary. They would like to acquire some recordings of exemplary commentary. They want to include some activities to help with numbers management. They would include the current KMEA judging sheets with a detailed breakdown of the sheets. The training would take about 60 minutes. Trainees would encounter quizzes, which they would have to pass in order to move to the next section. There would be a voiceover that reads the text. The module would provide a certificate upon a person's completion of the training. Local contest judges would be sent a link to the module. Out-of-state judges for the championships would not be required to show completion. Brian also said there needs to be a sense of accountability. Bob Thomas has said the online training is not a solution by itself, but the difference is made by his contractual responsibility to listen to recordings on Monday of each week, after which he contacts judges and provides feedback. Brian said he and Bob discussed a dollar amount for providing this service, but Brian felt it inappropriate to discuss that at this meeting. Brian said that although the initial proposal was that online judge training would not cost anything, he suggested that a \$20.00 training fee from each judge would add up. He mentioned there are six weeks of contests with about seven contests, and six judges per contest. John Stroube pointed out that many judges repeat. Brian suggested that KMEA would set a minimal fee to pay for the judge recording evaluation. Possibly the MBC-recommended clinician would be a person who was going to listen to and provide feedback regarding recordings. Brian said his plan was to bring this proposal to the April MBC meeting. John Stroube pointed out that his input regarding financial impact is now required. George Boulden felt discussing the recording evaluation at this point was premature. Jeff Bayerle suggested putting such a fee onto the contest host. Brian said his rough calculations were that a reasonable judge training fee could easily cover what Bob Thomas had informally quoted to him. George Boulden expressed how much time it would take to assess six judges for seven contests. Brian asked if there was a way to get this put in place for next year. John Stroube suggested that if the proposal were done by the end of March, band directors across the state would have twenty days to know about it and discuss it with their representatives. With that sort of thorough vetting, dispensation with a second reading is conceivable without pushback. Consensus was that Bob Thomas be forwarded as the MBC preference for a marching band clinician, and if he is unavailable, use the previously available list (mentioned in Tim Allen's report above).

V. Unfinished Business

SECOND READING

1. BAND CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

Classify bands based on both band and school size ("hybrid") (see Appendices 2 & 3 from December minutes. Option 1 was chosen - both school size and band size were divided by five (leaves 14 bands in 5A). 1A school sizes range from 180 to 704. Total points would be used when breaking ties for classification, then use school size as the tiebreaker, which would send bands to a higher or lower class.

Deadlines and enrollment in early season sanctioned contests:

- Submit band size numbers by August 15, classification will be determined within a few days.
- Bands enrolling in early contests will have to do so without knowledge of their class.
- Bands wishing to enroll in the championship must do so by September 1

SANCTIONED CONTEST DEADLINES THAT OCCUR BEFORE CLASSIFICATIONS ARE DETERMINED WILL REMAIN AT 26 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT, AND BANDS THAT ENROLL WILL LEARN THEIR CLASSIFICATION LATER. DETERMINATION WAS MADE TO ADOPT TREVOR ERVIN'S OPTION 1 PLUS THE ABOVE, AND THAT BAND DIRECTORS MUST SUBMIT BAND-SIZE NUMBERS BY AUGUST 15, THEN BANDS WILL BE CLASSIFIED AND NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Seth Peveler reported that his survey indicated that more than half of the participating bands were against the motion, that a few competing band directors who do not enroll in SMBC said they might return, and 25% of the band directors that now enroll said they would consider other avenues for competing. Pauletta asked about band directors who do not currently compete, and whether they should have been allowed to take the full survey. Jenny Hipple said talk in her district was that bands would leave the SMBC unless the proposal passes. Brian Ellis noted that there is such a split that no answer is really good. John Stroube expressed concern about the volatility of what band is in what class, and the difficulty this causes regarding assigning classes to potential quarterfinals sites.

Tim Allen took a roll-call vote, to which district representatives responded as follows: 1 N, 2 N, 3 N, 4 Y, 5 Y, 6 N, 7 Y, 8 Y, 9 Y, 10 N, 11 N, 12 Y. **YES – 6, NO – 6. THE CHAIR VOTED NO, THEN REVERSED HIS VOTE TO YES.** The motion will go to the Band Council.

- VI. New Business on the agenda was a proposal from District 7 (John Merz). Due to time limitations, the chair postponed the item until the next meeting.
- VII. Next meeting: April 20, 2019; Elizabethtown—the sanctioning meeting.
- VIII. Tim Allen asked for a motion to adjourn Ervin/Arthur

Respectfully submitted,

John Stroube, Executive Director

Appendix 1:

POSSIBLE SITES FOR STATEWIDE SEMIFINALS 2019		
12-Oct	Turf/Grass	Comments/conditions
1A		
2A		
3A		
Warren East (W)	Turf	
4A		
Hopkinsville (W)	Grass (good drainage)	
5A		
19-Oct		
1A		
Lindsey Wilson College ©	turf	
2A		
Christian Acad. Of Lou. (N.central)	turf	
Webster Co. (W)	grass	has never hosted a contest
3A		
Boyle Co. (C)	turf	
Warren East (W)	turf	
4A		
Hopkinsville	Grass (good drainage)	
5A		Woodford, Tates Creek, Douglass, GRC Campbell Co. possibly, but want more money, or can't book the site if they don't know what class they are in, and some aren't doing SMBC if classification does/doesn't change.
26-Oct		
1A		
		Montgomery Co. Available Oct. 26. Turf. No class specification. No permission for AD yet.
2A		
3A		
Warren East		
4A		
5A		