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## KMEA Marching Band Committee

Tim Allen, Chair

June 5, 2020

Teleconference

### AGENDA

#### I. Roll Call

Dist. 1 Beth Stribling P

Dist. 5 Patrick Brady P

Dist. 9 Pauletta Smith P

Dist. 2 Cory Mullins 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 present were MBC Chair Tim Allen, Band Chair Joe Craig, guest Marc Monroe, Vice-President Terry Thompson, President and Judge Coordinator George Boulden, and Executive Director John Stroube

II. Stribling made and Stone seconded a motion to approve the agenda. There were no objections.

III. Smith made and Stribling seconded a motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2020. There were no objections.

#### IV. Reports

- A. Tim Allen, KMEA Marching Band Committee Chair gave an overview of how he expected today's meeting to proceed—that action was needed as soon as possible. An ad hoc committee put together a guidance document that is to be shared widely, and today's meeting would be largely a group effort to edit the document.
- B. John Stroube, KMEA Executive Director, SMBC manager reported that the KDE is interested in our guidance document. The KHSAA had gotten in touch about superintendents wanting to know if there is guidance about marching bands. Also, the study on aerosol distribution by those playing instruments or singing is well underway, and that the factual results will guide what KMEA recommends to bands regarding rehearsals and performances.
- C. George Boulden, KMEA Marching Band Evaluator Coordinator reported that he is getting close to completing his panel. He expressed frustration about invitees who will not respond with an email.

#### V. Unfinished Business

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- A. Chair Allen reviewed that the MBC had reduced the minimum number of minutes for a portion of the season. He then talked about whether the committee felt we should change sheets to reflect more weight in music and less on visual.

Ervin made and Arthur seconded a motion to eliminate the topic from discussion. There were no objections.

## VI. New Business

- A. Chair Allen led a discussion of the ad hoc committee's draft of the Coronavirus Guidance document for marching bands, talking through each item. Modifications were imposed based on discussion.

Bralley made and Stone seconded a motion to eliminate information about contests from the guidance document. A roll call vote was taken. 1N, 2Y, 3Y, 4Y, 5Y, 6Y, 7Y, 8Y, 9Y, 10Y, 11Y, 12Y. Motion carried.

## VII. Other Discussion

- A. The possibility was discussed of reducing the required number of sanctioned contests from two to one, as well as the rationale for why that might be best. No action was taken.
- B. David Graham suggested we come up with a list of policies we might need to alter for the coming year. Tim Allen mentioned the following as examples: bus capacity, parents driving their own children, attending fewer contests for financial reasons, and audience size at contests.

VIII. After discussion, the next meeting was established as Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 am EDT.

IX. Curtis Ervin expressed concern about band directors who are being told their band would rehearse after school rather than during the school day. John Stroube assured all that this was a nationwide concern, and that documentation about in-school music instruction would be next.

X. Smith made and Stribling seconded a motion to adjourn. There were no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stroube, Executive Director