

LMCGPC Fall Meeting, September 10th, 2017

I. Call to Order by Craig Byers

II. Reading of the Spring Meeting Minutes- motion to skip by Thomas, 2nd by Tiki

III. Board of Directors Reports

- Executive Director – A lot of new units for winds, percussion units are on the rise again.
- Secretary -(Rhonda McLaughlin sitting in for Clayton) Proxy's are Rapides Parish to Johnette ,Acadiana HS and Ind. to Rhonda
- Treasurer – Remember circuit fees are due soon: \$535 1st unit, \$295 2nd unit w/ champs \$485 1stunit, \$245 2nd unit w/out champs

IMPORTANT DEADLINES: Dues by 11/19 (can turn in at LMEA) \$25 late fee, Show sign up 12/1, Turn in staff names by 01/01/2018 for badges

- Colorguard Representative – WGI is now accepting simulated rifles as equipment (must have rifle characteristics and be at least 24" long)
- Percussion Representative – Seeding at championships, shows must have a seat down front for sound guy, 1 staff member is allowed to text kid working mixer board, adding Concert class, All middle school and stand still will be on A sheets. Most of his judging assignments are done. Please let John know if you are going to the NSU show.
- Winds Representative- Winds in LMCGPC has now double in size and grown to 14 groups. New WGI rule: no simultaneous dubbing of music. We are adding an indoor tuning room for shows. You must go to all 3 scheduled shows, or 2 shows and Hattiesburg WGI regional.

IV. Old Business

1. Independent Ensembles must have a band director and principal approval letter to allow students to join an independent unit even if that school does not have an ensemble. (John Dunlap) Maurice questions the legal binding of this rule. James expressed Lafayette HS position with kids dropping out of band to be in an independent group. Deon questions why it is an issue if the kid is not in band. Also, is this more of a student issue or protecting a band director? Willie suggests making it more of a notification process between students and band directors. Dwight states WGI's positions on this matter. WGI discourages high school students from being in independent groups, but cannot enforce it. They are leaving it up to the circuit. Proposal is withdrawn.
2. Independent Ensembles can appeal for unusual circumstances regarding band director/principal approval letter. (John Dunlap) Proposal is withdrawn.
3. Eliminate scores at contest #1 and #2. (Art Kilchrist) Art argues to better rank the guards that aren't as prepared in the first 2 shows. That we should give the rankings to audience instead of numeral scores.

Dwight is looking from a judge's standpoint that his role is to prepare you for the season, so he wants to make sure this doesn't hinder that. Thomas motions to amend the proposal to say: Score from the first 2 shows will not be counted into the average. The audience will just get a ranking, but the directors/instructors will still get recaps, numeral scores, and critique. Deon 2nd. Amend proposal passes 39 yes, 0 no. Motion to accept proposal is made by Thomas, Deon 2nd. Motion passes 38 yes, 0 no.

4. Implement the "first 2 shows" rule for ALL competing units in the circuit. (Patrice Turner) Not a proposal, already in contest rules.

5. Units medaling in SRA should be required to compete in SRAA the following year regardless of their score for the split. (Patrice Turner) Withdrawn, addressed in New Business.

V. New Business

1. Updated Classification System- Reminding everyone that AA is the lower level and A is the upper level in the classes. (Passed at last meeting) Proposal to split Scholastic A like the SRA split, based on the average score 2 weeks before championships. James would like to exclude JV teams from this proposal, Craig agrees. Motion to accept this proposal is made by Patrice, 2nd by Deon. Proposal failed 8 yes, 15 no.

2. Copywriting and videos of shows/championships. Flo marching (Wesley Sullivan) presented a proposal to WGI to broadcast certain circuit championships free. They will take care of all expense and it doesn't cost circuit anything. Audience is not allowed to record. WGI is stepping out of the copywriting. Craig will contact him about broadcasting our circuit championships. Parents will just have to pay to watch that feed. The no recording rule will be enforced.

3. New WGI rulebooks are out with new T&P rules in percussion.

VI. Show Schedule

1/20 Denham Springs HS GUARD ONLY (central)

1/27 NSU (north/west)

2/3 West Harrison HS @ Harrison Central (east) WINDS SHOW

2/17 Pineville HS (north/west)

2/24 Comeaux HS (west) WINDS SHOW

3/3 D'Iberville HS (east)

3/10 E.D. White HS (south/central) WINDS SHOW

3/17 Dutchtown HS (central)

3/24 & 25 Circuit Championships, Thibodaux Civic Center

VII. Spring Meeting Date May 6th, 2018

VIII. Adjournment Johnette motions to end meeting, Thomas 2nd.