

LMCGPC Fall Meeting September 10th, 2016

I- Call to Order

Called to order by Craig Byers. Thank you Glen Scheurmann at Woodlawn HS for letting us use the facilities.

II- Reading of the Spring Meeting Minutes

Randy Weaver moves we dispense of the reading of the minutes. Thomas Logan seconded.

III- Board of Director's Reports

1. Executive Director

If you know of any one, any schools, or any instructors who need financial help that were affected by the flood, please contact Craig Byers. The circuit would like to make monetary donations to those Circuit members affected. Other circuits have contacted as well and are interested in helping.

You should have received an email from Marching Arts Education about the DVD's. Those who have purchased should have already received their DVD's. Director copies have not been sent out. The email sent this past week explains that it's a \$75 package that they are offering directors for \$15. It includes a hard copy of your entire class block, a download of the wide screen and multi camera angles. If you have not received this email, please contact Craig. We are working out all the kinks for next year so that next year all you will have to send is you copyright information (only one time). Some groups don't have music on their DVD's because it was not approved through the copyright. This is why it's very important that you make sure your music is on the accepted list. Disregard the email for the moment so we can figure out how we will handle this \$15 charge.

Copyright: everything will remain the same for next year. You will have to submit the information to Marching Arts. He will send the Board his copy so we don't have to ask for multiple. All fees for companies will be the same except for CSAP. Their price is based off our attendance of previous year.

We are in the process of getting a trailer to pull sound equipment and tarp. We are currently renting a storage unit for \$120 a month. The Greater New Orleans Drum Corps Association storage unit is full (where we use to store our equipment), so we had to get our own. We will put a dehumidifier inside the climate controlled trailer. It shouldn't be over \$3,000.

We are looking at the possibility of a new sound technician. We are very grateful for everything the Greater New Orleans Drum Corps Association has offered us in the past.

2. Secretary

Proxy votes for Pineville and Live Oak Middle were assigned to Johnette Folsie.

If your Band Director is not attending the meeting but either the Assistant or instructors/staff from the meeting are attending, a proxy vote and email is not necessary. A reminder that we are trying to go paperless for this season. You will not receive the yellow packet with your scores, but only will receive your Timing and Penalty sheet and a Recap.

3. Treasurer

Deadline fees stay same. November 20th: fees are due. You can bring them to LMEA or be postmarked before the 20th. We are in very good shape financially

4. Colorguard Representative

Stephanie couldn't be in attendance. The guard clinic will be in November. Still working out details. A Design Analysis caption will be covered according to Fred Feeny. Trying to get it centrally located in the Baton Rouge area. Finalized plans will be figured out in the next couple of weeks. Attendance is strongly suggested.

5. Percussion Representative

All judging assignments are completed. Great judges lined up- WGI judges, Drum Corps experienced judges. Percussion IE will be judged by Luis Rivera from South Alabama and Joe Hobbs from The Cavaliers. We will need to buy new medals. Finals will be on a Sunday for percussion this year. There were several school problems with having it on Friday. Hopefully this will work out better for the majority. Two day WGI Regional in Hattiesburg this year.

6. Winds Representative

Willie couldn't be in attendance. Everything is staying the same with WGI rules and regulations. Three shows will have wind opportunities. If anyone knows of a school that is starting a winds group, please contact Willie. If there are issues we could possibly move the shows to help those units with issues.

7. Contest Director

Registration deadline is November 20th. Show sign up deadline is December 17th. Print out a copy before you close out the window and send that copy with your fees. Make sure that the School Board sends the check to the correct address and not any old addresses from the Circuit. Forms will be on the website tomorrow.

Hall of Fame Colorguard year-- Start thinking about individuals or shows that you might want to nominate. The deadline for these nominations to be sent to Craig is March 1st. The deadline for scholarships are March 1st as well. Scholarship applications should be sent to Randy. His address is on the form: St Edwards the Confessor, 4901 West Metairie Ave, Metairie, LA 70001.

Charlie Mascaro (Timing and Penalty): no "is the guard ready". At 1:30 in to your set up time, Randy will start.

Colorguards will be using the first 3 shows for qualifier. Percussion will use Comeaux and Gulfport. Winds first show will be Gulfport.

IV- Old Business (Proposals)

1. Color guards will be seeded using their most recent score from a LMCGPC contest. (GCGC and MIA contest scores will also be allowed.) March 25th will be the last score used. If a unit does not attend a show on March 25th, their most recent score will be used adding 1.5 for each week up to the 25th.

Example:

A) Louisiana HS attended their last show before championships on March 18th and scored a 77.4. The score used for their seeding would be 78.9 (77.4+1.5=78.9).

B) Mississippi HS attended their last show before championships on March 11th and scored a 65.3. The score used for their seeding would be a 68.3

(65.3+1.5+1.5=68.3).

C) Lamiss HS attended their last show before championships on March 25th and scored a 70.2. The score used for their seeding would be a 70.2 because that is the last week of the competitive season.

In favor: 32

Opposed: 0

Proposal passes.

2. Retreat at Circuit Championships should be split in two parts. The first retreat would include Cadet, Novice, and SRA. The second retreat at the end of the night would include all remaining classes.

Having two retreats would have several benefits.

A) More room on the floor for the students.

B) Less scores to be announced, therefore more time to focus on the medal winners and possibly have a more formal medal awarding ceremony.

C) It will also allow the younger students to leave at an earlier time during the day to return home.

In favor: 34

Opposed: 0

Proposal passes

3. All groups that wish to compete in SRA start the season in the same class (SRA). The class will then be split based on averaged scores. The split will happen after the February 18th show and schedules will reflect the 2 classes beginning with the show on March 4th. Changing wording to be the 3rd show in February

In favor: 33

Opposed: 0

Proposal passes

VI-Show Schedule

Dwight Hollingsworth- Problem with having to travel to the first 3 shows. It's going to be a problem economically. We discussed this in the Board Meeting- we agree and understand this problem.

Tianni Rowley proposes that we make Gulfport as a qualifier for Championships, making the rule to the first 4 shows. Thomas seconded.

In favor: 32

Opposed: 4.

Proposal passes

January 21st: Port Allen HS - Port Allen, LA (Central)

January 28th: Northwestern St Univ - Natchitoches, LA (North)

February 4th: Comeaux HS - Lafayette, LA (West)

February 11th: Gulfport HS - Gulfport, MS (East)

February 18th: Lafayette HS - Lafayette, LA (West)

February 25th: WGI PENSACOLA REGIONAL (guard)

March 4th: E.D. White HS - Thibodaux, LA (South)
March 11th: Denham Springs HS - Denham Springs, LA (Central)
March 18th: Dutchtown HS – Geismar, LA (Central)
WGI HATTIESBURG POWER REGIONAL (Perc/Winds)
March 25th: 2 SHOWS Pineville HS – Pineville, LA (North) & D’Iberville HS -
D’Iberville, MS (East)
April 1st: LMCGPC Guard Champs Thibodaux Civic Center
April 2nd: LMCGPC Perc/Winds Champs Thibodaux Civic Center

Port Allen will be making accommodations to better their show. They will be adding lower level seating as well.

Percussion Championships should ballpark start around 10am (late morning). Should be finished by 3-5.

With this schedule, every show should have a critique. If anything, the number of units allowed would be limited.

VII- Spring Meeting Date

May 21st, 2017

VIII- Adjournment

Thomas Logan motions to adjourn. Seconded by Ashante’ Simmons.

Units in Attendance:

Rhonda McLaughlin- TCA, WOHS, OPHS, Sterlington HS

Patrice Turner- Lake Area, LAHS, WHS, Arnett Middle

Nicole Frederick- Erath HS

James Brown- D’Iberville HS

Dwight Hollingsworth- Harrison Central HS

Crystal LoGiudice- Mandeville HS

Tim Vasquez- Oakdale HS

Ethel Pitre-Vega- SLHS

Thomas Logan- Sulphur HS

Shelby Guillory- Sulphur HS

Todd Adamietz- EDW, Hanville HS

Deon William- Vandebilt, EDW, Hanville HS

Johnette Folse- DSHS,

Sarrah Gare- Port Allen HS

Scott Geiger- Comeaux HS

John Dunlap- St. Martin HS

Sarah Breaux- Dutchtown

Amy Dupuy- Dutchtown

Kristie Arp- Houma Jr

Ashante’ Simmons- Jennings HS, Houma Jr

Chrystal Portier- Houma Jr

Tiki Simmons- Houma Jr

Tianni Rowley- Slidell HS

Carlye Latas- DSHS
Aaron Miller- Thibodaux High
Thomas Beak- Brookhaven HS, SMCC Ind.
Justin Churchwell- Fontainebleau HS
Jace MCMullin- Warren Central HS
Charlie Mascaro- Timing and Penalty
Cortney Lyons- Barbe HS, McNeese Ind.
Clayton Benoit- Acadiana HS
Craig Byers- Central Lafourche HS, Voodoo Ind.
Randy Weaver- Board of Directors