

LMCGPC Spring Meeting Agenda

May 22nd, 2016

I- Call to Order

By Randy (Craig had to miss the meeting due to illness)

II- Reading of the Fall Meeting Minutes

Stephanie motioned not to read minutes. Seconded by Johnette.

III- Board of Directors Reports

1. Executive Director

Given by Randy

Getting a refund from insurance for \$104.85

We had to pay for copyright, Craig submitted all the reports

BMI was \$227.40

ASCAP \$257.60 per show, \$2576 total

SESAC we got no report from them, so we owe them nothing

Video Clarification- as of a month before Championships, we had no one to record. Craig had to explore possibilities, we signed a one year agreement with Alliance Media. Please email Craig if you have signed up and not received anything from AM. Their sales were very strong for a new circuit, they will do 3 cameras next year instead of 2. The unit director of a unit with no form completed will receive nothing. The unit director with a form, but zero sales for the school will receive a copy of their unit, but they might be missing from the public copy. The unit director with music too expensive to license will receive a copy, their parents may receive a refund (we contact them), but will not be on public releases. We moved our sound equipment and floor covering in to a storage unit. We are looking in to getting a trailer to store and transport this equipment for the future. Championship venue- we signed a 2 year contract for 2015 and 2016. If we want next year we have to sign the contract ASAP. We are looking in to different venues. One being McNeese Coliseum and another being Northwestern.

2. Secretary

Proxy votes must be turned in by Friday at midnight prior to our meetings. An email from the Unit Director or Band Director is sufficient.

Each School has one vote in general. This is not one vote per unit. Schools with a Percussion Unit and a Guard Unit will have to share their vote. Voting done by raising of hands- the person voting should raise up the number of fingers which resembles the number of votes they have for that decision. When voting on paper, you are to write down your voting decision and your schools name on the paper. A proposal will be made at the fall meeting to clarify voting numbers for Independent units with a percussion and guard.

3. Treasurer

All fees were payed. We took in about \$110,000 with dues tickets etc, Spent \$91,000 . We had many added expenses this year. Our balance is \$35,000 right now. With a few things needing to be payed

4. Colorguard Representative
Congratulations to everyone this year representing our circuit very well not just locally but around the US.
5. Percussion Representative
Moving percussion championship to Sunday
Percussion IE will be \$10
3 judges over 4 worked well and will continue to give the show host the option.
Positive things happening in our circuit. Congratulations everyone.
6. Winds Representative
In Las Vegas for WGI advisory board meeting
7. Contest Director
Thank everyone for being easy to work with this year.
Possibility of going to tablets which is what WGI has done. We can purchase tablets at WGI discount. Are all judges going to be trained on the tablets? Asked Fred Feeny for info, who isn't sold on the idea yet. It is causing more problems than solving problems. We will continue to research. You are at the mercy of your wireless system. There are times at regionals where they have to find hard wired internet access because the wireless wasn't working. We will more than likely stick with digital recorders for the moment.

IV- New Business

1. New promotion system implementation (Art Kilchrist)
Discussed what the bylaws were and clarified.
2. Managing social media (Art Kilchrist)
We had some issues on social media this year. He feels that some members of the board got involved in issues online. It cheapens the board of directors and the circuit.
There is no policy written. This will be taken up with the board of directors to come up with a better solution.
3. Sound system replacement (Art Kilchrist)
*Previously discussed
4. Percussion championships on Friday, Sunday, or on a different weekend (John Dunlap, Art Kilchrist).
*Previously discussed
5. Weather cancellations- Scholastic vs. Independent approval (Art Kilchrist)
If you pull from a contest, you owe a fee. If it is a weather situation as in school board not letting your scholastic unit go, then they don't have to pay. If an independent pulls from a contest, they pay no matter what the circumstances.
6. Schedule of events for the 2017 season (Randy Weaver, Craig Beyers)
*Pulled to talk about at the end of the meeting
7. Going paperless (Board of Directors)

Doing away with yellow packets at shows. Recaps will be online immediately at the end of contest. Recaps will also be in the critique room and at the table. Only thing that will be given are certificate and timing and penalty sheet.

V- Old Business

1. DVD clarification (Art Kilchrist)
*Previously discussed
2. Booth Fees (Art Kilchrist)
*Discussed in proposals
3. I&E Financial Viability (Art Kilchrist)
Guard is 15 for a solo and 10 per person for ensembles.
4. Transparency of concerns (Art Kilchrist)
*Previously discussed
5. Competition triangle (Art Kilchrist)
The problem is that this year we didn't have proper availability, so we had to combine a schedule with little flexibility in show dates for schools. Will try to have competitions spread out more frequently but this depends on school host availability dates.
6. Guard Educational Clinic (Stephanie Burroughs)
Advisory Board agreed to get someone design or GE involved. Try to do it Saturday Sunday regional clinic, or do it in conjunction with the fall meeting. We need to push attendance.

VI- Proposals

1. Increasing general admissions price for regular season shows from \$7 to \$8. Neighboring circuits MIA and GCGPC are both charging \$10 per show. (Wes Morehead)
Motioned by Thomas, seconded Michael. Motion passed 28-0
2. Increase the stipend for the Executive Director and Treasurer from \$300 per year to \$500 per year.
These two positions do the bulk of the work for the season- especially Championships. Financial impact: \$400 per year. (Randy Weaver)
Motioned by Randy, Seconded my Wes. Motion passed 27-0
3. Championships booths should be charged by the amount of space used rather than a flat rate. Roughly a 6x6 length will be the starting standard rate and size at \$50 for circuit members and sponsors and \$100 for outside vendors. 12x6 would be the next option at \$75 for circuit members and sponsors and \$150 for outside vendors. 18x6 would be the next option at \$100 for circuit members and sponsors and \$200 for outside vendors. (Board of Directors)
Motioned by Courtney, seconded by Wes. Motion passed 33-0
4. Eliminate the defending champion performing last in their class at Championships. (Art Kilchrist)
The only classes that this affects right now is Scholastic AA and up, and Independent Units. This is colorguard only.
Motioned by Art, Seconded by Clayton. Motion passed 22-0

5. Split Championships Guard retreat in to two rounds. One earlier in the day during a judges break (approximately Cadet, Novice, Regional A), and the rest of the classes at the end of the competition. (Houma Jr High)

This makes a long day for young children and angers parents. This could give the option to let kids leave early.

Motioned by Chrystal Portier, seconded by Johnette. Motion Passes 27-0

-One proposal we tabled for next year, moving to a system like WGI. Rank lowest score to highest, mix 4 or 5 units in smaller rounds or groups. Wording and finite proposal will be proposed in the fall.

Band Director position openings at Rummel, Destrehan and Jennings

VII- 2017 Schedule of Events and Deadlines

Show host application due by July 15th

January 21st first show (may or may not be a field day)

January 28th

February 4th

February 11th

February 18th

Nothing on February 25th (Mardi Gras)

March 4th

March 11th

March 18th

March 25th

Championships April 1st and 2nd

VIII- Next Meeting Date

September 11th at Denham Springs HS. Advisory Board at noon, General Meeting at 1PM

IX- Adjournment

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Stephanie

Patrice Turner	Lake Area, Lake Arthur, Westlake, Arnettt
Johnette Folse	Southeastern, Denham Springs HS
Crystal LoGiudice	Mandeville HS
Thomas Logan	Sulphur HS
Keith Ledet	E D White HS
Clayton Benoit	Acadiana HS
Rhonda McLaughlin	WO, OPHS, Sterlington, TCA Ind.
John Dunlap	St Martin HS
Dwight Hollingsworth	Harrison Central
James Brown	D'Iberville HS
Tiki Simmons	Houma JH
Crystal Portier	Houma JH
Stephanie Watts	Live Oak Middle
Glenn Scheurmann	Woodlawn HS
Mike Gilmore	Destrehan HS
Art Kilchrist	Lafayette HS
Jesse Yates	Kesciusko
Sarah Breaux	Dutchtown
Amy Dupuy	Dutchtown
Tim Vasquezz	Oakdale HS
Morrice Boutan	Comeaux HS
Stephanie Burroughs	Pineville HS
Tammie Hauptman	Woodlawn HS
Brandon Robinson	Vandebilt Catholic
Tianni Rowley	Slidell HS
Daniel Modenbach	Dutchtown HS
Aaron Miller	Thibodaux HS
Wes Morehead	Gulfport HS