

Minutes

MSBOA District IX

Monday, September 14, 2009

Tait's Bill of Fair in Oscoda

5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Falls at 5:14 p.m.

Members present: Sandi Ahlers, Bryan Akers, Charles Bullard (Assistant to Executive Director), Stephanie Campeau, Joan Dillard, Tina Donze, Ed Falls, Kim Gordon, John Hawkins, Joe Hellberg, Cathy Kintner, Karen Lopez, Carol McGuire, Bonnie Moore, Mike Moors, Ray Reynolds, Mike Yaros.

Secretary's Report – Karen Lopez

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Yaors was misspelled.

Ray Reynolds moved to accept the minutes, Cathy Kintner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Cathy Kintner

Current balance is \$3295.70.

Joe Hellberg moved to accept the report, Ray Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Band and Orchestra Report – Mike Yaros

We do plan to use the online registration system as we have for the past few years. According to Charles Bullard, the system should be available for VP's to set up the festivals by the end of the week. John Hawkins moved to accept this report, Cathy Kintner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Solo and Ensemble Report – Joan Dillard

The postmark deadline for MS S/E is October 19. **The postmark deadline for HS S/E is December 2. This is a change from what was previously posted.**

Cathy Kintner moved to accept this report. Mike Yaros seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjudicator's Report – Ray Reynolds

All judges have been hired for our upcoming festivals (4 MS S/E, 5 HS S/E, 4 for each B/O). The state office will let us know exactly how many adjudicators will be needed for Solo and Ensemble Festivals after our registration deadlines.

John Hawkins moved to accept this report. Tina Donze seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President's Report – Ed Falls

The district calendar was attached to the President's Report. It will also be available online with deadlines included, as soon as Ed gets the login information from the state office. There is only one conflict with MSVMA this year (All-Star Band and MSVMA State S/E).

Please note the registration deadline for MSBOA is September 21, after that date, the fee increases by \$40. Charles Bullard commented that if you are having trouble meeting any deadline, you should contact the state office prior to the deadline. They may be able to help, or waive late fees.

There is an adjudicator workshop for Solo and Ensemble this year. Applications are due by October 1. The workshop will be held on December 12.

The 11th Annual Survival Camp will be held on November 6 and 7 in Mt. Pleasant. It is not only for new directors. The applications are online and are due by October 28.

The handbook is in the process of being updated and will soon be available online. Please check the yearbook to ensure that you are familiar with all rules and procedures. Please make sure that you know what is required of you and your students.

There are new Chamber Ensemble categories, they are as follows:
Woodwind; Brass; Mixed; String; Percussion; Woodwind Choir; Brass Choir

Cathy Kintner moved to accept this report. Tina Donze seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Medals – Sandi Ahlers

Sandi wondered if B/O medals were being distributed as efficiently as possible by handing them out at the Spring meeting. It was decided that medals would continue to be available at the Spring meeting, and any medals that had to be mailed out because of non-attendance at the Spring meeting would be sent C.O.D. (see new business).

Karen Lopez will get a count of the number of S/E medals at her school and let Sandi know. Karen will get the S/E medals to Ray for the December festival.

All-Star Band – Kim Gordon

All-Star Band will be held on April 16 and 17 at Houghton Lake High School. Audition music will be available online as soon as Ed gets access to the website. Kim took down names of suggested guest directors.

Emeritus – Mike Yaros

We should invite emeritus members to our fall meetings to see if/when they would like to volunteer to help at festivals, etc.

FIC – John Hawkins

Downloaded music will need to be discussed several more times before the new rule goes into effect. The proposed rule states that the site chair of each festival will make the decision about whether appropriate “proof of purchase” is present.

The FIC also cleaned up the language in the Marching Band Festival rules so that every knows precisely when time will begin being kept.

Music Ed. – Joe Hellberg

The Music Ed committee discussed advocacy at their recent meeting. What do we want MSBOA to do for us locally and statewide? There is not enough good publicity for band programs. One suggestion is a Fine Arts Night. Ed suggested getting involved on your School Improvement Team Committee to make yourself visible and heard. John suggested having a core arts roundtable in your district so that all arts staff are working together.

Elementary Music

No Report.

Music Technology – Ed Falls

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Old Business

- a. CD Recorder for Adjudicator Comments – We will be covered for this year (Ed has a recorder to use at the Gladwin site and will get it to Karen in Oscoda for the late site) and will revisit this again next year.
- b. Posting of S/E ratings at Warm Up Room instead of Performance Room – Ray Reynolds moved that “posting of ratings should be moved from the Performance Room to the Warm Up Room”. Mike Yaros seconded the motion. This new procedure will be discussed at worker’s meetings at S/E Festivals. The motion passed.
- c. Elementary Music Committee Rep - Mike Moors and Mike Yaros volunteered to fill this vacant position.
- d. B/O Pilot Project – John Hawkins moved that “we continue non-participation in the B/O pilot project”. Bonnie Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business

- a. District Meeting Attendance – Ed is uncomfortable making decisions at meeting with low attendance. Also, the same people keep trading jobs, while others never take a job. Ed distributed a copy of District 1’s attendance policy. The general feeling of the members present was that a telephone call should be made prior to each meeting to those members who are not usually present. Bonnie requested that maps to each meeting location be included with the email reminders.
- b. District 3 S/E Pilot Project – The new adjudication system being used by District 3 is a numerical system, instead of using letter grades. Judges need to be contacted ahead of time so that they know if our district is going to use this system. There has been little opposition from judges on the system. Basically, instead of having three letter grades determine a rating, a total number of points would determine the rating. This is similar to the procedure currently used by MSVMA.
- c. Delivery of medals at Spring meetings – John Hawkins moved “to charge shipping to directors who are not in attendance at Spring meeting if medals are in and available”. Tina Donze seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Announcement

District IX will pay the registration fee for up to 3 years for new teachers in our MSBOA District to attend Survival Camp. The cost of this is approximately \$70.00

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen R. Lopez, Secretary
MSBOA District IX