

MSBOA District 9 Spring Meeting Notes

In Attendance -Ed Falls, Ken Feneley, Kim Gordon, Jeanine and Ken Henning, Brandon Jerashen, Karen Lopez, Jason Lowe, Dennis Ormsbee, Paul Shimmons, Mat VanHam, Eric Vinciguerra

Not in Attendance - Phil Baker, Jacob Barnby, Shane Billingsley, Seth Kilbourn, Cathy Kintner, Mike Gozzard, Megan Wolfgang

Meeting called to order at 5:25 - May 7, 2018

Welcome to our guests - Ken and Dennis.

Secretary's Report - Megan was not here due to her spring concert. Group read minutes from last meeting. Eric's last name was missing from the report and Jeannine's name was mis-spelled. No further corrections.

Move to accept - Karen moved to accept and Second to accept - Jeannine seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Cathy was not here due to State Choral Festival

The reason the B&O has such a large balance is because of the adjusted fee structure.

Move to accept - Karen

Second to accept - Jason

Band & Orchestra Report - Karen

Thank you all for traveling all the way to Oscoda.

Move to accept - Jason

Second to accept - Eric

Discussion - Thanks so much for hosting!

Solo & Ensemble Report - Matt

Pretty straightforward and all went well. We now have extra medals.

Move to accept - Karen

Second to accept - Jason

Discussion - Matt will get with Cathy in the Fall so we can order medals earlier.

Adjudicators Report - Megan not here. She is working on hiring judges so if you have specific concerns please share with Ed or Megan. Adjudicator invitations go out May 1st

Move to accept - None as there is no report

Second to accept -

Discussion - We should make a Google form or something to evaluate Adjudicators from District Band Festival and S&E maybe as well? Paul will put this together.

President's Report - Ed

Same report basically as last year. If we as band directors do not step up and take care of the different jobs then the district would not run. He encourages ALL to get involved!

This is his last year. We need to get rid of the old District 9 website.

Move to accept - Karen
Second to accept - Eric
Discussion - Karen says thank you for all Ed's years of work!

Committee Reports -

All Star Band - Kim

Need ideas for High School and Middle School directors. Jon Pasquale. New person from SVSU might be better for High School Mr. Wilka - Mark or Margaret VanHouse for Middle School. Susan Gould from Greenville would be great for either. Dave Gott from Haslett would be great for either. Dan Wilson retired from Frankfort. Matt Ludwig from Marquette.

Ed says that Mike would be willing to host All Star in 2019.

All State Band - Kim is willing to record again next year and be our site for All State Auditions.

Emeritus - Cathy - Nothing

FIC - Jason

No meetings since the last time we have meet.

Music Ed - Mike (Not here)

No meetings since the last time we have meet.

Music Technology - Paul -

Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS

Marching Band Expo -

See the document in the shared drive. This would be on Wednesday the 26th of September.

Format - 3 clinicians making comments... much like Cadillac and Midland. Non-competitive format.

Performance Times - 25 minutes each.

Charge admission for spectators not charging performing groups an entry fee.

Need a minimum of four groups to make this happen.

Ed says we need a motion for us to pursue this venture as Jason has laid it out

Motion - Eric

Second - Matt

Discussion - To open up performance slots to bands from outside District 9 is a positive suggestion.

All in favor = everyone

All opposed = none

Motion passes and Jason will be updating the document in the shared drive folder as well as getting more information out to our members.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken and Dennis -

Read the attached report the gentlemen passed out.

Ken started in 1962. Giving us a bit of historical perspective on Dit 9 . Stated that those in the big towns, at that time, looked down their noses a bit at us up here in District 9. It had been stated "Not enough good bands in Northern Michigan".

Ken wants us newbies to understand that District 9 has had a huge impact on MSBOA.

Our Dist 9 Directors were a part of changing the policy of how many required numbers were on the list for band festival. Also the change from one state festival site to multiple sites. And so on....

He encourages us that if there is something that needs to be changed then dig in and make it happen!

Dennis is discussing band festivals. Throwing out ideas of different formats and thoughts of possibilities. When ideas were presented in the past at the state level they would be told "We've never tried it that way before so we can't do that!"

District Band Festival - could be done without sight reading. Have four adjudicators and they could actually come up and give comments out loud for like 10 minutes.

Question was asked "But would we qualify for State Band Festival if we did not do sight-reading at District."

Pilot project - try it out and if it doesn't work then try something else.

We would need a motion for a pilot project like this. Need to create a proposal to take to the state MSBOA board. The earlier discussion about holding festival at someplace like SVSU was explored and found to be very cost prohibitive.

Director Emeritus members are now allowed on the MSBOA website so they can see festival ratings.

Where do the football teams and basketball teams play state games at? Why shouldn't Band Festival be someplace like that?

Lots of discussion about possible formats for District Band Festival.

Kens idea of being here is to set a fire under us. Don't be afraid to believe in ourselves. This place is some place special. Speak up and speak your piece with out fear.

Dennis is throwing out the fact that "back in the day" the Band Directors would have a kick off BBQ. After each district meeting they would go and have a time of getting to know each other.

Possible Proposal - Rotate clinicians. Have 5. Have the choice for a band that wants to qualify for State Festival to still do sight-reading. Maybe don't do the clinic on stage because kids clam up. But they do MSVMA clinics right on stage.

Ed is asking for several people to step up and put together a proposal for the Fall. Jason and Matt have volunteered. Megan will be included in the discussions as she is adjudicator chair.

2018-2019 Site Selection

Fall Meeting - Tait's in Oscoda
Winter Meeting/All Star Listening - Augres at Kims parents house
All State Auditions - AuGres HS
Band and Orchestra - Oscoda
Solo and Ensemble JH - Tawas
Solo and Ensemble SH - Beaverton
All Star - Alpena
Spring Meeting - WEDNESDAY May 8, 2019 in West Branch

Elections -

A:Secretary - Karen nominates Kim Gordon, Paul seconds - All in Favor=Everyone
B:President - Karen nominates Jason Lowe, Matt seconds - All in Favor=Everyone
C:Committee Chairs - need a new FIC person. Brandon Jerashen was appointed.

President - Jason Lowe
S&E - Matt VanHam
B&O - Karen Lopez
Secretary - Kim Gordon
Treasurer - Cathy Kintner
FIC - Brandon Jerashen
Music Ed - Eric Vinciguerra

District 9 Teacher of the Year

- Karen moves that Kim Gordon would be an amazing choice to represent Dist 9 and all that we are up here. She also feels Kim would be an amazing choice to represent us so very well at the state level. Karen feels she would be taken seriously across the state as a remarkable music educator.

Ed has seconded that Karen be selected.

All in Favor of Kim Gordon for District 9 Teacher of the Year = All

Ed is passing on congratulations to Kim that her band was the best all around performance that he heard out of five groups performing at MMC.

Ken F is suggesting a Pep Band Festival that is evaluated by our principals.

Karen moves we adjourn, Jason seconds. All in Favor = ALL

Meeting adjourned at 7:21PM
(Respectfully submitted by TP Shimmons)

MSBOA District IX

President's Report

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to their students and our profession this year. All of the events that we sponsor went very smoothly due to all of you being willing to go the extra mile to make sure the job gets done. You are a wonderful bunch of people to work with and it is an honor to represent you as District 9 President. As you know several of our offices are open at this time. As we look to the future I would like to encourage all of you to become more involved with MSBOA. I remember when I took my first Vice President position. I was nervous and wondered what it exactly it would entail. As I worked through the next two years, and then the next few Offices, I found that the work was not difficult and there were always people I could call on to help me out if I needed it. As President I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many wonderful people from all over our state. It has been a growth experience that I would not trade for anything. I know that we are all busy with our own programs and our own lives, but I would ask you to consider volunteering for one of these positions to help lighten the load for everyone.

I would like finish by sharing a few thoughts:

1. PLAN AHEAD! Coordinate 2018-2019 dates for District and State Events with your administration/athletic departments now - to avoid conflicts. The 2018-2019 Calendar for our District will be available on our web site <https://dist9msboa.weebly.com/>
2. Renew MSBOA Memberships on line before you leave for the summer if possible.
3. Be involved in your local school district's School Improvement committee, Curriculum committee, etc... so that you have a voice for your program! Get your parents involved as well.
4. Attend the State Meeting at Okemos HS on Saturday June 2 at 1:30 pm.

I hope that your year end preparations are progressing well and that your concerts, parades, exams ... go well. I have enjoyed serving as your president and look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Falls

MSBOA District IX

Treasurer's Report ~ May 7, 2018 Catherine S.
Kintner

Checking balance: \$8,838.32

Festival income/expenses/payments should be closed out by now.

I will send check to the State office this week.

All Star Proposed Income: \$3,050		Expenses: \$2,763.28	
Marty Marks/SR Dir= \$554.40 Roger Weyersberg/JR Dir = \$526.52			
Food SSC Food Service = \$993.20			
Super 8 hotel/2 guest conductors = \$156.66			
Band Ribbons = \$456.35			
Kim Gordon - Listening Session = \$76.15			
Junior High Solo & Ensemble @ Beaverton on December 2, 2017		Senior High Solo & Ensemble @ Tawas on February 2, 2018	
Income = \$2,913 Total expenses = \$1,501.86 (does NOT include medals)		Income = \$3,223.00 Total expenses = \$2,015.62 (does NOT include medals)	
Medals		Medals	
3 rooms @ RiverTown Inn of Gladwin \$327.00		4 rooms for Adj (reimburse Tawas booster parent) \$324.00	
Tom Golden Adj \$284.30 Karen Burdette Adj \$190.00 Danielle Burdette Adj \$277.74 Gregory Adamus Adj \$272.82		Paul DeSimone Adj \$280.20 Bonnie Moore Adj \$331.86 Gregory Adamus Adj \$338.53 Daniel Burdette Adj \$299.85	
Beaverton Music Boosters (meals on site) \$150.00		Tawas Band Boosters (meal on site) \$126.18	
		Raymond Reynolds (piano tuning) \$315.00	

Band & Orchestra Festival @ Oscoda on March 9/10, 2018
Income = \$5,430 + \$62 (SR music purchased by state) Total expenses = \$2,192.92
Tom Golden Adj \$477.75 Patrick DeWitt Adj \$535.56 Ralph Schweigert Adj \$460.12 Roger Stevens Adj \$447.00
5 rooms @ Americinn of Oscoda \$453.00
JW Pepper (sight reading music) \$272.49

No bill from Karen (meals)

30 bands signed up: 27 @ \$180 class C/D groups - 3 @ \$190 class A/B performed

Officer Expenses/State Office	\$1,063.81.
Meals @ Meetings/DDD/MMC	

**MSBOA District IX Solo and Ensemble Report
Monday, May 7, 2018**

Medals Inventory: Blue - 204 Red - 180

Ratings: 1st Division - 80 2nd Division - 44 Scratches/No Ratings - 70

<p align="center">MSBOA District 9 Senior High Solo and Ensemble Location: Tawas HS February 3, 2018</p>												
School	Solos	Duets	Trios	Quartets	Quintets	Sextets	Septets	Octets	Chamber	Total	Payment	Check Number
Alpena	32	15	2	2		2				53	762	2475
Atlanta	4									4	48	2045
AuGres-Sims	11	6	2		1					20	293	1823
Beaverton	7	4								11	140	1006; 1007
Clare	5	1	1	1						8	123	1880
Gladwin	10	5	2	1	1	1				20	330	2450701 3770
Hale	4			1			1			6	111	6009
Harrison	4	1	1							6	83	10729
Houghton Lake	5	8								13	172	1850
Oscoda	7		1					1		9	140	1638
Pinconning	5	5	2	1						13	200	1542; 1543
Standish	3	5								8	106	60087
Tawas	15	8	1	1		1	1		3	30	516	129
West Branch	9	4			1					14	199	3001
Totals	121	62	12	7	3	4	2	1	3	215	3223	

MSBOA District 9

Kenny and Denny, your friendly commentators from times past. Our experiences date from 1967.

Some historical facts of our influences:

- A. We were influential in MSBOA's change from 1 required selection to 3.
- B. We were influential in MSBOA's change from 3 selections to unlimited choices allowing smaller classification ensembles to choose from any larger classification and yet participate in your own class.
- C. We were influential in changing from the state festival being held in one metropolitan area to regional sites with multiple classifications at each site.
- D. We piloted a project at district festival to allow additional time (10 minutes) for each band's performance to allow for one adjudicator to verbally critique the performance.
- E. We were influential in altering State S/E Percussion Requirements so the performers and directors didn't have to hire a moving van to provide needed equipment.

Thoughts for you:

Festival Improvements have been talked about since MSBOA's inception and there is a standing committee dedicated to them. And, frankly, the actual "improvements" are hard to recognize.

If you have ideas or concerns it is imperative that you become active in the association. Remember that you are working with others with an ego as strong or larger than you own. Thus, persuasion becomes the most important factor.

Know that MSBOA originated with people just like you and me. Dale Harris was human being. Bill Revelli and Leonard Falcone were human. H. Robert Reynolds is a human. Kevin Sedatole is human. Jack Williamson likewise. But other than Dale Harris, none has been a member of MSBOA other than honorary.

Do not expect improvement without participation, preferentially yours, and determination and work.

Whatever MSBOA has achieved or represents required commitment from its membership. We, Denny and Kenny, are the relics of your profession. And we are infinitely proud of it.

I, Kenny, eternally believe that my career would have been boring without festivals. They provided my students and my children opportunities that would otherwise have been unavailable.