

VBODA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 17, 1994

Norfolk Waterside Hotel

10:00am

Call to Order [Stan Schoonover]

President Stan Schoonover called the meeting to order at 10:04am. Members present were: Stan Schoonover, Ron Simmons, Mary Wagner, Carl Bly, Linda Gammon, Mike Kirby, Sidney Berg, Dwight Leonard, Dan Schoemmel, Scott Lambert, Steve Ambrose, Wayne Powell, Jack Elgin, Diana Love, Steve King

Presentation of Plaque [Stan Schoonover] to Dwight Leonard for outstanding service as President of VBODA.

[Berg] suggested that we present the plaque at the general meeting or a public event.

[Schoonover] we have the same presentation for Gail Barnes and this will be made at the general meeting on Friday.

Treasurer's Report [Mike Kirby]

Manual	\$11,207.43
All-Virginia	\$23,019.71
General	\$900.02
Medals	\$14,727.69
Marching Band	-0-
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$49,854.87</u>

Treasurer's report was approved by the executive board.

Marching Band Report [Jack Elgin]

The total income from 4 sites was \$22, 843.81
Total expenses were \$13, 702.65
Total income was \$8, 091.16

Concern [Elgin] a marching band judge was verbally accosted by a band director in front of parents during the judges lunch break. What action should be taken on this issue?

[Sid] President on behalf of executive board should send a letter to the band director and a copy to the principal.

[Schoemmel] Guard sheet should be re-worked because there are only 3 categories and only one of them is execution-based. Maybe we could break it into 5 or 7 categories so that guards would not be judged so much on content but execution.

[Schoonover] Maybe we don't need a colorguard judge and sheet.

[Bly] It should be judged on the "total" program

[Schoonover] Jack should re-work the colorguard sheet and present it at the April meeting.

[Schoemmel] Should there be compensation for the host of the Marching Festival.

[Schoonover] In the past VMEA has only paid those who fill out the financial report.

[Elgin] The host organizes and secures the facilities.

MOTION [Simmons] SECOND [Leonard] to pay the Marching Band Festival host \$150.00 honorarium starting in 1995.

MOTION PASSED

Stan will see that this is inserted into the new handbook

[Elgin] 88 groups registered for the Festival
 84 groups performed
 45 groups received superior ratings

Manual Report [Sid Berg] "Band World" is producing the total package.

I had the school board print up some copies of updates. 400 sets cost \$16.84.

[Ambrose] Would like to see about getting an allotment to pay an hourly rate for help with the merging of the manual.

[Berg] Retail price for the new manual should be \$50.00. We have an arrangement with "Band World" to provide free advertising, ordering, and shipping, etc. They will pay VBODA a royalty.

[Gammon] When is the next fee due?

MOTION [Berg] SECOND [Leonard] to put a \$500.00 cap on assistance w/ the manual. MOTION PASSED.

Manual Fee Increase Discussion [Berg] We need to look at a manual fee increase.

[Gammon] When was the last increase?

[Berg] 1989

[Schoonover] That was just a \$10.00 surcharge

[Berg] It has always been \$10.00 per year. Band World makes a profit on the sale but they give us a percentage. Instrumentalist gave us 30% after we reached \$12,000.00 and that included what we bought for the state.

[Schoonover] I don't think that we will get the profits off of this one that we received from the last.

[Ambrose] Do we want to market the disc format? Will there be an extra fee for the disc?

[Gammon] Yes, the disc will be an extra fee.

[Berg] Who is going to produce the disc and what is it going to cost?

[Schoonover] The committee will do all the work on the discs and come up with a report about cost and reproduction.

[Lambert] We need to make it clear that our manual is copyrighted. If we make the disc available then we lose control.

[Schoonover] The disc will be strictly informational and will include a Disclaimer that the official document is the printed manual so they can't move grades around. How many books for publishers does VBODA want order?

[Berg] About 75

[Schoonover] How many more to sell?

[Berg] We shouldn't be selling any as long as we have the arrangement with Band World.

[Schoonover] We will order 100 of the Comb-bound, 75 for the publishers and 25 in house then. 1200 should take care of the membership.

MOTION [Schoemmel] SECOND [Bly] to make disc only available to membership. MOTION PASSED

[Schoonover] requested to talk with Scott Lambert before negotiating contract with Band World.

We should have a tele-conference in December after the discussion with Band World.

[Lambert] Concern about copyright

Manual Committee is to research information concerning the disc - perhaps scrambling schemes.

ALL-VIRGINIA AUDITIONS REPORT [Ron Simmons] JMU has been secured for auditions through 1997

MOTION [Simmons] SECOND [Bly] to accept JMU's two year offer. PASSED.

[Simmons] Jay Megaw will do auditions and assistance. Postcards and labels will go out soon to all of those directors who have judged within the last two years. The bass clarinet book through Southern music is temporarily out of print. The String Bass audition for band is the same as the orchestra audition.

The All-VA event will be held at Gar-Field High School on April 6,7 &8.

Conductors are: Thom Wilkins - Tampa - Orchestra
Frank Wickes - LSU - Band

The 996 All-VA will be held in Blacksburg on April 11, 12 & 3.

[Schoonover] We have a with the date for All-state band next year as published by VMEA "Notes" because it is on the same weekend as MENC Nationals. We need to look at the calendar and confirm the date and then see if we might want to change it. Committee to be formed for VMEA to study the feasibility of having the conference in the spring.

OLD BUSINESS [Schoonover] Dan Kosko is working on about 70 pages of the new Administrative handbook. A disc will be available of forms and will be hopefully distributed through Band World.

[Schoonover] There is a **Call FOR CLINICS** for next year. Clinicians must be willing to come at no cost or to be covered by an exhibitor at VMEA.

DISTRIBUTION MANAGER [Schoonover]

[Bly] suggests a handling fee.

[Schoemmel] We need to clarify the position.

[Powell] The distribution manager will collect fees and handle all distribution.

[Schoonover] The Distribution Manager will be in charge of record-keeping and distribution at the conference.

[Berg] No elected officers get paid.

MOTION [Berg] SECOND [Schoemmel] That the distribution manager be a non-voting member of the board. VBODA will cover mileage and lodging. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION [Berg] SECOND [Kirby] to appoint Wayne Powell as distribution manager. MOTION PASSED.

RECORDING CONTRACT [Schoonover] bids will go out for All-State recording - to be discussed by teleconference or at All-Virginia auditions.

STRING BUSINESS [Mary Wagner] No string business.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION [Steve King]

PAST PRESIDENTS We had stopped inviting most of the past Presidents who we had not seen on a regular basis.

[Schoemmel] When a past President leaves the state and then returns, they must attend one meeting as a non-voting member. They are then eligible to vote after that meeting. Even the non-voting past presidents should be given mileage and lodging.

[King] The general policy is the same as VMEA.

50TH ANNIVERSARY HONOR BAND & ORCHESTRA [Simmons]

MOTION [Simmons] SECOND [Wagner] Use All-VA members first then fill in from District Bands for fair representation from each District. PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS [Schoonover] There was no new business.

MOTION [Bly] to adjourn

ADJOURNMENT @ 2:00

Respectfully submitted by Melinda McKenzie from notes taken by Linda Gammon.