

# VBODA DISTRICT VII

## Band Director Meeting Minutes

Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center Bristol, VA

February 6, 2015 at 2:45 p.m.

- I. Call to Order - Bruce
  - a. Matthew Frederick from E&H to speak
- II. Minutes of Last Meeting - approved and seconded by Bobby Balengee
- III. Recognition of New Directors/Transfers in District
- IV. New Manuals (everything is online now) and Participation Fees
- V. Reports
  - a. State Marching Festival (Matthew Shrewsbury)
    1. Weather issues, but went pretty well...not hosting next year at Pulaski HS
  - b. All-District Auditions (Mark Collins)
    1. Went well, very few issues...asking for feedback on baritones/euphoniums and tubas
    2. Audition numbers were up this year
    3. Over \$6000 to the event
  - c. Jr./Sr. All-District Band Clinic (Ben Parks)
    1. Smoothest getting checked in (thanks to Taryn Wooten and Bob Balengee)
    2. Medals on the bar, colors marked
    3. Thanks to Mark Collins (\$6770.47)
    4. \$13,085.28 is budget for the event...up \$1.00 from last year
    5. Appalachian State University coming tonight - encourage students to stay and listen to group - Taryn made arrangements for them to be here
    6. Breaking down directors' changing room at 4:00
    7. Asking for help on Saturday night break-down
    8. Certificates - if have wrong one or wrong spellings, e-mail to Ben next week
    9. Thank everyone for allowing him to do this for 11 years - stepping down
  - d. Concert Assessment (Kevin English)
    1. Documents online on website
    2. Date discrepancies - going on Wednesday if only a 1-day event instead of on Thursday - has copies of letters

3. 23-25 bands, more people bringing 2 groups; budget has gone down
  4. Sending a list of schools who have initially committed to participating
  5. (Bruce said...Andrew Loft, president-elect, adjudicator training is going through...probably one trained adjudicator per year until all trained - diagnose problem, give solution - to be put on the panel have to go through a mock adjudication and meet a certain criteria - musical nuances but using rubric - Ulee put in a plug for it too)
- e. All-Virginia Auditions - 02/28/15 @ JMU (Bruce Miller)
1. Needs a list of 10 directors who are interested in judging - see Bruce ASAP - if judged last year you go on bottom of list and if not, then go to top of the list
  2. Registration for All-Virginia is completely online and scoring - may be asked to bring a smart-device with you to be able to score
- f. All-Virginia Band & Orchestra Event - 04/09-04/11-15 @ Christopher Newport University (Bruce Miller) S. B. - Dr. Lawrence Stoffel (California St. Uni., Northridge) , C. B.- Dr. Damon Tally (L.S.U.), Orch. -Dr. Anthony Maiello (George Mason Uni.)
1. Mentioned the professional development opportunities available

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. Sites and Dates for 2015-2016 (tentative)
1. 2015 Solo and Ensemble
    1. Area I (Buchanan, Lee, Wise, Scott, Dickenson, Tazewell, and Norton)- \_\_\_\_????\_\_\_\_
    2. Area II (Washington, Bristol, Smyth, and Russell)- \_\_\_\_Ulee Daniels\_\_\_\_
      - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of May (5-5-15)
      - b. Payment of judges even if your students don't go
    3. Area III (Wythe, Bland, Carroll, Giles, Galax, Pulaski, and Grayson) - \_\_\_\_????\_\_\_\_
  2. 2015 State Marching Band Assessment (Future West Site - Oct 24, 2015)
    1. Bruce spoke to Steve Rice, who requested Richlands host this site... needing 6-7 directors to represent
    2. Ulee encouraging participation so that we don't lose the event
    3. Bobby Balengee spoke about judging; trying to standardize judging with training, etc.
    4. Dan Wilner said got best tapes he'd ever gotten with good feedback this past October; Bruce agrees with quality of tapes
    5. At least 10 expressed interest
    6. Dan said may be some from District 6 to come too
  3. 2015 VMEA In-Service Conference - (Nov. 19-21, Norfolk, VA - Hotel reservations now open at vmea.com)

1. Bruce talked to Steve Rice, encouraged to attend...registration is free for new directors
  2. 2016 back to Homestead
  3. Linda Gammon no longer in charge of conference...took over for Moe Turrentine
  4. Committee doing this now, and looking for “new blood”VMEA
  5. Terry Hall - suggests for us to get involved so that we have a voice in the state
4. All-District Auditions (Mark Collins - Dec. 12, 2015) - confirmed that is correct date; snow-date is January 9, 2015
  5. Concert Assessment (Kevin English - March 9 & 10, 2016)  
Location:\_\_\_\_\_Virginia High School\_\_\_\_\_
  6. All-Virginia Band & Orchestra (Bruce Miller - Auditions: 02/27/16; Event 04/07-04/09/16 TBA) - not a confirmed location yet...VBODA postponed election of doing a combined band and choir and orchestra - as soon as announcement is made, Bruce will notify us
  7. Bruce expressed thank you for those who host events

b. Discussion

1. 2016 District Band Event Chair, Host, & Equipment Coordinator (Bruce Miller)
  1. Taryn Wooten and Logan Childress, Bobby Balengee will help and willing to train someone who will take over here (possibly Mike Farina and Brandon Guffy)
  2. Bruce asked new folks to meet with him tomorrow at 10 a.m. along with “old” folks
2. Electronic Registration & Score Keeping for District Auditions (Bob Ballengee)
  1. Jeff Kleiber, down in Raleigh, NC, everything is electronic from judges to tabulation area; web-based and get it cleared with Washington Co. tech people; maybe test this
    - a. JJ said uses a very generic version of this at All-County for Wise
    - b. Mark said the kids aren’t behind a screen...have an assigned time to go in; technology is good when it works, but useless if it doesn’t work; entering score, what if mistakenly entered wrong number; paper trail and Gary Holley’s program with fail-safe software...not VBODA who has money to hire people to trouble-shoot
    - c. Gary Skeen discussed that may help free up people who are runners to the tabulation room
    - d. Dan Wilner said wait to see how the state experience goes

- e. Ulee suggests discussion with pre-registration; Mark worried a greater number of no-shows; Ulee thinks this is something we need to pursue
- f. JJ asked if one of us would be able to see how the process works at state...
- g. Bruce said something about doing online pre-registration
- h. Katie asked about any other districts who do this electronically
- i. Ulee said orchestra people in Fairfax do this
- j. Scotty Lambert (District 4, 6, Fairfax Co., Loudon Co., 12, 9, 11, 13)
- k. Bruce suggested forming a committee or group to investigate this further for future
- l. Dan Wilner suggests open dialogue with others who are doing this
- m. Will Shell said registration might be beneficial so that they don't have to stand in the long lines; said he thinks the paper-trail is more important for auditions
- n. Kevin Faller - possibility of ruining integrity of blind auditions

### 3. All District Scale Requirements (Logan Childress)

- 1. Talked about alignment of percussion requirements with state level
- 2. Align other instruments' scales, fluency, tempo
- 3. Some discussion between Ric Munsey and Ulee about role of scale being like the prepared etude for All-State audition
- 4. Mark Collins asking about how difficult it is to adjust from one way of doing it to another
- 5. Logan said his logic behind this is that it will help those who are auditioning at state level; said not necessarily tempo change, but alignment of articulations
- 6. Scotty Lambert, junior level is altered for the age-group
- 7. Ulee and Ric again
- 8. Will Shell said we should be teaching the articulation stuff anyway; tone quality; etc.

### c. Motions

- 1. Mark Collins made a motion to "scales for senior district winds to align with All-State auditions - Tom Burniston seconded the motion
  - 1. Discussion: Closed discussion
  - 2. Vote: 28 votes for yes
  - 3. Motion Passes

2. Dan Wilner made motion to “All-District Audition lunches to be brought to directors in audition rooms to keep auditions moving - Josh Brown seconded the motion
  1. Discussion: Long wait times for students during the lunch times
  2. Ric Munsey suggested possible problems that Mark Collins might have
  3. Mark Collins said could do this if possible may be
  4. 24 voted yes; none opposed
  5. Motion passes
3. D. Riddle made motion to “Jr. District Scales Requirement to include All-State Requirement for articulation only”- Gary Skeen - amended “Jr. District Major Scales Requirement to include the All-State requirement for articulation and tempo”
  1. Ric Munsey raised issue of those freshman who may have trouble with both
  2. JJ raised issue of quality versus speed
  3. Will Shell mentioned issue of judging based on speed, etc.
  4. Gary Skeen referred to no trumpets playing at correct tempo
  5. Dan Wilner asked if we are going to give them the tempo
  6. Bruce said we just need to leave junior scales and not change the tempo...just the articulation
  7. Vote: 17 yes; 5 no
  8. Motion passes

d. Elections

1. District VII Marching Assessment Committee Nominations
  1. Logan Childress
  2. Dan Wilner - 24 - elected to serve on this committee
  3. Taryn Wooten - 1
2. District Secretary Elections (2-yr term)
  1. Allison Deel -26 - elected to serve as district secretary
  2. Elizabeth Good - 9
3. District Representative Elections (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2017) - not VMEA rep...goes to choral this time
  1. Bruce Miller - 30
  2. Ulee Daniels -

e. Recognitions & Announcements

1. Mark said score-sheets will be in the directors' lounge
2. Don't forget medals

f. Miscellaneous

1. Bruce wants to create guest-clinician committee tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. directors' lounge
2. Bruce wants to create a Concert Assessment adjudicator committee to meet tomorrow at 10 a.m. directors' lounge
3. Matthew Frederick invite us to come by the E&H band table to see some opportunities for our students; scholarships available for students regardless of major; looking at a potential \$22,000; All-State prep day on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>; on-site admissions and auditions
4. Mike Farina - speaking about state marching festival; looking at October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Carroll County HS if they don't do it on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Ben Parks made the motion
- b. Donnie Riddle seconded the motion