



## MINUTES

December 13, 2014

West High School Band Room

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Units Represented: Anderson County; Attraction Independent Winterguard; Dade County, Georgia; Farragut; Fulton; Grainger County; Gibbs; Heritage; Karns; Maryville; Seymour; South-Doyle; West (Knox); William Blount

### I. Reading and Approval of September 9, 2014 Minutes

September 9, 2014 Minutes were read by Jana Hanson; minutes were approved.

### II. Financial Report

Financial report was given by Jana Hanson; report was approved.

### III. Judge & Contest Coordinator Report

Vic Truscelli discussed need for judges. Because of budgetary issues (and because this is our inaugural season), he has stayed as local as possible when soliciting judges. We have an abundance of percussion judges, and we are solid for the beginning of the season for guard judges. We need additional guard judges for the latter contests. If there are any suggestions for judges, please let Vic know.

WGI has released their 2015 handbook. Copies may be purchased from WGI for \$15. Electronic copies with limited available access may be purchased for \$200. ETPAA is currently not able to purchase a copy of the handbook for limited access (such as for circuit members), but this is something we would like to do in the future.

There was a request to provide an invoice for judges' transportation and fees prior to the end of a contest so show hosts may receive payment from their band boosters (if necessary) with as much advance notice as possible.

The Timing & Penalty judge will possibly be a volunteer our first season (Jim Idol has volunteered). This would be a good entry-level position for someone unfamiliar with judging who is interested in learning.

#### IV. President's Report

Keith Clupper thanked the show hosts present for their willingness to be involved. He reviewed our contest schedule. He spoke about getting out to local shows, even those hosted by other circuits.

Keith let those in attendance know Vic Truscelli and Jim Idol would be willing to discuss ETPAA or judging or starting a guard with any person interested. Anything they could help with, they would be happy to do so.

#### V. Old Business

No old business.

#### VI. New Business

##### A. Election of new Novice representative

Due to Whitney Lankford moving to Florida, a new Novice class representative would need to be voted to the Board. Saundra Pitt was nominated and voted into the position.

##### B. Season sponsorship by Lippo's Music

Kathy Lippo had contacted us with interest in sponsoring ETPAA. She is involved in CIPA and has been involved in marching band contests. Per Kathy's conversation with Jana Hanson on December 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- Lippo's Music would take out a full-page ad in show host's program

- ETPAA members would receive a discount on goods/merchandise
- She (or a representative) would be present at all ETPAA shows as a vendor. She asks that announcers remind the crowd periodically throughout the show.
- She would take out the back cover ad for Championships.
- She mentioned an employee of hers who takes action photography who could also set up for group shots at Championships.

A question asked during discussion is would the funds of her sponsorship go through the show hosts or the circuit. It was decided monies would go through show hosts.

An ad hoc committee chairman was selected to discuss this sponsorship with other show hosts (for consistent costs, e.g., program ads). Doug Wheeling will contact the other show hosts and Kathy Lippo to hammer out concrete details of this sponsorship.

#### C. Patches/medals at Championships

We had discussed patches and/or medals at Championships at one of our earlier meetings. Nothing official was determined, so the subject was brought back up.

Discussion was had on the value of patches versus medals. It was decided all participants would receive a patch. Medals would be awarded at Championships for first, second, and third places of each class. A motion was made and approved to budget \$2,500.00 for four inch patches and medals. Kevin Smart volunteered to research custom medals, and Jana Hanson volunteered to find a logo design for the patches.

#### D. Non-member lanyards (number per unit)

It was decided that non-member units would receive seven (7) passes per unit but not lanyards specifically.

#### E. "Is the unit ready?" prompt for Prep and Novice guards

Discussion was had on "is the unit ready?" prompt for Prep and Novice guards. Since neither Prep nor Novice guards attend WGI events, the prompt is not used at the local circuit level for any unit (guard or percussion). There were questions about whether the change from circuit competition to WGI competition (and the fact that WGI doesn't give any spoken prompt) would be confusing. Would the prompt be written into the percussion classes script as well? Shouldn't there be consistency throughout?

It was decided that "is the unit ready?" would be added to the announcer's script for each and every class of both percussion and guard.

## VII. Performance draws

The draw order follows the unit at Championships, and stays with the unit through promotion (if applicable).

### **PERCUSSION**

#### Percussion Scholastic Novice

Powell High School	7
Gibbs High School	3
Heritage High School	2

#### Percussion Scholastic A

McMinn Indoor Percussion	6
Farragut High School	5
Karns High School	4
Seymour High School	1

#### Percussion Scholastic Concert A

South-Doyle High School	2
West High School	1

#### Percussion Independent A

Cumberland United Percussion	1
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### **WINTERGUARD**

#### Prep

Karns Middle School	1
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#### Novice

Maryville High School	16
Grainger County High School	15
Bearden High School	14
West High School	11
William Blount High School	5
Farragut High School (JV)	4
Dade County High School	1

#### Scholastic Regional A (SRA)

Seymour High School (JV)	13
Anderson County High School	10
Gibbs High School	7
Heritage High School (JV)	6
Volunteer High School	3

#### Scholastic A (SA)

Powell High School	17
Seymour High School (Varsity)	12
Heritage High School (Varsity)	9

Farragut High School (Varsity)	8
Karns High School	2
<u>Independent A</u>	
Attraction Winterguard	1

Order of performance (percussion or winterguard) will be determined by the show host. Judges' travel will also be a factor.

There was discussion about the qualifier (January 31, 2015) being used in terms of evaluation. Each group would perform, judges would comment with directors and/or performers (no more than three minutes), then the unit would perform a judged run. Would groups be eligible to decline the evaluation? If a unit declines, would that put them at a disadvantage? The Board of Directors will discuss further.

#### VIII. Next ETPAA Meeting

The next meeting date was not determined.

December 13, 2014 ETPAA meeting was adjourned.