



MINUTES

September 12, 2015

Farragut High School Band Room

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Units Represented: Attraction Independent Winterguard; Farragut; Grainger; Gibbs; Heritage; Karns; Karns Middle; Maryville; Powell; Seymour; South-Doyle; South Greene; West; William Blount

I. Reading and Approval of April 25, 2015 Minutes

April 25, 2015 Minutes were read by Jana Hanson; minutes were approved.

II. Financial Report

Financial report was given by Jana Hanson. Current balance is \$4,396.02. The financial report was approved.

III. Judge & Contest Coordinator Report

Contest hosts were most pleased by our 2015 season. There was success for them at the end of the day. For all contests, flow and logistics need to be the focus for 2016.

Weather issues hindered the flow of traffic at some hosts, so alternate plans need to be in place.

ETPAA is fortunate to have local talented judges. Vic Truscelli is actively searching for individual analysis judges (equipment, movement) for colorguard. We have a wealth of percussion judges available to us.

The more groups who join ETPAA, the farther we can reach. Encourage non-members to attend a contest if possible.

IV. Old Business

A. Penalties for rule violations (e.g., intentional banging of equipment)

This issue was previously discussed at the April 25, 2015 meeting and was tabled for further discussion until the fall meeting.

Discussion was had concerning other circuits' rules and WGI rules. While many penalty amounts were mentioned, no fair amount was decided upon. This will be an on-going issue that ETPAA plans to monitor and resolve on a case-by-case basis.

B. Judges' compensation

In order to keep talented and knowledgeable judges interested in working for and with ETPAA, we must pay them a fair amount (fair for colorguard judges and fair for percussion judges).

Every colorguard judge would be paid \$250.00 for up to twenty (20) units and \$10.00 for each unit over twenty (20).

Every percussion judge would be paid \$150.00 for up to ten (10) units and \$10.00 for every unit over ten (10).

The "swing" judge (colorguard judging percussion) would be paid \$10.00 per each percussion unit.

There will be a \$50.00 bonus for judges adjudicating the qualifier and/or championships.

Judges will be paid \$0.45 per mile from one hundred (100) miles roundtrip or farther (twenty-five-mile radius from the contest site). Airfare costs will be split between the host and the circuit.

C. Standards for judges' housing and safety

This issue was also mentioned at the April 25, 2015 meeting and tabled until the fall for further discussion.

The membership agreed to request show hosts provide judges with hotel accommodations that had inside corridors rather than door exits from the room to the parking lot. This requirement will be added to the Show Host Information packet.

D. Timeline for Constitution and/or Bylaws changes

A motion was made to remove the time frame ("spring") for changing Bylaws. Motion seconded and passed. This correction was made in the ETPAA Handbook [Constitution, III. Administration, F. Amendments].

V. New Business

A. 2016 Contest Schedule

The following dates were selected as 2016 ETPAA contest dates:

January 30, 2016 (*Qualifier*)

February 13, 2016

February 20, 2016

February 27, 2016

March 12, 2016

March 26, 2016

April 2, 2016 (*Championships*)

B. Judges and Directors Training

Judges training should be scheduled for October or November, as well as a clinic for directors. Sponsorship was discussed, as was additional focus for directors. November 7, 2015 was selected as the training/symposium date.

C. Floor Covering for Championships

Motion was made, seconded, and passed at the April 25, 2015 meeting to purchase a black floor covering for Championships. Further discussion was had on the size of the covering. It was determined 60x100 was recommended for our needs.

D. 2016 Budget

The Board of Directors will meet separately regarding 2016 ETPAA Budget concerns.

VI. Next ETPAA Meeting

The next meeting date was not determined.

September 12, 2015 ETPAA meeting was adjourned.