

East Tennessee



Performing Arts Association

MINUTES

December 9, 2017

Karns High School Band Room

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Units Represented: Alcoa; Bearden; Clinton; Farragut; Gibbs; Halls; Hardin Valley Academy; Heritage; Jefferson County; Karns; Karns Middle; Maryville; Oak Ridge; Powell; Seymour; West; William Blount

I. Reading and Approval of September 18, 2017 Minutes

September 18, 2017 Minutes were read by Jana Hanson; minutes were approved. (Please note that minutes are available online at the ETPAA website.)

II. Financial Report

Financial report was given by Jana Hanson. Current balance is \$12,007.12. A more detail ledger may be requested by any member. The financial report was approved.

III. Hosts for January 20 Clinic, February 24 and March 3 contest dates

Hardin Valley Academy volunteered as host for the January 20 clinic, which will be all winterguards. Farragut Middle School has volunteered to be the backup host.

Karns High School agreed to host the February 24th contest date, pending discussion with the athletic department.

Alcoa High School expressed an interest in hosting on March 3rd. We will work to get a firm commitment from them regarding this date.

IV. WGI eCertify

The Education Committee voted to spend up to \$2,000.00 on eCertify (first level) by the beginning of the season. Further discussion was had with the general membership. Motion was made to approve spending up to \$2,000.00 for judges to complete the first level of eCertify; motion passed.

Previous Education Committee discussions lead to the proposal of the Ric Best Education Scholarship Fund. Monies would be raised and donations would be accepted. Motion was made for the circuit to match all donations to the Ric Best Scholarship up to \$500.00; motion passed.

The Education Committee also proposed spending up to \$2,000.00 on clinicians for the January 20th clinic. Motion was made to approve spending up to \$2,000.00 for clinicians; motion passed.

V. WGI Rule Changes for 2018

Vic Truscelli discussed possible interests of WGI, particularly relating to move WGI Championships away from Dayton. One of the possible locations is Walt Disney World.

Relating to the Circuit Symposium held in September 2017, WGI is always concerned with safety and safety of the performers. Rules have been introduced related to

scaffolding height (scaffolding higher than 6 feet needs railings and to be stationary, non-moving). Travel by performers on and off props (relating to safety) is also a concern.

Equipment that has an outward appearance of a rifle, like air rifles, are nonstandard. And props fitting through facility doors can sometimes be an issue as well. WGI asks that directors and staff be more mindful of all these things.

WGI believes that if reclassification (or promotion) is necessary, the group was in the wrong class to start.

Performance draw was held, and meeting adjourned.