

CBA Marching Committee Meeting December 9, 2023

Meeting Called to order at 9:01 am

Roll Call - Members present: Rick Shaw, WL Whaley, Becky Paschke, Chuck Stephen, Aaron Vogelsberg, Bryce Melaragno, Christina Schwartz-Soper, Chuck Stephen, Garren Cuthrell, Gregg, Karen, Isaac A Lavadie, Phil Olivas, Sean Hedding, Tim Libby

Minutes from July 2023 were reviewed and approved

Old Business: - none

Financial Report:

Current Checking	\$90,265.00	
Current Savings	\$36,048.19	
CD	\$123,238.00	(\$20K added in November)

General Marching Income	\$216,987.55
General Marching Expense	\$182,066.82
Net Balance to Operation	\$34,920.73

State Income	\$212,024.30
State Expense	\$147,154.40
Net Balance	\$64,869.90

Was a financially positive year. Gate was lower by approx. \$38,000 compared to last year. Revenue was down but saved on ticket printing (\$2,200), booth personnel (\$1,631). Reduced stadium rental (\$3000). Reduced cost for stadium security (\$5,486). Online ticket sales went well.

Review of the tentative 2024 schedule: Handout

Discussed Regional dates and assignments - groups will be required to attend their assigned regional to alleviate crowding and event length.

Proposed State Dates:

4A/5A Quarter Finals	October 25, 2024	USAFA
4A/5A Semi/Finals	October 26, 2024	USAFA
1A/2A/3A Semi/Finals	October 28, 2024	CSU-Pueblo

Discussed a proposed Northern Event @ Fossil Ridge Sept. 14th 2024 - evening, no required length of show, opportunity to get an early read and feedback. 8-10 bands. Possible Sunday

clinic opportunity. Consensus to allow Aaron Herman to offer this show and added to the CBA 2024 schedule.

2024 5A and 3A will go first in all state contests.

Chief Judge Report:

WL talked about judges training and the emphasis on “profiling”. Training this year helped align scores positively. Scoring consistency improved over the season. Continued improvement of judge training.

Hiring of judges for 2024. Several judges are already committed to other states. Some are already committing to 2025. State panel will be complete soon.

Encourage in state people to get involved in judging and judge training. Thank you’s to the membership for judging feedback. Please continue to reach out with feedback and or concerns. Bryce M. - Asked that more help / focus be included to improve the feedback to percussion from non-percussion judges.

WL agreed it would be an emphasis moving forward.

Discussion for cut off dates to ensure judge mileage reimbursement - if missed deadline reimbursement would not be made.

WL - asked the committee to consider reaching out to William Chumley as a possible state judge.

Rick agreed we should utilize national level judges that live in Colorado.

Chuck noted seeing in state “state” judges late in the season could be an issue.

Rick approved using William Chumley for State so long as his circuit judging was limited and no regional assignments.

WL - Listed state panel in 2024 and to be posted on the website once complete.

State Championship Review: Rick Shaw - Positive steps this year, some concerns with conditions at state (flyovers, construction, etc) Would not be an issue moving forward

Marching Report - Rick Shaw

- Trey Teforya: medical field pass access
- Rick: Can get medical pass at any point, let Rick know if you need one
- Concerns with abuse of passes

- Sheridan - Percussion bleed at western regional
- Rick: Issue was battery with winds (ask western folks for feedback)
- Signage was not located correctly, coordinating with Kathy Joseph to correct

- Angelo Sapienza – gender bias wording of exit announcement

- Rick: Recognize concern, wording will be changed to eliminate “Ladies and Gentlemen” and replace with “Put your hands together for...”
- Trey Tafoya- Showtime back to pre-covid minimums
- Rick: No current plan to extend minimum time and keep as is
- **Committee agree, none opposed**
- Rick - Website Options
- Suggestion to improve - current contract annually renews mid-season
- Meet at CMEA to discuss new web design
- Rick - Western Regional Bids
- Kathy Joseph, District 51 programs
- Kieth Koepsel at Gunnison, working with Western State as host site
- Bids to be reviewed and approved by the Marching Committee to award a site for 2024-2027
- Rick - North and South Regional Size
- Allowing bands to select a regional site is over loading shows beyond reasonable performance times.
- Beginning in 2024 bands will be required to attend their assigned regional

Proposal - Rule 5.07/8.05

- Craig Ketels: Drum major prop at podium - instruments must stay in bounds (props included?)
- Rick: Proposal to clarify wording in 5.07, add wording, “any musical or visual performance must be performed inbounds”
- **Sean Hedding moved,**
- **WL second (all approve)**
- **Motion Passed**

Proposal - Trey Tafoya

- Add time to check mics at state (before the show) - would not alter performance times or show flow
- Ask to get a list of available frequencies from the stadium
- WL- Apps available to check frequencies are available
- Sean H . . . comment to stay aligned with BOA (BOA does not allow)
- Rick - Will contact AFA to ask for frequency availability. Band staff may check frequencies on the field at AFA one hour prior to the first report time and during any scheduled break.

Chuck - Recognized Rick for leadership and tough decisions throughout the season/state - all agreed

T/P Report - Craig Kettles

- Extensive training each year
- Discuss consistency each year
- Try to address before the show begins to avoid penalties
- Reminder that the director is ultimately responsible for knowing the rulebook
- Generator Proposal: Remove requirement of having a backup generator (field power is already available)

Phil moved to accept

WL second

All in favor . . . Aaron V. opposed

Motion Passed

Proposal - Derek Smith -Senior only retreat in bad/special circumstances **(Not passed)**

- Rick: Statement to ensure the pageantry of the event. Not a free for all recognition ceremony
- Chuck/Sean: Want to recognize all kids, not just seniors, logistic/safety concerns
- Becky: Safety concerns of cold weather. If too cold for full retreat then too cold for seniors only
- Consensus to stay with Drum Major retreat should full retreat be canceled.

Proposal - Trey Tafoya - Pacing of Announcement **(Not passed)**

- Incorporated pre-show timing
- Time of announcement can vary by 5 to 10 seconds
- Discussion by WL for clarification
- Chuck Stevens: Questions on how to standardize . . . many variables to control
- Bryce: There is an option to start your show early

Phil: Moved to keep rule as currently stated

Tim Libby second

Motion Approved – no change

Proposal – Daniel Evans - Quarterfinal be done in a blind draw in block of 4 vs reverse order.
(Not passed)

WL - stated that judges are not aware of the order. Judges have instructions to “order bands” and make sure next round qualifiers are correct

Efforts made to make sure bands in the same neighborhood are close together in the schedule

Becky P moved to keep the current system as is.

Chuck Second –

Motion Approved - no change

Proposal - No amplification in the wind warm up areas

Sound bleed into stadium as well as affecting other bands in warm up

1A-3A State Championships site issue

Several members stated they did not experience the issue

Chuck - need to be sure pits have the ability to power up and test / sound check

Committee agreed without vote to no change to policy but warm up at 1A - 3a State would be monitored

Proposal - help support \$ to traveling bands – Western Slope

- Possible live stream to help people to see the event if they lived very far away
- Possible Box5 multicam option for directors only
- Possible live stream option from Box5
- CBA would not get revenue from this
- Could potentially affect gate sales
- Rick - could be license issue w/ Tresona. Possible copyright violations and synchronization rite issue?
- Rick will ensure a high quality video for State contests and table live streaming at this time.

Rick - support of a prelim finals show @ Western Slope

- will move to a prelims/finals show
- will offset costs of longer judging requirements
- will be more housing costs for judges
- CBA will support and subsidize additional Judges costs

Rick / Josh Race

- Wristband / parent abuse
- discussion of concerns of volunteer abuse by spectators or band parents. Prop parents or wristband parents giving gate / volunteers trouble.
- discussion of possible penalty or reprimand for parent behavior
- Decision made to have show host/gate staff notify the Chief Judge immediately.
- Inform the director of the abusing parents immediately

School Size vs Band Size Classification System - Sean Cartner

- See proposal sent out by Rick
- Sean discussed the intent behind the proposal
- Chuck - equity discussion of resources, instructors, financial equity,
- This is a concern for bands in smaller communities
- Christina ... discussion: big bands aren't necessarily good... small bands w/ quality do well
- Bryce: showed updated #'s of band performers - band size class vs school size class. Comparison Chart.
- Rick ... numbers have to be set early so spring #'s would have to be accurate. Spring projected numbers could potentially put bands in the wrong class. Could result in bands changing class every year.

WL -> not supportive of proposal for not including all members of a group. Current. Proposal does not include guard and other auxiliary.

WL 2011 Study showed that resources / demographics / financial support were an issue. Issue has not changed and still exist. Band size arrangement does not solve these issues.

- Could have domino effect on revenue, state qualifying procedures, judging etc.
- Sean H ... recognized the issue of the complications of the classification process.
- Sean C ... further clarification of the proposal
- all recognized this is a huge, complicated issue with many moving parts and many implications.

Rick -> Ask committee how we want to move forward...

- The proposal as written.
Phil move to not approve, Sean H second.
Rick / Tim Libby - needs further discussion.

Rick - agree to move forward to explore and look @ options and implications

Sean C - moved to amend proposal to include ALL performers - All Agreed

Phil moved to look at the issue further after amended to "all members"

Chuck second -

- **ALL approved to form a committee to look into the classification process further**
- **Agreed this would not be in place for 2024**

Rick - will put together a committee to investigate and look at potential options, issues and solutions regarding Band Size, School Size, and CBA classification status.

WL - proposed the marching account provide funding for resources, meals, lodging, etc for committee work.

- Approved

Becky P - ask to look at the total number of small schools allowed into state and be more proportionally balanced to the large classes..

WL - agreed to look into adding bands to 1A - 2A state

WL ... Judge booking issues

- WL asking for approved to start booking judges for 2025
- Rick - concern that CBA does not have a set schedule for 2025
- WL discussed a lack of judge availability and that many judges are already booking for 2025
- Rick – gave approval to conditionally contract judges for 2025
- **WL will look at potential Judges for 2025**

WL - CBA looking for clinic ideas for the 2024 Summer Convection - see WL / Rick with ideas and or possible clinicians.

Motion to Adjourn at 12:19 PM – Approved

Minutes submitted 12/11/23 by Phil Olivas