

CBA Classification Review Committee

Meeting Minutes - 4/2/24

1. Order: Rick Shaw called the meeting of the Colorado Bandmasters Association *Classification Review Committee* to order at 7:01pm.

2. Members Present: Trey Tafoya, Benjamin Corneliusen, WL Whaley; CBA Chief Judge, Rick Shaw; CBA Chairman of Marching Affairs, Sean Cartner, Aaron Herman, Becky Paschke; CBA President, Stoney Black, Bryce Melaragno, Tyler Vandermeer, Sean Hedding

3. Beginning of Meeting:

- **Rick Shaw** asked for opinions on summary/minutes of last meeting - making sure we are all on the same page moving forward

- **What has been agreed upon thus far:**
 - CRC agreed to keep our classification as School Size, and conversation should now shift to equitable practices to make our competitions and season more achievable across the board - scheduling blocks, locations, etc. CBA will continue to classify bands based on school size.
 - It is not the position of the Chairman or the Marching Affairs Committee to dictate or mandate the format of a CBA Sanctioned show.
 - The Chairman of Marching Affairs will visit with every CBA sanctioned show host and share the findings of the CRC study and request:
 - Shows that are based on Classes should consider rotating the order of classes OR draw the order of Class performance blocks.
 - The winners of each class be guaranteed a performance slot in finals OR offer an exhibition performance at finals for class winners that did not make finals on their own merit.

- The current format for CBA Regionals, Semifinals, and Finals will remain the same as in previous years.

- Should it be approved by the CRC in April, beginning in 2024, Class 1A, 2A, 3A will be scheduled in 13-minute time slots at all competitions that are scheduled by class. This includes CBA Sanctioned shows that are scheduled by class, CBA Regionals, all CBA Championship events. ALL Open Class contests and Sanctioned show Finals will be scheduled in 15 minutes slots and 1A-3A Bands will not be penalized for going over 13 minutes in these Open Class competitions.
- **Rick Shaw** laid out the agenda for tonight's meeting:
 - 1) As a result of the CRC study, propose that the CBA Marching Committee should not reevaluate such a proposal again for a minimum of five years.
 - 2) Discuss total show time data document and finalize the proposal to accept a change to 13-minute time slots for 1A-3A class.
 - 3) Revisit any items left in the parking lot or final considerations.
 - 4) Finalize a proposal to send forward to the Marching Affairs Committee.
- **Rick Shaw** offered the floor up for feedback regarding agenda item 1, minimum of five years...
 - **Sean Cartner:** Is 5 years too short? The last time this was brought up was 2011
 - **WL Whaley:** 5 years is just a number, not necessarily will be brought up in 5 years, but just a number prohibiting decisions/another committee before then

4. Main Discussion:

- **WL Whaley:** As we adjust 1A-3A to 13-minute time blocks, we also must accommodate pre-staging time (as with a 15-minute block, pre-staging begins at 13:30)?
 - **Sean Hedding/Stoney Black:** Agree, should just be a T&P item and just adjust for whatever is appropriate, change the rules to state adjusted time
 - **Bryce Melaragno:** How does warmup time work regarding 13-minute slots? Would those also move in increments of 13?
 - **Rick Shaw:** Yes, the whole table would go to 13's, i.e. 26-minute warm-up slots. Transition time is not an issue and should be okay with the shortened time. We'll all have to be a bit smarter with our warmup time, but it seems most folks are done early typically

- **Rick Shaw:** Will draft a proposal to Marching Affairs Committee proposing moving forward with new times for 1A/2A/3A for 2024 (this year's) season.

5. Wrap-Up:

- **Rick Shaw:** Will draft a proposal to Marching Affairs Committee with recommendations from this committee for following items:
 - **5 years time frame refraining from reformation of another CRC**
 - **New time blocks for 1A-3A at all CBA sanctioned shows & Regionals/State**
 - **Continuing classification by school size**
 - **Chairman communicating with each show host recommending class size/adjusting the draw for class order**
 - **Chairman communicating with each show host recommending someone from each class shall be represented in finals**
 - **Format for regional/state remain same**
 - **Pre-staging time for 1A-3A adjustments**
- **Rick Shaw** thanked everyone for participation and contributions to committee. We feel confident with proposal moving forward and the time spent researching and gathering data regarding these very important topics. This committee is committed to doing what is best for kids in the Colorado marching arts and it is evident by the work completed and the conversations that were had.
- **Rick Shaw:** will draft a proposal this evening to send to Classification Review Committee tonight, for approval by Wednesday morning. Proposal will then be sent to Marching Affairs Committee and discuss/vote on during All-State Band Marching Affairs Meeting.

6. Adjournment: Rick Shaw adjourned the meeting of the Colorado Bandmasters Association *Classification Review Committee* at 7:27pm.