

VBODA DISTRICT IV FALL MEETING

September 19, 2007

Grassfield High School

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM. Zach Rooksby, District Instrumental Representative presiding.

1) Introduction

- a) Sign-in / check school and contact information
- b) New Directors' Information Sheet
- c) Welcome
 - i) Zach Rooksby: On behalf of the GFHS music staff, welcome to the new Grassfield High School
- d) ODU Faculty
 - i) Dennis Zeisler introduced ODU's new Director of Athletic Bands, Dr. Alex Trevino. Also presented Dr. Lucy Manning as officially the new Orchestra Director at ODU. Both Dr. Trevino and Dr. Manning spoke on behalf of their programs at Old Dominion.

2) Old Business

- a) Calendar Up-date
 - i) SRO Auditions Kellam HS Sept 29
 - ii) SRO Winds/Perc Auditions ODU Oct 8
 - iii) JRO Auditions Jolliff MS Oct 20
 - iv) VBODA Marching Festival SE GBMS Oct 27
 - v) VMEA Conference Norfolk Nov 15-17
 - (1) Can pre-register on-line at vmea.com
 - vi) SRO Event GBHS Nov 30-Dec 1
 - vii) JRO Event IRHS Jan 18-19
 - viii) District Band Auditions WBHS Dec 8
 - ix) All-District Band Event NRHS Feb 1-2
 - (1) NRHS is the tentative location
 - x) All-VA Auditions JMU Feb 23
 - xi) Orchestra Festival OSHS Feb 29- Mar 1
 - xii) Band Festival GBHS Mar 6-8
 - xiii) All-VA Event Harrisonburg HS April 3-5
- b) Conference up-date
 - i) Presenters from District IV
 - (1) Martin and Alice Glasco sessions on Thursday @ 4:00 PM and Friday @ 11:45 AM, in the Sheridan
 - (2) Bob Grifa has a session on Thursday @ 11:00 AM in the Marriott
 - ii) Registration for the 2008 Conference at the Homestead opens Feb 1
- c) Event hosts and Chairs turn in financial forms / additional honorarium (increased from \$250 to \$350)
- d) Check VBODA and VMEA websites
 - i) Event forms
 - ii) Verify your school's information
- e) SRO Information
- f) Audition reminders
 - i) All-VA string bass audition: Follow audition requirements on vboda.org, no difference in audition requirements for those students who qualified via Regional Orchestra vs. District Band
 - ii) Harp Audition material
 - iii) Watch out for picture phones during auditions.

3) New Business

- a) Blue Ribbon Award Declaration Form
 - i) There is a new form, found on vmea.com, where one must declare which ensembles are the groups eligible for the Blue Ribbon Award. This declaration must be made 30 days prior to their Festival performance.
- b) VMEA per students Festival Fee has increased to \$0.25 per student

4) Break-out Session

- a) BAND
 - i) New refund policy for playoff games & Conference
 - (1) New policy can be found on vboda.org
 - ii) State Marching festival Site-Coordinator
 - (1) A new position has been created (Site-Coordinator) to help ensure consistency in judging across the various Marching Band festival sites.
 - iii) Hosting All-District Band
 - (1) Tentatively scheduled for NRHS. Hoping that everyone would be willing to assist to make this an outstanding experience for our students.
 - iv) Funding Festival
 - (1) Mike Oare, Festival Chair, submitted a lengthy budget analysis (attached) of our past Band Festivals. Discussion was regarding the increased expenses and method of funding these increases. The following motions were made and passed:
 - (a) *Motion to move the deadline for registering Bands, and paying registration fees, to on or about January 15th of each year. (Previously, the deadline was the second Friday in February.)* motion made by D. Enloe, C. Cox, 2nd. Motion passed, unanimous.
 - (b) *Motion to increase the "Fees Matrix" by as much as 25% to provide adequate funding for the 2008 and future Festivals.* Motion by D. Enloe, C. Cox, 2nd. Motion passed, unanimous.
 - (c) M. Oare asked for clarification that, as is our policy, bands paying their registration fees late would still perform at the end of the event. Members present confirmed this clarification.
 - v) Brian Webb announced the marching band competition being held at Kings Fork HS on Saturday, September 22.
 - vi) Ricardo Brown introduced himself as the new band director at W.E. Waters MS.

5) Orchestra Break-out Session

Orchestra minutes compiled and submitted by Deanna Kringle

1. District Festival

The motion was passed to move the District IV Orchestra Festival date to March 14-15, 2008.

Host: Deanna Kringle, Oscar Smith High School

Event Chairs: Deanna Kringle & Jessica Baker

2. Festival Adjudicators

Several changes were voted on amending the current list of approved judges.

The current list of adjudicators is as follows:

- Carol Smith (VA Beach-Lynnhaven MS)
- Sue Kervick (NOVA-Longfellow MS)
- Bruce Habitzruther (Lynchburg-retired)
- Laura Thomas (Charlottesville HS)
- Gretta Sandberg (NOVA-McLean HS, retiring this year?)
- Chris Johnston (Richmond-Chesterfield County)
- Bill Criswell (Manassas-Osbourn Park HS)
- Jeanette Creger (Richmond-Hanover County)
- John Creger (Richmond-Henrico County)
- Bill Wassum (Spotsylvania County-Thornburg MS)
- Anna Martin (NOVA\Stonewall Jackson HS)
- Debbie Trowbridge (NOVA)
- Marguerite Alley (VA Beach-First Colonial HS)
- Helen Martell (Norfolk/Bay Youth)
- Stephanie Holmes (NOVA-Lake Braddock HS)
- Mary Tanner Hughes (VA Beach-Princess Anne HS)
- Bob McCashin (Harrisonburg-JMU)
- Beverly Winder (NOVA-retired from James Madison HS)
- David Lipps (Patrick Henry HS, Roanoke)
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- Rex Britton (retired)
- Cynthia Crumb (NOVA-Lanier MS)
- Cheryl Cooley (NOVA-Centerville HS)
- Bud Hearne (Prince William County/VBODA String Rep)
- Allison Bailey (Thomas Jefferson HS, Fairfax Co.)
- Wayne Taylor (GMU)
- Dr. Keith Koster (CNU)
- Dr. Lucy Manning (ODU)
- Ryan Featherer (Maury HS, Norfolk)
- LaToya Slocum (NOVA, South County HS)
- Doug Kellner (Richmond-Chesterfield County)
- Chuck West (VCU)
- Don Brubaker (middle school, Charlottesville)
- Emmet Forbes (VA Beach)
- Mike Trowbridge (NOVA-Gar-Field HS)
- Jim Glazebrook (Blacksburg-VA Tech)
- Anne Rupert (NOVA-Robinson Secondary School)
- Greg Rupert (NOVA-Westfield HS)
- Jean Stewart (VA Beach-retired)
- Dr. Joseph White (CNU)
- Linda Altoff (VA Beach)
- Larry Casey (NOVA-Hylton HS)
- Celes Price (retired, VA Beach-Brandon MS)

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM
 Minutes compiled by Mike Oare

**Band Festival Fees / Budget
VBODA District IV
September 19, 2007**

Year	# of Schools	# of Bands	# of Students	Total Income	Total Expenses	Surplus to VMEA
1999	22	32	1829	\$4437.00	\$4402.41	\$34.59
2000	26	37	2187	\$5769.25	\$5451.15	\$318.10
2001	24	34	2017	\$5073.05	\$5072.94	\$0.11
2002	26	39	2096	\$5267.25	\$5164.29	\$102.96
2003	28	37	2106	\$6322.05	\$6187.52	\$134.53
2004	28	35	2181	\$6137.45	\$6119.21	\$18.24
2005	27	34	1975	\$5741.00	\$5738.87	\$2.13
2006	28	38	2058	\$6501.90	\$6480.87	\$21.03
2007	22	30	1587	\$6687.75	\$6647.65	\$40.10

Notes:

- o **19??-1997:** Festival fees were \$2.50 per student. This was an outgrowth of the "per student" fee charged by VMEA. Concern was that the large bands paid a disproportionately large share of the over-all Festival budget. A *per band* fee schedule was proposed and approved during the 1997 Fall VBODA meeting.
- o **1998:** The fee for the 1998 Festival was \$110 per band plus \$0.25 per student VMEA fee. Then the concern was raised that small bands had a large increase in fees, greatly increasing their "*per student*" cost. If one considered Festival fees from a "per student" basis, the small bands were paying more than the large bands. (However in reality, the per student cost actually decreased. See chart below.) Another concern was the grade 5 and 6 bands were using more of the judges' time than the grade 2 and 3 bands, so perhaps they should pay more.
- o **1999:** The **Fee Matrix** was adopted. "Per student" fees increase with grade level, decrease with increased band size.
- o **2003:** Suggested judges' fees increased by VBODA to \$300 per day. We budgeted \$250 per day per judge, but tried to achieve the \$300 amount as each year's budget allowed. A slight increase in the "per student" fee was implemented. It was noted that even with the implementation of the matrix, the *average* fee per student was still around \$2.50 (through 2002).

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Income	\$4677.50	\$4288.25	\$4437.00	\$5769.25	\$5073.05	\$5267.25	\$6322.05	\$6137.45	\$5741.00	\$6501.90	\$6687.75
# Students	1842	1885	1829	2187	2017	2096	2106	2181	1975	2058	1587
Per student	\$2.50*	\$2.27	\$2.43	\$2.64	\$2.52	\$2.51	\$3.00	\$2.81	\$2.91	\$3.16	\$4.21

- o **2006:** We adopted the statewide VBODA suggested judges' fee of \$300 per day. A slight increase was made across the **Fee Matrix** to offset this increased expense. In April 2006, VBODA again raised the suggested Judges' fees to \$500 per 10-hour day, \$50 per hour overtime.
- o **2007:** I adopted a budget that reflected a \$50 per hour judges fee. I incorrectly estimated a 10% increase in fees would cover this increased expense, resulting in the current **Fees Matrix** and last year's deficit.

Contributing Factors:

- o In 1999 we were paying judges \$600 (total for 3 day Festival). In 2007 judges made \$1000. (67% increase)
- o In 1999 hotel rooms were \$64 per night. In 2007 they were \$89 per night. (40% increase)
- o In 1999 we paid \$0.32 per mile, it's now \$0.425. In 2007 we paid \$635 for mileage. (33% increase)
- o 1999 total expenses were \$4402. In 2007 expenses were \$6647. (51% increase)
- o Basically the fees need to increase at least 20% per student, with no decrease in the number of students / bands, based on the 2005 numbers. This 20% increase would allow us to cover 2007's costs, and nothing more.
- o **OR:** 34 bands @ \$205 each would equal \$6970. In 2007 we had 17 bands that paid approximately \$200 or more. (Highest amount was \$282.82.) However, we had 13 bands that paid less than \$200, including 5 bands less that \$115. (Lowest amount was \$89.50)