



December 13, 2021

7:00 PM

Eastern York HS / Google Meets

~ Agenda ~

- I. Welcome and Attendance Adam Nobile, Justin McAdams, Keith Gromis, Anton Romano, Scott Muenz, Tim Pry, Paul Smith, Ken Brown, Adam Burdett, Bobby Molloy, Debra Knisely, Brian Langdon, Scott Carey, Kimberly Tanzos, Jeff Molush, Jim Fulkroad, Christian Poole, Jonathon Hummel, Jeff McCoach, Seth Jones, Andrew Johnson, William Broehlman, David Porter, Bobby Biddle, Matt Ceresini, John Keane, William Broelman, Brandon Nace, Ed Stimson

Call to Order 7:02 PM

- II. President Report – Adam Nobile, Big Spring HS
  - a. Updates since last meeting  
Updates will be covered at a later point in the meeting. The board met on 12/4 to formulate rules proposals which will be shared at that point in the meeting.

- III. Vice President Report – Justin McAdams, Phoenixville HS
  - a. Scholarship Update - scholarship will not be given until the spring.

- IV. Secretary Report – Anton Romano, Kennett HS
  - a. [Minutes from June 2021](#)  
Motion Burdett, second Langdon  
Motion Carries

- V. Treasurer Report – Keith Gromis, Eastern York HS
  - a. [Income](#) - In the income column, the membership field shows a negative number, that means we brought in more than anticipated. We budgeted conservatively

and our income shows we are more inline with a typical year than a COVID year. We are waiting on jazz dues and money is budgeted for Jazz championships which may or may not happen.

Current Balances are \$6051.04 checking \$100,000.28 savings Capital One card has a balance of \$4393.37 on it. The monthly payment on the card is \$500. It will be paid off by summer. Paul reported we received the invoice for Hershey and it is what we expected.

- b. [Expenses](#) - John helped to reduce our Verizon/utilities cost burden. To this point we have paid down \$2,000 on the Capital One Card. We have paid out the honorariums for the first half of the year.

Motion to approve budget report - Burdett/Knisely

Motion carries

Additional items - There are three honorarium positions that are due for a small increase; Caption Heads and HoF.

Proposed adjustment from \$600 to \$750.

Motion Ceresini, McCoach

Motion carries

Question - A question was posed regarding what is an appropriate amount of funds to keep in savings.

Answer - we need enough funds to cover a total loss on championships.

#### VI. Administrative Update - Paul Smith, Executive Director

- a. Admin Reports (available shortly) - Paul participated in the DCI judging symposium. There is continual work towards refining of the championship schedule. There is discussion with the Independence Conference on what to do for championships including a split at championships. Paul has been working with Ed on the Hall of Fame presentation with the ceremony occurring before championships. Paul commented the day of championships, on Saturday morning, everyone tried to handle the weather as best as possible. Paul has been putting information on the website and updating it himself. We want to look to improve that process. Paul has been continuing to work on the Cavalcade of Bands history project. If anybody has any Cavalcade of Bands history Paul is interested in it and would like to see what you have.

John - judge coordinator - John has been continuing to work on Competition Suite. Every judge has been moved to Competition Suite. A/Open took considerable work and training with weekly updates and information. John has expressed concern for fully staffing the amount of judges we require.. There are at least two new circuits that could be more appealing to judges and we need to

stay competitive with pay for judges. John has been working on the jazz process and getting judges lined up.

Jim Fulkroad - dual position coordinator and financial. Jim is the main contact for Hershey as well as championship coordinator.

Ken Brown - Spoke to preparation in spring and summer with show hosts.

Meetings with band parents and hosts from a COVID protocol standpoint.

Originally we had 34 shows and serviced 100 bands. At championships 87 bands competed. We are looking at ways to do more with Competition Suite and use it in coordinating with directors and getting information to directors.

Ron Abate - Ron commented on judging accountability with numbers management and how judges are required to do self assessments. Judges are required to send in self evaluation which is reviewed by the administrative team.

Ron wants to have a "do say/don't say list." as to what will appear on files.

Social Media - Bobby continues with Facebook updates and a start into

Instagram. We are trying to get more photographers for social media presence

Ed - Created new criteria and reconstructed the Hall of Fame process.

John - Jazz season is gearing up. We have 25 schools signed up to host a show.

It is slightly down but better than expected. Most shows are full or close to full.

There are a Number of ideas for the end of season but nothing is ready for the public yet.

## VII. Marching Band Update - Tim Pry, Sun Valley HS

### a. Discussion on Championships and Weekend Choices

Justin presenting for Tim - Board has discussed championship weekend.

Current rule is championships can happen either weekend in November. If we do the first weekend of November Hershey is not available. Without Hershey, we may have to do the Championship show at multiple sites. Discussion on the reason for the change - weather, daylight saving, Discussion on nearest dome - which is Syracuse NY.

Discussion on whether Hershey is even a "championship feel" The point was made once we lose Hershey, we will likely never get it back. Discussion from NJ that bands in NJ cannot start until after Labor Day and are at a disadvantage due to a shortened season. Keith wants to determine the financial impact in a more systematic way.

Discussion and proposal to move Independence and/or American to a high school stadium while the remaining conferences stay at Hershey. Hershey costs \$31,000. Our judges are available because all other circuits are finished by this date.

Keith hurdles Adam to keep screen on!

## VIII. Jazz Update - Jon Hummel reported we are at 25 shows - less than usual but above expectations. Some regular hosts are not able to host this year but expect to return when able.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. The board recommends the appointment of the following positions:
  - i. Jazz Liaison - Jeff McCoach
  - ii. Executive Director - Paul Smith
  - iii. Education Coordinator - Ron Abate
  - iv. Jazz Administrator - Jon Hummel

Motion Burdett/Knisely

Motion carries

XI. Announcements

XII. Adjournment for Rules Congress

XIII. Motion Burdett/Knisely

- a. [Rules Proposals](#)