

Minutes – September 10, 2011  
Connors Restaurant

The meeting was called to order by President-elect Kevin Ross, as John Gallagher could not attend. Present were: Kevin Ross, Dawn Patelke, Tim Michaels, David Westrich, Linda Trout, Dale Disney, Andrew Bernard, Jessica Whitson, Cole Hunt, Lisa Burden, Helen Watson, George Hayden, Craig Valentine, Dana Smith, Jim Hix, Cassie Ogle, Kathy Lippo, Kathy Sotelo, Pat Rhoton, Katrina Jolley, Robert Cobb, Keila Brady.

Copies of the treasurer's report and minutes from the February meeting were presented by Dawn. There were no questions or corrections, so both were accepted as presented.

Dawn presented the proposed calendar of events for the coming year. It is as follow:

*Senior Clinic	Cocke Co. HS	January 27-28, 2012
General Meeting	Cocke Co. HS	2:00 p.m., 1-28-12

Clinicians: Tony D'Andrea, Blue band; John Gallagher, Red band.

*Junior Clinic	Union Grove MS	February 24-25, 2012
General Meeting	Union Grove MS	2:00 p.m., 2-25-12

Clinicians: Valerie Sanders, Blue band; Mark Connell, Red band

*Concert Festival	Hiawasse College	April 28, 2012
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Adjudicators: John Culvahouse, Megan Christian, William Hundley

There was no old business to discuss, other than our events. Kevin wanted to know if anyone had contacted Greg Jones to keep Jefferson County HS in our association. Some folks had talked to him. Dawn will send him a letter.

John Culvahouse had sent a note saying that he was looking forward to judging concert festival in the spring. Kevin pointed out that John comes to the area frequently on family business, and would be happy to try to help association members when possible.

Andrew Bernard had kudos for the Spring Concert Festival, and how well things had gone. Linda Trout expressed that she was thrilled to host festival and would enjoy continuing to do so. Hiawasse College has a new president, and Linda hopes that the college's support will continue to improve as this new president is trying to improve facilities – a grant may be able to renovate the auditorium that we use. Kudos also were expressed to Jim Hix for recording concert festival.

Kevin asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Other new business – Linda Trout suggested that a brochure or handout be available at the fall meeting to let people know about TSSBDA and what our group is about. Kevin suggested that perhaps we could send a note to ETSBOA members explaining our purpose.

Jim Hix related that Larry Hix was considering ending recording our events. Jim explained that Larry was not really breaking even on our business, and had not done so for a long time, due to the fact that sales are down to individuals and parents. Larry had continued to do this for us, almost as a courtesy to TSSBDA, but it is a very long day with a lot of extra expenses. We talked about ways to improve the bottom line for Larry, or for someone else if Larry did not wish to continue. It was suggested that we offer Larry \$300 per event, and raise the concert festival fee to \$100 to help defray the cost to the organization. Dawn made the motion and Linda seconded. The motion passed. Dawn will send Larry a message to see how he feels about this possibility.

As there was no further new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Patelke  
TSSBDA Exec. Secretary/Treasurer