

TSSBDA Fall Meeting, Connors Steak House 9-6-14

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Ross at 2 p.m. Present was Dawn Patelke, Greg Jones, Ashley Glenn, Carrie Tedder, Lisa Burden, Rodney Brown, Jonathan Elliott, Cole Hunt, Tony Hibbard, Katrina Jolley, Jessica Whitson, Shaun Salem, Lanny Huddleston, Andrew Bernard, David Westrich, Kathy Sotelo.

Kevin called meeting to order at 2 p.m. The minutes were passed out, read, and approved by acclamation.

Although there was no formal treasurer's report, Kevin pointed out that for the first time in a very long time, in 2014, our 3 association events ended in the black.

Events in 2015

Jan 23-24, 2015 – Jr. Clinic. The site will be either Burchfield in Oneida, or Wartburg. As Dana Smith was not present to verify that Wartburg could indeed host, and we could not be positive that she was still willing, the decision was made to go forward with Oneida/ Burchfield, and keep Wartburg as the reserve site.

Feb 20-21, 2015, Sr. Clinic, Cocke County HS.

Jim Hix had indicated that he would make a report on clinicians and contest judges, but was ill today, so we could not hear from him on that.

Contest Festival will be hosted at Union County. Discussion about the date changing to the 3rd Saturday in April this year because of difficulty with scheduling around proms and T-Caps. Linda Trout asked if the bylaws could be changed to be flexible. She proposed the motion as follows: **Contest Festival will be on the 3rd or 4th Saturday in April, depending on host logistics and holiday structure.** Rodney seconded. Discussion ensued. Kathy Sotelo called the question, passed by acclamation, with the understanding that Rodney would make sure about which date is available and let us know soon.

The new website is VERY attractive, with kudos to Jim Hix. Please take time to visit the website at tssbda.org.

The Wall of Fame committee is headed by Craig Valentine. Kevin read the proposed criteria – years of service to TSSBDA, attendance in events, serving the association as officer, committees, etc, mentoring band directors. Kevin thinks we should have percentage requirements to pass a person to the Wall of Fame. Linda wondered when the largest attendance of members would be present, Kevin thought at Senior clinic because elections take place then. Dawn pointed out that now that the clinics are switched, it might be that jr. clinic in January would be when elections would have to take place, so that the new officers could take office in February. Kevin wondered if we should form a committee to review the bylaws and make sure that all of the motions we've voted on are actually reflected, he volunteered to head it up, with David, Rodney, Linda on the committee. Dawn pointed out that Kim may have already updated the bylaws to reflect the change in order of the election of officers, (now that jr clinic precedes sr. clinic) and suggested that perhaps Kevin get an updated copy of the bylaws before actually convening the committee. Kevin plans to convene the committee in order to just take a look and make sure that we've covered the discrepancies..

Linda asked again about the Wall of Fame and clarification on our process. Kevin responded that last spring the committee came up with the first nomination of honorees and presented to the membership who then voted. The names were presented at Jr. Clinic and voted on, and then the members were enshrined at Senior Clinic. Kevin intends to follow the same process this year.

We've had some issues with people paying their event fees on time. It puts the association in a terrible financial position and the host of the event in an extremely untenable position of having to turn someone down and not allow their kids to participate, or allow the participation and then be forced to call principals, etc to collect the fees that should have already been paid 3 weeks before the event.. Dawn made a plea that members be professional and pay their fees on time. Also, it is extremely important that directors at festival adhere to the warm-up time allotted and not push the event late. This is very unprofessional and causes everyone problems who performs later, not to mention headaches to the host.

Recording – Kevin has asked Larry Hicks if he still considered it advantageous to record our events, based on the fact that a lot of people are not buying recordings and he does not always break even. Katrina Jolley pointed out that she buys the recordings as a teaching tool for her kids. Linda said if Larry was willing to do it, continue the practice. Kevin said Larry was willing to continue for the good of the association, and we decided to just continue as is.

It had been considered at summer board meeting to discuss starting a solo-ensemble festival. But today, ETSBOA discussed all the various problems and issues they have had with theirs. Cole Hunt mentioned that Scott Co has done a regional one for years, and would be willing to host TSSBDA directors' students there. It will happen on March 5, 2015. TSSBDA will sign on as a sponsor, rather than try to run one ourselves. The fee is \$25 school fee, \$3 per student. Cole will send an email with the info.

For the good of the association – Linda Trout asked if we wanted to rotate the site of Sr. Clinic. Discussion ensued. No one mentioned being willing to host, except for Linda at Hiawassee College. Kevin suggested bringing it up at Senior clinic to see who might be available from directors who usually participate.

No other issues forthcoming, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 2:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dawn Patelke for Kim White