

Colorado Bandmasters Association Marching Band Committee Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2020, 9:00AM- 10:07 PM, online via Google Suite

Meeting called by CBA Marching Committee Chair

Marching Committee Attendees: Ken Ovrebo, Marching Chair
WL Whaley, CBA Chief Judge
Aaron Vogelsberg,, CBA President, Centaurus HS
Ryan Crabtree, CBA Past President, Fruita Monument HS
Becky Paschke, CBA President Elect, D'Evelyn HS
Bryce Melaragno, Lakewood HS
Chuck Stephen, Monarch HS
Dylan Ford, Dakota Ridge HS\
Phil Olivas, Mesa Ridge HS
Keith Bisaillon, Harrison HS
Logan Doddridge, Eaton HS
Tim Libby, Cherry Creek HS
Isaac Lavadie, Grand Junction HS

Absent: Rob Wolcott, Cedaredge HS

Other Attendees: Clay Stansberry, Legacy HS
Cory Goshorn, Arvada HS
Keith Koepsel, Gunnison HS
Nick Loafman, Widefield HS
Sheridan Loyd, Montrose HS
Jonathon Faires, Widefield HS
Aaron Herman, Fossil Ridge HS
Christina Schwartz-Soper, The Classical Academy
Nick Hansberry, Aravada West HS
Mark Cellar, Castle View HS
Chris Rigolini, Highlands Ranch HS
Tyler Vandermeer, Columbine HS
Neal Titus, Fossil Ridge HS

Introduction of Committee Members:

Chair reminded everyone only committee members may vote. Since this meeting is an online meeting non-committee members are asked to submit comments or questions via chat. Aaron Vogelsberg will monitor the chat and forward questions/comments as needed. Non-committee members can request to participate in the discussion and will be allowed to do so.

Distribution of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

No significant discussion on previous meeting minutes. Previous minutes were APPROVED.

Old Business:

No old business.

Financial Report:

CBA Bank Balance (12-08-2020):

Checking account:	\$7,285.95 (Quickbooks balance is \$4, 285.95)
Marching savings	\$7,493.23
CD	\$103, 420.53
Credit card debt:	\$0

Year to date expenditures:

Profit Loss for the year 2020 was presented. Little activity was shown due to cancellation of marching season.

Motion PASSED to accept CBA State Financial Report

2021 State Marching Season (TENTATIVE):

August 21 –	CBA Director/Judge Training
August 27-28 –	Grand Junction Clinics
September 11 –	Durango Clinic
September 11 –	Harrison Clinic Show
September 18-	Monarch Marching Festival
September 21 –	Jeffco Marching Festival
September 25 –	Legacy Marching Festival
	Colorado West Marching Festival
October 2 –	Legend Marching Festival
October 9-	Douglas County Marching Invitational
October 11 –	Southern Colorado Marching Showcase, Pueblo County HS
October 16 –	Lakewood Marching Festival
	Harrison Marching Festival
October ?? –	North Regional
October 18 –	Metro 2A-4A Regional
October 19 –	South Regional
October 20 –	Metro 5A Regional
October 20 –	West Regional
October 23	Arapahoe Marching Festival

Proposed State Dates – October 29 & 30 for 4A/5A as first choice, November 5 & 6 as 2nd choice
November 1 for 1A/2A/3A site TBA

2021 State Championships:

4A/5A State format – 5A bands will go first in quarterfinals, semifinals & finals

1A/2A/3A Location will be TBA depending upon stadium cost at CSU/Pueblo

Chief Judge Report:

PROPOSAL- CBA Sanctioned Shows Cancellation Policy

The Chief Judge developed a cancellation policy that outlines what judges would be paid if a CBA sanctioned show or State Championships would be cancelled due to weather. Judges will receive 50% of their contracted salary if the cancellation is announced prior to the judge departing for the contest.

No other organization that we are aware of has a cancellation policy. To have a cancellation policy where a judge receives no salary in a cancellation would severely inhibit the ability of CBA to attract top tier judges. This is especially true for State Championships at the Air Force Academy where all judges are outside the entire time they are judging.

The proposal was passed.

PROPOSAL- CBA State Championships Judge Salary:

The CBA State Championship Judge Salary has fallen behind what other states are paying. CBA needs to increase this in order to continue to attract top tier judges.

The marching chair will pay for the increase in judge salary by raising the State Championship entry fee by \$25 per band.

The proposal was passed.

PROPOSAL by Marching Chair- Ratings Only or Comments Only Option:

At the December 12, 2012 Marching Committee meeting it was approved to allow bands to perform for comments only. A number of directors have responded that for 2021 they would like the option to perform for ratings. This is due to issues created by the pandemic which include but not limited to significant loss of students in the band program, loss of funding from the school district, loss of fundraising capability, etc.

Proposal- CBA will allow bands to perform for ratings only. Sheets to be developed. Bands that opt to perform for comments only or ratings will perform first at any CBA sanctioned event. Bands that perform for comments only or ratings at a CBA Regional will not qualify for State Championships. These bands will pay the same entry fee as competing bands.

CBA will allow bands to perform for ratings only with an adjusted panel of judges, 2-Music and 1-Visual.

Directors are required to give contest hosts 15 day advance notice if they decide to change their participation in a future contest for a score and ranking. This is required to ensure correct scheduling of performances.

The proposal was passed.

Virtual Performances in 2021:

The marching chair stated that it is very important for CBA to offer some type of marching band performances in the fall of 2021. It is too early to decide if CBA should have virtual performances or in person performances. That decision will be made in the spring of 2021 or early summer. To have another season where no performance options are available would be damaging to band programs.

T&P Rules Changes:

Proposed Rule Change for 2021

Text in **yellow** to be deleted.

Section 1: Eligibility

All high school bands through the 12th grade are eligible for Colorado Bandmasters Association Championships.

Colorado Bandmasters Association defines a high school band as one in which all participating members are registered at the same high school, or one where the members are part of a single band with a recognized joint credit program. If a high school does not offer a **competitive** field show marching band program in their curriculum, a student from that school may seek enrollment in another high school marching band. When scheduling conflicts arise the priority will be for the band program at the school where the student is enrolled. If the student plays a wind or a percussion instrument or is a member of the color guard, then the student must be enrolled in the band program or school where he/she attends classes. Also eligible are students from all feeder elementary, junior high, and middle schools. All elementary, junior high, and middle school wind and percussion students participating in a high school band program **MUST** be a member of the band at their respective school. Exceptions to this eligibility rule are elementary, junior high, or middle school students who are members of the auxiliary or students who are used by the band to move or set props. All band members/ performers who contribute to the performance **MUST** be students. Violation of the eligibility rule will result in disqualification.

All Colorado directors and assistant directors must be current members of the Colorado Bandmasters Association.

Discussion:

- There was significant discussion regarding the pros and cons of this. Questions arose regarding enforcement, boundaries, alignment with CHSAA guidelines, will this hurt developing programs by not allowing students to participate in programs that currently compete, etc.

Section 1: Eligibility Change – TABLED

Other proposals/discussion items:

The marching chair stated that a letter was sent to Aaron Vogelsberg, CBA President, to present to the CBA Board stating that 2021 would be the final year as serving as marching chair. The board will need to select a new chair to shadow the marching chair during the 2021 season in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:07 A.M.