

TEXAS EDUCATIONAL COLORGUARD ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2010 SATURDAY

MAY 15TH, 2010

Agenda

- I. Meeting called to order by President, Richard Lopez
- II. Roll Call - Marissa Trevino, Jessica Jordan, John DeLeon, Giz Sandoval, Daniela Bermudez, Alex Sanchez, Phil Salas, Roger, Fred Rodriguez, Nathan Flynt, Emily Razo, Samuel Rosado, Rochard Lopez
- III. Reading of the Min. (submitted by Ed Gonzales) Read by Nathan Flynt and accepted
- IV. Treasurer's Report (submitted by Meisha Hinojosa) \$15,017.43 Still to be paid out are the Web host, state hosting cost, and scholarships. After expenditures, the ending balance is \$11,358.86 - Accepted
- V. Committee Reports - none
- VI. President's Report
 - A. Two weeks ago, the working board met and discussed the following:
 - i. Boosting participation within the circuit
 - ii. Working board members having contact and communication to their appropriate classification to make sure the needs are met for their classes
 - iii. Future direction of TECA
 - iv. Successful season financially and competitively
 - v. Successful contest sites
 1. Not all venues "percussion friendly"
A contest site committee will be in place for the future
 2. Membership should contact their appropriate working board representative and give input on the possibility of making State Championships a 2 day contest
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - A. Palmview and AC Jones replacement DVD's from the 2009 Season - These schools were asked to return their DVD's for a replacement, but never did
 - B. Mathis Trophies - will be purchased by Richard Lopez and sent to schools
 - C. (Tabled issue) Eliminate the no show fee from the TECA fines and fees - Dropped Issue
- VIII. New Business
Proposals:

Submitted by John DeLeon (PSJA Memorial) and 2nd by Nathan Flynt

Creation of a Cadet Percussion Class

Rationale: This would allow new schools to compete and build the percussion division. Feeder schools will be able to learn under the expertise of their high school counterparts by traveling and working alongside these students.

Financial Impact: More trophies, medals and banners for the circuit at state championships

Include a new classification for stand still category (percussion)

Rationale: The stand still category would allow for units to compete legally with marching drums when not being able to march due to uncontrollable events such as not getting drill

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in time. It will also allow novice marching units to build their performance experience while burgeoning their marching skills to compete in the next level of classification

Financial Impact: Purchasing trophies and medals for the top 3 units.

Make scoring easier by going back to the original percussion scoring system

Rationale: Having the original scoring system would work best to break a tie, as was the case for Scholastic Marching AA this season. The original scoring system had an actual 1st and 2nd place unit.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Alex Sanchez and Roman Ramirez

Any unit that is promoted should go on last in their new division at the following show

Rationale: This gives the judges a fair reading of where that unit belongs in comparison to other units that have been competing in that division

Financial Impact: None

Have percussion and unit championships on separate weekends

Rationale: None given

Financial Impact: None Given

Eliminate Colorguard Solo and Ensemble Competition

Rationale: Interest is down and not cost effective to the circuit and show sponsors.

Financial Impact: None Given

Add Percussion Solos and Ensemble Competition if the Colorguard Solos and Ensemble Contest is not eliminated

Rationale: Equal Opportunity

Financial Impact: None Given

Solo and Ensemble entries must have a score of 85 (1st division) to attend State Championships (Percussion and Colorguard) is S&E is not eliminated

Rationale: The level of skill in competition must be reflective of state level

Financial Impact: None Given

All students must attend the same school in order to be considered scholastic

Rationale: Fair ground for all

Financial Impact: None Given

Eliminate the \$500.00 show sponsor fee completely

Rationale: The show sponsor is providing facilities, custodial services and security. It will be a financial burden on the show sponsor.

Financial Impact: None Given

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Submitted by Jessica Savino (Edinburg North HS) and 2nd by Nathan Flynt

Contest Sites for all 3 Major contests (1st, 2nd Score Requirement and the State Championships) to alternate between the 3 major areas of the circuit (RGV, SA and Laredo)

An example would be 1st Score Requirement would be in SA, 2nd Score Requirement would be in Laredo and State would be in RGV.

Rationale: Every area would have the opportunity to have at least one major contest in their area to compete and be able to acquire a score later in the season.

Financial Impact: It would allow every unit to save money and compete closer to their school.

Submitted by Richard Lopez and 2nd by Nathan Flynt

Separate Circuit Championships into a 2 day event

Rationale: To ensure the judges are not overworked and have a fresh view of units

Financial Impact: none if percussion is on one week and guard is on another.

Submitted by Donna David and 2nd by Don Hansen

The TECA Championships shall be located in a central location with the geographic area of the circuit being the determining factor.

The Board or an appointed committee shall explore possible sites. The following sites could be considered: Corpus Christi, Alice, Beeville or San Antonio

Rationale: The central location decreases the cost and time spent getting to and from the championships for everybody or at least equalized the situation.

Financial Impact: Less groups would be impacted by the cost of motels and extremely long distances.

Decrease the time spent during retreat at the circuit championships. Announce the top 3 or 4 scores and winners in each category instead of all of the groups. This could also be considered for all contests.

Rationale: This would save time for all involved at a contest and would decrease the embarrassment for the groups coming in last.

Financial Impact: None Given

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Submitted by Samuel Rosado and 2nd by Marissa Trevino

Remove Article X Section 1 Letter A from the bylaws which states that the TECA Championships will alternate from the San Antonio Area, RGV Area and the Laredo Area if applicable each year.

Rationale: To save travel expenses for all circuit staff and administration

Financial Impact: over \$5000.00 per year

Submitted by Marissa Trevino and 2nd by Nathan Flynt

Add the following sentence to Article 2 Section 1 Letter E. The parliamentarian shall be responsible for making sure that all rules and regulations are followed by the membership.

Rationale: To ensure that all bylaws and procedures are being followed

Financial Impact: None Given

Submitted by Marissa Trevino and 2nd by Rick Lopez

Change the title of Vice President to Vice President: Colorguard and the title of Percussion Administrator to Vice President: Percussion

Rationale: It creates equal representation for both colorguard and percussion units

Financial Impact: None

Percussion Administrator to be elected on odd numbered years.

Financial Impact: None

2011 Contest Schedule - This is a tentative schedule until the site committee approves every contest site. A FINAL contest schedule will be submitted to the membership in the Fall.

Jan 08 - Burbank HS (field day contest) also TMEA AREA Band Auditions

15 – Tivy High School

22 – PSJA Memorial HS

29 - Marshall HS

Feb 05 – Laredo Martin *

12 – TMEA Week

19 – South San (possibly)

26 – South San or Jourdanton (possibly)

March 05 – Edinburg North *

12 – New Braunfels HS

19 – South San or Southwest HS (possibly)

26 – Championships – Possible host Wagner HS or Southwest HS or Laredo Alexander HS

April 2 (possible Championship weekend)

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A discussion followed the 2011 schedule about the possibility of placing Championships on 2 days vs. everyone on one day. Membership is **STRONGLY** encouraged to contact their working board representative to give input on this new development in TECA's growth.

Nominations

Open Nominations for

Secretary: Fred Rodriguez nominated by Sam Rosado and 2nd by Alex Sanchez

Vice President: Nathan Flynt nominated by Alex Sanchez and 2nd by Phil Salas

Parliamentarian: Gullermo Sandoval

IX. Special Announcements

- Thanks to the Ex. Board for a great season and a great championships.
- Please look at the possibility of Championships being on 2 days instead of one
- Please encourage your friends who are directors of competing units to attend the meetings and training sessions
- South San would like to host the Fall Meeting
- NTCA and TCGC are hosting another training session for the state in the Fall. The cost is minimal and is worth EVERY PENNY! Please make plans to attend.

X. Meeting Adjournment