

**Minutes of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association**  
**Meeting Date: August 17, 2013**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association was held at Ridgeland High School on Saturday, August 17, 2013. The meeting was called to order MBA President Reuben McDowell. Len Killough led the body in the invocation.

**Special Words:** Mr. Don Hinton from the MHSAA welcomed members and gave words of encouragement to the body for a great year.

**Introduction of Membership:** Members present were introduced.

**Special Orders:** Lane Thompson was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Tim Matlock was elected Member at Large.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sid McNeil gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Matt Rowan** reported on the website, [www.msbandmasters.com](http://www.msbandmasters.com). He also encouraged the body to fill out their forms online and to make sure all typing was done exactly as you would want it to appear in printed materials. Mr. Rowan reminded the body about the beginning of the year forms and fees that are due by September 15.

**Diane Bruser from the MHSAA** reported on eligibility at the high school and jr. high level. She also gave information regarding the MHSAA Handbook on the MHSAA website.

**Reuben McDowell** talked about the MHSAA State Pass.

**Mr. Ted Burns, State Marching Evaluation Judging Coordinator** reported about the State Marching Evaluation Judges.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Matt Rowan** reported on the MBA/MHSAA State Marching Championships and announced that Robin Crawford would be our Championship Coordinator and Nola Jones would be our Judging Coordinator. Championships would be November 2 at Clinton and Pearl High Schools. The date of November 2 allowed for the Championships to be hosted at 2 sites instead of 3 and it would also allow for the Championships to start earlier since it is not an ACT date. He reported on the scheduling process for championships which is laid out in the MHSAA band manual. Mr. Rowan reminded the body of the changes that were put into the Championships.

**Reuben McDowell** reminded the body that any proposals or changes to the Championships must be proposed at State Clinic and go through the Advisory Board, Championship Committee, and the Executive Board.

**Mickey Mangum** reported on the Mississippi Lions All State Band trip to Hamburg, Germany where the band won its 29<sup>th</sup> International Parade Championship. Mr. Mangum thanked the body for their help encouraging students and helping with auditions. He then recognized the staff of the band. He encouraged the body to volunteer and help with audition judges. He announced the dates for the colorguard, dancer, and drum major clinics, and the dates and details for auditions for this year's band.

**Reuben McDowell** then reported on State Clinic. Dates are Dec 11-14. Hotel costs have increased but the MBA will absorb this cost for students this year, but the cost for 2014 clinic will most likely go up. The cost for Wednesday night will be \$40 per student. He then announced the clinicians for State Clinic Bands. He spoke about the performing groups and possible schedule change regarding the All State Concert Band.

**Mr. Rigdon** reported on Hotel costs for State Clinic and Clinic details. Mr. Rigdon then spoke about the Wednesday night form and taking up dues.

**Reuben McDowell** reported on CEUs from Northeast Community College. Directors must pay \$10 per 2.5 CEUs to Northeast Community College if you want to use them.

**Matt Rowan** announced the dates for State Concert Evaluation, March 24-28<sup>th</sup> at Pearl and Ridgeland High Schools. He then Music Selection Committee and proposed the new Music Selection Guidelines. These details passed and would be included in the clinic book and the next MHSAA Band Manual. Mr. Rowan covered the details for submitting a piece to be put on the required music list.

**Andy Sanders** encouraged the body to make sure their copyrights for marching programs were acquired when selecting their performance material.

**Sid McNeil** reported on the new split Required Music List. The new deadline will be December 1<sup>st</sup> for submitting new pieces or reclassifying pieces on the current Required Music List.

**Zach Harris and Travis Coakley** proposed that all bands be allowed to play down one classification for their required piece at State Concert Evaluation. For example a class 6A band must play off the 5A Required list or higher. He also talked about the selected piece in relation to the required list.

**Reuben McDowell** accepted the proposal and opened the floor for discussion. Discussion was had amongst the body on Mr. Harris' proposal. Discussion ceased and the proposal was voted on and passed. This will go into effect 2013-2014. A straw poll was conducted to see if a motion of the the Selected piece requirement would be considered. The Selected piece concern would be addressed in December.

**Concert Evaluation Discussion:** Mr. McDowell discussed the options about the structure of State Concert Evaluation. Discussion was had regarding State Concert Evaluation regions, dates, format, etc. A straw poll was taken to see the basic thoughts of the body. Vance Wigginton was then charged with heading a State Concert Evaluation Committee to research a proposal for the restructuring of the event. A survey would be put on the website to collect the thoughts and wishes of the body. The proposal would then be brought to the body at the December meeting. Mr. Wigginton then asked if anyone wanted to serve to see him after the meeting.

Announcements were made and Doorprizes were given then the meeting was adjourned.