

MARCHING BAND COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 6TH, 2018

SPRECHER'S – WISCONSIN DELLS

- I. Financial Statement
 - a. Waiting on final invoices
 - b. Will share once completed
- II. Old Business
 - a. Rule Change
 - i. Approved by WSMA Board in January Meeting
 - ii. Posted on WSMA website>Marching Band>Resources>WSMA State Marching Band Handbook
 - b. Competition Suite
 - i. WSMA will set up optional Competition Suite account
 - ii. WSMA will contact each independent host inquiring about needs for show
 - 1. Recorders available for rental (\$60/show)
 - 2. Recorders and WSMA staff (\$120/show)
 - 3. Competition Suite \$7/performance
 - iii. Independent show hosts will submit results, WSMA will invoice independent show host accordingly
 - c. Championship Concerns
 - i. Photographer
 - 1. Contract same photographer for another 3 years after the upcoming championships
 - 2. Discussed possibility of photographs taken in main gymnasium
 - a. Location is easier to access
 - b. Lighting is better
 - c. Small group photo logistics need improvement
 - d. WSMA will discuss with photographer and UWW Staff
 - ii. UW-W host concerns
 - 1. WSMA will discuss following during 2018 planning
 - a. Escorts
 - b. Warm-up schedule
 - c. Concession stand remains open until final performance begins
 - d. Marching Band Session Proposal
 - i. WMEA has approved one session
- III. Independent Show Schedule
 - a. 2018 Schedule Finalized
 - i. Dave Heilman already contracting judges
 - ii. Dave Heilman works independently to schedule judges for independent shows (contracted by WSMA only for State Marching Band Championships)
 - iii. 2018 Schedule posted on WSMA website and advertised in upcoming WSM magazine
 - b. Future Schedules
 - i. Increase in demand to host shows, especially in southern half of the state
 - 1. Possibility of diluting quality of judges at each show
 - 2. Difficult to insure 1st read judges at State
 - 3. Agreement that hosting show is important to funding of programs

4. Independent shows must be positive experience for participants, audience and judges
 - a. Location and parking demands
 - b. Performance field and warm-up area conditions
 - c. Spectator capacity and accessibility
 5. Inquiries about Minnesota and Illinois Independent show
 - a. Each host finds their own judges
 - b. Scheduled at their own discretion
 - ii. Decrease in participation of northern shows
 1. Independent shows encouraged to reach out to neighboring schools
 - a. Encourage participating in non-competitive/comment only class
 - iii. Outcome
 1. Scheduling of Independent Shows needs to be fair and consistent
 2. "Request to Host Independent Marching Band Show" form
 - a. Distributed by committee member(s) for review with Dave Heilman
 - b. Will be made available to all interested
 - c. Requests must be submitted no later than May 1st to allow time to contract judges
 - d. Can schedule afternoon and evening shows on same day for locations in close proximity
 - i. Allows for multiple performances while keeping travel costs low
 - ii. Allows for more shows
- IV. Marching Band Hall of Fame
- a. Nominations accepted April – June through on-line application
 - b. Previous years' nominees that were not chosen remain as candidates
 - c. WSMA will promote through WSM, WSMA website and WSMA Facebook page
- V. Championship Schedule Draw Timeline
- a. Championship schedule draw in March allows enough time for planning and arrangements by schools and WSMA, yet registration does not open until July
 - i. Must request WIAA enrollment numbers in February for participating schools to assign class
 - ii. Difficult to communicate with all possible schools in February, due to festival season and school/music department schedules
 - b. Agreement that most schools know if they plan to participate in following year after fall season is complete
 - c. Pending approval - WSMA will open registration for following year's State MB registration in December – January
 - i. Schools can choose to be invoiced in current school year or following school year
 - ii. No late registration fee charges
 - iii. Schools that choose to participate after Jan 31st deadline will be placed at the beginning of their class
- VI. 2018 Championship Schedule Draw
- a. Band Classifications reviewed and approved
 - b. Competitive vs. Comment Only/Festival Class entries reviewed and approved
 - c. Review of procedures
 - d. Performance Order – 1A, 3A, 2A, 4A reviewed and confirmed
 - i. 2018 Tentative State Marching Band Schedule now posted on WSMA website>Marching Band Activity>State Championships>Schedule/Class Assignments
- VII. Other

- a. Request to distribute Clinic Format/Non-Competitive Participation Survey
 - i. WSMA cannot distribute materials from private entities or share email address
 - ii. Committee Members will help distribute

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting

- a. Monday, November 19th at Sprecher's in WI Dells

IX. Adjourn