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**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67th year
DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)**

DISTRICT NUMBER: 12	MEETING DATE: Monday, 21 April, 2003
MEETING NUMBER: #4	MEETING LOCATION: Sleepy Hill Middle School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

7:00pm - Meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Coolman. He promptly thanked the Director and parents of Sleepy Hill MS for hosting our meeting and providing food for the membership.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Members – J. Coolman, R. Manzi, J. Harden, F. Nicsinger, S. Alia, K. Crawford, S. Barat, B. Fultz, D. Fultz, D. West, J. Parker, M. Lussier, K. Atkinson, J. Eckman, K. Levine, A. Malott, R. Combs, R. Lambert, K. Johnson, M. Buckmaster, C. Fulton, H. Lundahl, R. Lundahl, F. Howes, C. Harris, K. Kessler, F. McDonald, B. Wharton

Guests - J. Bombaugh – Intern LRHS
M. Wilson – Intern Jewett
J. Carter – Intern WHHS

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Motion to dispense with the reading of minutes S. Alia/K. Levine **PASSED**

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

J. Coolman reported a balance of \$8,880.48 which does not include the payment of \$.90 per student that we pay as a state assessment from our district.

Item 5: Communications

J. Coolman stated that several schools had submitted letters requesting to perform on Friday evening at the Spring 2004 District Concert Assessment and that there were no other spots for such requests.

Also, letters were submitted offering to host various festivals but would be discussed in depth under Item 8

Item 6: Unfinished Business

None

Item 7: Committee Reports

Piano Committee - K. Crawford

No Report

J. Coolman did mention that in the future more money would need to be budgeted for piano rental. We have maintained a budget total of \$3000 for that event and it will be impossible to continue renting the needed number of instruments at that figure.

Benevolence Committee - R. Raabe

No Report

Publicity – J. Parker

Mr. Parker was thanked by the chair for his efforts in gaining sponsorship for our marching assessment. In return, Mr. Parker thanked the members of the district that followed through on the writing of thank-you letters to our sponsors. He reiterated that fact that re-signing sponsors will be made easier through that effort.

Political Action Committee – D. Fultz/B. Fultz

Mr. Fultz stressed that we should be aware of the legislative events occurring in Tallahassee and to pass the word regarding the upcoming ½ cent sales tax referendum. We as a district desperately need the funds.

Item 8: New Business

District MPA Dates for next school year

Marching MPA	10/25/03	Site: Denison Field, Winter Haven HS
Solo and Ensemble	02/13-14/04	Site: George Jenkins HS
	Motion to hold S/E Assessment at GJHS	D. Fultz/S. Barat PASSED
HS MPA	03/5-6/04	Site: Lake Region HS
	Motion to hold HS MPA at LRHS	S. Alia/C.Fulton PASSED
MS MPA	03/11-12/04	Site: Winter Haven HS
	Motion to hold MS MPA at WHHS (letter forthcoming)	C. Fulton/C. Harris PASSED

New Format for Colorguard performances at Solo and Ensemble

S. Alia voiced concerns regarding the performance interval and scheduling for the colorguard events at Solo and Ensemble Assessment. He stated that:

- for many of our students, that performance is their district festival,
- because of the long interval time, many people do not stay and observe performances
- due to the above factors, the performance experience is not as enriching as it could be

He would appreciate us exploring employing two judges to alternate solo events and get them done faster, scheduling all of the large ensemble consecutively at the end of the evening to create a better atmosphere (like Marching MPA) and if need be, hold guard events a night earlier (Thurs.)

R. Combs offered that in this time and climate (selling our programs) perhaps we need to promote the guard and Jazz Band events.

Opinions seemed favorable to exploring an altered format. S. Alia will form a committee to offer a motion at the August meeting.

Date and Site for All-State Auditions

Discussion held pertaining to the extra week holding auditions on the 20th would provide.

Motion to hold All-State Auditions on Sat, Sept. 13 **C.Harris/R. Lundahl FAILED**

Motion to hold All-State Auditions on Sat., Sept. 20 **S. Alia/B.Fultz PASSED**

Frostproof HS and Sleepy Hill MS offered to host auditions. Frostproof then withdrew offer. Sleepy Hill MS will host auditions.

Item 9: District Adjudicators for Next School Year

R.Manzi raised concern regarding the hiring of adjudicator that may work in our district as sales representatives. He cited passages from FBA Handbook that addressed this specific situation. The district opinion was to work hard to avoid the situation in the future.

R.Lundahl brought up our professional responsibility to complete and return Adjudicator Evaluation Sheets.

Discussion then ensued regarding what exactly happens with the sheets once they are submitted. Mr. Coolman explained the sheets are sent to Dr. Bentley Shellahamer who makes note of comments and if need be, passes information on to adjudicators.

Item 10: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators

Nomination of Brian Moorhead of the University of South Florida	J.Coolman/C.Harris	PASSED
Nomination of Dr. Brian Brink of Florida Southern College	F.Howes/C.Fulton	PASSED

Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List

None

Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees

None

Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board

Motion that Middle School Sightreading should be two separate sets of music for 1st and 2nd bands at Assessment
B.Fultz/C.Harris

Motion that the Association recombine State Solo and Ensemble Assessment with State Concert Assessment and have two sites to accommodate our state.
R.Lundahl/S.Alia

Item 14: Other

Dates for Meetings Next Year

1) August 23, 2003	Southwest MS		
2) October 6, 2003	Lake Gibson HS	C.Harris/S.Alia	PASSED
3) January 15, 2004	Lakeland Christian Sch.	C.Fulton/R.Lundahl	PASSED
4) April 19, 2004	Kathleen HS	C.Harris/R.Lundahl	PASSED

Item 15: For the Good of the Association

R.Combs – announced the upcoming Dr. Tim seminar for August 16th. As they will be moving to the new auditorium at LGHS she encouraged the membership to make reservations early.

R.Lambert – mentioned that with the increased interest in Jazz Bands in Polk County, the Polk Jazz festival may be moved earlier in the spring to serve as a pre-festival for District Solo & Ensemble Assessment

R.Lundahl – led the membership in thanking Jan Coolman for his work as district chairperson

K.Johnson – brought up discussion from the January district mtg. regarding forming some clinics to prepare students for All-State, perhaps some on each side of the county

R. Lambert – Echoed this thought and offered that he and J. Eckman had considered doing the same for Percussionists, not only to prepare for All-State, but strengthen performance skills to minimize the “deer in the headlights” syndrome we saw at All-County

F.Howes – best wishes to Bartow HS, Lakeland HS, and Winter Haven HS for their coming performances at State Assessment

S.Alia – asked anyone interested in assisting with the reformatting of the colorguard portion of S&E to contact him

J.Hardin – shared that Eugene Williams was killed in the action in Iraq

M.Buckmaster – announced that the date for the Central Florida Marching Band Showcase would be held at Kathleen High School on Oct. 11, 2003

Item 16: Next Meeting Date

August 23, 2003 Southwest Middle School Jeff Cayer, Host

Item 17: Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn **C.Harris/S.Alia** **PASSED**

Name of District Secretary: Kevin Crawford

Signature: