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**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67<sup>th</sup> year  
 DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)**

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 13</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: November 11, 2002</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 2</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Okeechobee HS Okeechobee, FL</b>

**Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by District chairman, Tamyra DiFruscio.

**Item 2: Members and Guests Present**

Rob Roadman, FBA President	Martin County High School
Tamyra DiFruscio, Chairman	Northport Middle School
Joann Kinder, Secretary	Southern Oaks Middle School
Steve Harris	Hill-Gustat Middle School
Kevin Collier	Sebring High School
Ryan Miller	Lake Placid High School
Lara Craton	Indiantown Middle School
Jim LeBon	Dan McCarty Middle School
Kirk Jackson	St. Lucie West Centennial High School
Tim McGinley	Ft. Pierce Central High School
Allen Gilbert	Hidden Oaks Middle School
Al Hager	Stuart Middle School
Amy Clark	Murray Middle School
Philip Obado	Southfork High School
Eric Allen	Sebastian River High School
Sherrie St. Peterey	Oslo Middle School
Sean Srigley	Gifford Middle School
Shanando Jackson	Yearling Middle School
Bud Lampi, II	Osceola Middle School
Ernest Hilliard	St. Anastasia School
Amy Wood	Okeechobee High School

**Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Motion: Clark/Lampi to waive reading of previous minutes  
 PASSED

#### **Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

Marching MPA Gate Receipts      \$5,430.00

Marching MPA profit                \$4,005.00

Note of thanks to Ms. Miller, Director of Bands at WestWood HS for a very efficiently run MPA and for saving the district the cost of renting Lawnwood Stadium.

#### **Item 5: Communications**

None

#### **Item 6: Unfinished Business**

High School MPA Site

Two sites have put in requests for this privilege. Sebring High School hosting at South Florida College, and South Fork High School hosting.

Motion:        Allen/Harris to hold the High School MPA at South Fork High School  
                 PASSED

#### **Item 7: Committee Reports**

None

#### **Item 8: New Business**

DEADLINE for Assessments – 01/06/03 8:00 p.m.

See Calendar for further details

Adjudicator evaluation forms are online and must be filled out and turned in immediately

#### **Item 9: State MPA Dates and Sites**

North Site:    University of North Florida in Jacksonville

April 21 – 25, 2003

South Site:    North Port High School in Bradenton

April 22 – 26, 2003

#### **Item 10: Nominations for Adjudicators List**

None

#### **Item 11: Suggestions to State Committees**

Suggestions to the Clinics Committee by Steve Harris

Manual Suarez, of Tampa, could do a clinic for Middle School band directors about updates to the pass-off system utilizing technology and appealing structures.

Suggestions to the Clinics Committee by Eric Allen

Modernization of Marching Band

Suggestions to FSMA by K. Jackson/Roadman

Encourage judges to become certified and possibly host a training session in our area

Reminder that future judges must have taught 7 years and had 3 of 5 years w/superiors

#### **Item 12: Proposals to the Executive Board**

Proposal #1 by Steve Harris

Motion:        Harris/R. Miller to forward to Executive Board

PASSED

The FBA Sponsor additional All-State groups. The suggestions is as follows:

1.    7<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Band
2.    8<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Band

3. 7<sup>th</sup> grade All-State Band
  4. 8<sup>th</sup> grade All-State Band
  5. 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade Small Schools Honor Band
  6. 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade Small Schools Honor Band
- no. 1 & 2 replaces the current 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Band  
no. 3 & 4 replaces the current 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade All-State Band  
no. 5 & 6 replaces the current Small Schools Honor Band

Rationale: The population of Florida has grown dramatically in recent years. Opportunities for All-State Band participation have not grown proportionately. As a result, many highly qualified band students are not being afforded the opportunity to participate in an All-State Band. The band movement has suffered, as a smaller proportion of band students are having this experience and the school band programs are not reaping the benefits of having All-State musicians as members.

Proposal #2 by Steve Harris

Motion: Harris/LeBon to forward to Executive Board  
**PASSED**

Change the FBA Motto:  
from "A Band in Every School"  
to "Excellence in Music Creates Excellence in Character and All Endeavors"

### **Item 13: Other**

None

### **Item 14: For the Good of the Association**

It was brought to our attention that we have a District Handbook. However it has not been updated in quite a number of years. We were district 17 at the time, then we were 15, and now we are 13. The handbook was originally intended to address those issues that the State Manual does not, or things that District 13 specific. Because of numerous changes in the State Manual and our own district, it is time to update this handbook.

Motion: Allen/Srigley that before the April meeting, a member from each county meet to discuss revisions to the District Policy and Procedure Manual.

A request was made that there be no "gock blocks" allowed at the Marching MPA during the warm-up time as they "bleed-over" into the judging area on the field.

A request was made to rope-off a section at the marching MPA for not only judges, but also for directors, staff, photographers, and the stairwell that accesses the press box.

Steve Harris is on the cover of "The Florida Music Director" October 2002 issue. Hopefully, his article will be published in the November 2002 issue. Congratulations Steve!!

There is currently an opening at Sebastian River High School for an assistant band director.

We were sorry to hear that Neil Brooks passed away. We are concerned about inter-district communications when someone is very ill.

Rob Roadman suggested that all directors block out their calendar yearly for the Hall of Fame Ceremony and highly recommended that all attend.

**Item 15: Next Meeting Date**

January 6, 2003

Okeechobee H.S.

6:30 pm

**Item 16: Adjournment**

Motion: Woods/S. Jackson to adjourn

PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**Name of District Secretary: Joann S. Kinder**

**Signature:**