

Attendees (via Skype):

Dan Cole (D.C.)
Dave Hall (D.H.)
Sheldon Hamblin (S.H.)
Helen Harlow (H.H.)
Eric McNeil (E.M.)
Jim Roberts (J.R.)
Steve Serneels (S.S.)

[Music Board (MB) recommendations document (with EC decisions included) is attached.]

I. Call to Order *Called to order 6:11PM*

II. Review Music Board Recommendations

1. Proposal: The Drum Majors have requested that the Music Board review and offer clarifications of the rules, regulations, and expectations for Drum Major competitions so that events be standardized from contest to contest. *Motion to accept MB recommendation H.H., Second S.H., motion passed unan.*

2. Proposal - Allow Branches to determine band events held at Games in their area, in lieu of the even-odd rule. *Motion to accept MB recommendation E.M., Second S.H., motion passed unan.*

3. Proposal: Remove the following statements from the Sanctioning Package Pamphlet and Form:
Pamphlet: "All judges must be selected from the current EUSPBA judges panel...Games are strongly encouraged to use EUSPBA panel judges rather than guest judges"
Form: "The EUSPBA strongly recommends that games hire EUSPBA panel judges" *EC asks MB to clarify the rules and notes that approvals should be determined by the music board chair and appropriate sub-committee. Also recommended that the twice a season statement should be removed. June Hanley is to be invited to participate at the next EC meeting to discuss this in more detail. Motion to send back to MB for clarifications as noted H.H., second E.M. motion passed unan.*

4. Three Piobaireachd Grade IV Proposals:

- First Proposal (22) :To freeze all pending changes to the Grade IV Junior/Senior Piobaireachd rule for the 2011 season which will keep the existing 2010 rules in effect during the 2011 season and beyond. This will keep the option for a sanctioned ground only contest for Grade IV solo piping competitions.

- Second Proposal (23): Consider an intermediate step for Grade 4 Piobaireachd comprised of Ground and next two movements.

- Third Proposal (26) - The Piobaireachd events for Grade 4/Novice should be: Senior – ground only or full tune. Junior – full tune.

Motion to accept MB recommendation of rules for 2011 H.H., Second S.H., motion passed unan.

Additional recommendations taken under advisement. Also if it is determined that EUSPBA will provide funding to games it was decided that this should not be published anywhere.

5. Proposal to replace Grade 4 QMM with 2 parts each MSR: Replace the quick march medley set for grade 4 bands to a march strathspey reel set consisting of the first two parts of each tune. The tunes allowed should be those that would satisfy current requirements for the grade 3 MSR set. *Motion to accept MB recommendation E.M., Second J.R., motion passed unan. D.H. amended motion to have MB create a list of suggested strathspeys and reels that can be published.*

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6. Two Proposals for Instructor Rule:

- First Proposal To freeze all pending changes to the instructor rule for the 2011 season which will keep the existing 2010 Instructor rules in effect during the 2011 season and beyond.
- Second Proposal: Repeal the Instructor Rule and revert back to the 2010 Rule allowing for a Playing Instructor *Motion to accept MB recommendation E.M., Second J.R., motion passed unan. Amended that EC will discuss this issue with MB at next face to face meeting.*

7. Proposal - The Grading Committee should meet twice a year. *Motion to accept MB recommendation E.M., Second H.H., motion passed unan.*

III. Music Board Upgrade Recommendations (attached) *Motion to accept MB recommendation (with explanation needed for the following individuals – Michael Mansfield, Gregory Colpitts, Jared Mays) E.M., Second H.H., motion passed unan.*

IV. Other New Business

A. Proposal from John Bottomley

1. He is creating a CD/Book set for Grade 4/3 Pipers
 2. His equipment is failing
 3. He proposes to purchase \$329.95 worth of equipment, with money fronted from the EUSPBA
 4. He will then send us \$5.00 for every CD sold
- Motion to not approve this E.M., Second H.H., motion passed unan. (D.H. absent) EC feels that it would be a potential conflict with non-profit status to partner with a for-profit venture.*

B. ASGF Conference *H.H. said that this was a successful trip and that in addition to attending the conference she also conducted monitor training. The Florida branch chair has appointed Kitt Burt as the Florida branch's monitor coordinator.*

Meeting adjourned 8:57PM