

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Friday February 18 - Saturday February 19, 2011

Attendees:

Dan Cole (DC)
Dave Hall (DH)
Helen Harlow (HH)
Eric MacNeill (EM)
Jim Roberts (JR)
Steve Serneels (SS)
Gordon Bell (GB)
Jimmy Bell (JimB)
John Bottomley (JohnB)
June Hanley (JH)
Donald Lindsay (DL)
Nancy Love (NL)
Maureen Conner (MC)
Albert McMullen (AM)
Doug Ross (DR)

I. Call to Order *Called to order 7:20 P.M. 2/18*

II. Acceptance of Recording Secretary's Minutes from the last meeting of December 6, 2010 *Motion to approve EM, second HH, passed unan.*

III. Treasurer's report *In addition to the standard report JR presented a proposed 2011 budget. Stated the fiscal year runs Oct 1 – Nov 30. The Voice budget was discussed. Per JimB the structure of the agreement was to be a series of four 6 month contracts with Stephanie Hopkins. With each renewal the amount the EUSPBA contributed was to decrease until the end of two years at which time the magazine would be self-sustaining. Motion to accept treasurer's report EM, second HH, passed unan.*

IV. Committee Reports

A. Music Board *JH reported that in October the judge's test was given to 7 candidates of which 5 passed. Of the ones that passed 3 were already on other association panels. The other two were approved for the apprentice program. Panel of 9 has been formed to approve their sheets. The expected turnaround of these reviews is two weeks. Each apprentice has been appointed a "mentor" judge who will be largely responsible for determining when the apprentice is ready. Motion to accept music board recommendation to approve the 3 other panel judges that had passed the judge's test DH, second EM, passed unan.*

- *There will be a music board meeting Sunday, on the agenda is the scheduling of an ensemble exam, the structure of the apprentice program and the current upper grade band situation within the association.*

- *It was noted that on the upgrade denial letter sent out there was no deadline date listed for appealing. This needs to be corrected in the future.*

- *Topic at last judges meeting was physical vs Skype attendance. General feedback was in favor of more physical meetings – 3 have been tentatively scheduled (Fair Hill, Greenville and weekend prior or after the Nichol-Brown). 3 Skype meetings will also be scheduled. There will be individuals invited to speak at these meetings – budget for this to be submitted.*

- *DL proposed that a change to judges' training should be considered. The perception now is that once approved they are set for life. There needs to be a paradigm shift in that becoming a judge is the beginning of a process rather than an ending and education needs to be a continuing part of it. The*

judge should bear the burden of this responsibility rather than EUSPBA. EUSPBA's role should be as one of many resources available to the judge.

- AM asked what drummer related topics were to be covered at these upcoming meetings, JH said that would be discussed at the Sunday Music Board meeting.

- JH asked that it be clarified that her role as judge's test administrator was separate from her role as the Music Board chair.

B. Any other committees to report GB reported for the Metro Branch. Stated that the PCP testing conducted for the Rory O'Moore Band was a success. Suggested that the branches take an active part in establishing this program in their areas.

- DH said the Education Committee should develop materials to present the PCP program. DL proposed that the committee evaluate the Piping and Drumming Qualifications Board (PDQB) program since it has already established and has been developed by several highly credible organizations. This would save considerable time, money and duplication of effort.

- NL reported for the Southwest Branch. Stated that the Houston Games have been cancelled for this year which may result in more bands attending Salado. Recommended that the AGM date be changed so as not to conflict with the Salado Games. EM proposed that November 5th be set as the date for the 2011 AGM. NL to discuss with the branch and will let EC know their decision.

- HH reported for the Mid-Atlantic Branch. Stated that she received feedback from parents of Delco Workshop students stating how beneficial it was and hoped to see it continue. DL stated that the motivation and preparation required by the participants has a long term impact. Noted the impact that Winter Storm has had for piping and drumming for the Midwest and that the EUSPBA would greatly benefit from a similar program.

V. Old Business

A. Pending Proposals from AGM

1. Formalize the rules for the rotation of the EUSPBA championships

a) Dave Hall and committee (See items 4&5)

2. Branch funding policy MC presented a funding request form that she and AM developed. DH explained that the current branch funding policy was developed because of past lack of accountability demonstrated repeatedly by the branches. AM recommended the branch budgets be allocated based on the number of members within that branch. DH proposed and it was agreed to form a committee to revamp the current policies regarding the funding of special events. DH chair, AM, MC, JR Committee to report back in 90 days.

3. Grade 1 and 2 contests, allow the games to sanction both Medley and MSR. When both events are offered, a championship format would be used: draw one of 2 MSR's and submit 1 Medley a) From June Hanley: "If a games offers Both MSR and medley for Grade 1, then Grade 1 bands (and challenging Grade 2 bands) will submit tune listings for two MSR's and one medley of their choice with the entry form and will submit the MSR lists at the draw on contest day. In this case, names of the tunes for MSR's #1 and #2 will be presented to a steward at the shotgun draw, who will then hand them to the judges."

b) See attached email for specific directions on rule book insertion Motion by EM: 1. to allow both events when possible and only require 1 medley be submitted and 2. Drop manuscript requirement. Second DH. 5 in favor, DC opposed.

4. Implement a Majors band competition system, 5. Implement a Majors solo competition system

Motion by DH:

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1. Create a contest committee to work with games to create Grade 1 & 2 contests
2. A special projects committee be formed to determine what can be allocated to fund these contests and other projects
3. Each branch be contacted and educated in the ways they can allocate funds to be used in their area
4. No championships this year
5. An article be included in *The Voice* outlining this plan.

DC second, 5 in favor, HH abstain

- Committee to consist of DC (chair), DR, AM, NL

6. Develop an operations budget *Consensus that the budget submitted by JR (see Treasurer's Report above) will be used as a guideline going forward when determining expenditures throughout the year.*

7. PCP Funding *Consensus that a request for running a PCP program needs to be approved via the agreed upon special project funding process, i.e. done through the appropriate branch and go to the finance committee for approval.*

B. General Policy review *Noted that an exception was made to the policy manual with the approval of Brian Williamson to the EUSPBA judges' panel.*

- AM asked that the policy manual be changed in that candidates be notified of election results once they have been determined.

- DH and SS to begin review of policy manual and proposed amendments to it.

- AM proposed that the articles of incorporation be placed on the EUSPBA website.

C. Request to reconsider Presidents automatic honorary membership from Southern Branch chair *Consensus to clarify in the policy manual that association presidents will be given lifetime memberships and that this is separate from the awarding of an honorary membership.*

D. Instructor Rule (2012) *Music Board to discuss the revision of this rule*

VI. New Business

A. Paid Administrator *Ward Connelly has been delayed in addressing this due to tax season. Will revisit this at next meeting.*

B. Education Committee *DH inquired who the current chair of this committee is and if the PCP was going to be moved under this. Consensus that this committee should be linked to the Music Board. EM to discuss this with JH (she was not present for this portion of the meeting).*

C. Any other business to come before the committee *AM noted that there was a section of the bylaws regarding the compensation of officers. Currently it is in there as an amendment but it should actually be changed in the section it is originally discussed rather than written separately as an amendment.*

AM said he had been contacted by Sandy Keith (SK) regarding the EUSPBA and SUSPBA in Florida. AM said that he was willing to have an informal discussion with SK about the status of the piping associations in Florida. EM said that he would have a conversation with SK as well.

Meeting adjourned 11:35 A.M. 2/19