

Waxahachie Band Booster Minutes
General Meeting – Virtual on Zoom
May 5, 2020, 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Booster President Sherri Cooper.

There was not a general meeting last month so there are no minutes to approve.

Election of 2020-2021 Band Booster Officers

Vacancies for the following board positions were elected:

AVP of Special Projects Co-Chairs – Kathleen White, John White, and Kim Freeman

Coleman Reps – Kristi Lehman and Misti Scott

AVP of Fundraising – Michelle Robertson

Secretary/AVP of Communications – Sharon Boyd

Logistics – Ron Brown (joining Rick Williams who is staying for a 3rd term.)

AVP of Uniforms – still vacant

Committee/Team Members

Fundraising Team – Michelle Jennings, Nicole Jordan-Dunn, and Laurie Vicalvi have agreed to help Michelle Robertson

Logistics – Shaun Dunn has agreed to help Rick Williams and Ron Brown with Logistics

Uniforms – Lou Navarrez has agreed to pick up the uniforms after games and contests and deliver/pickup from the cleaners.

Financials

Treasurer Alyssa Aldrich presented the budget for 2020-2021. The balanced budget has been approved at the executive meeting for \$193,000 for income and \$193,000 for expenses. Sharon Boyd and Lee Ann Jones made a second motion to approve the budget as presented, and the motion passed.

Bylaws Amendments

There was a handout of bylaws amendments for 2020-2021. Attendees were asked to read the proposed amendments at home (because of the length), and a vote will be taken by email later this week.

Directors

David Ingram from Coleman Junior High said there are pros and cons to Zoom meetings. Some students have learned to practice on their own and do their assignments, but we are ready for things to get back to normal.

Courtney David of Howard JH said they have seen some students step it up at home, and they hope the high school directors will be impressed with the 8th graders when they audition.

Laura Seale of Finley JH said they are thankful for what their students are doing. They are taking their auditions seriously.

Rich Armstrong, the WHS Director of Bands, said online learning may be here for a while. Auditions for the incoming 9th graders are tomorrow, May 6. Guard auditions are this Saturday. Leadership auditions – we have had up to 40 kids on our Tuesday and Thursday Zoom calls for next year's leaders. They have a vision for what they want the band to be next year.

The band is making connections with professional musicians and other performers who can help our band improve. Mr. Armstrong said there is a premier professional jazz trumpet player who lives near WHS who may offer a course for our students, another parent who is a choreographer, and private music teachers who are teaching master classes for our students. These professionals are helping our environment to become more like a college experience.

June band camp is not canceled. We will do something online since the students know how to do that now. It is a state competition year so we need to get started on next year's marching show.

We will have a meeting for our incoming 8th grade students and parents next Tuesday on Zoom. It will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Physicals will be good for 2 years, but if you didn't do it last year, you will need to have it done this summer.

Letter jackets – we have about 50 students who have earned a letter jacket this year.

Spring trip in 2021 – We will probably not travel to Disney World in Florida as planned. But we will still have a trip in Texas.

The trailer for next year's marching show will come out this week.

New Business

Band Registration will be August 1, 2020. Forms and payment will be online this year. We will have payment plans and bank drafts to help parents pay their fees. TNT Fireworks is hiring, and students can get paid \$10/hour to help pay their band fees.

The Band Banquet will be virtual on May 21st this year. We are gathering senior pictures and baby pictures, and general band pictures from the students for the show.

Important Dates

May 21 – Band Banquet (Virtual)

June 1-4 – Band Camp (Online 8:00 am – 12:00 noon)

June 5 – WHS Graduation at Lumpkins Stadium (The Band sells drinks at the Concession Stand)

Band Garage Sale/Car Wash – To Be Determined (in June last year)

July 4th Parade band marching performance/family picnic at Getzendaner Park afterward

August 1st - Band Registration

Next meeting

The next General Boosters Meeting will be at 7:30 pm on June 2, 2020

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.