

Vicksburg Band Boosters, Inc.  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**Meeting Started at 6:08 PM**

**Present:** Band Directors: Ben Rosier, Jay Bennett; Craig A Rolfe Community Member at Large, Erik Knedgen President, Heather Morand VP; David Soderquist, Middle School Liaison; Michelle Wester, Fundraising Coordinator

**Absent:** Andrea Luegge, Secretary

**Approval of Minutes** – The email that sent this out was missing the attachment. Will need the Spring Raffle attachment mentioned in the minutes email resent. Otherwise, minutes are good to go.

*Motion to accept minutes – Ben, second Michelle -Motion passes (7 yea, 0 nea)*

**Treasurer's Report –**

Erik presented June and July 2021 financials

June Balance: \$37,527.28 with \$4,643.86 in checks and deposits of \$430.00. At this time, the \$500 scholarship check for Morgan Haddix had not been cashed yet

July Balance: \$37,369.28 with no checks and Deposit total of \$342 which was a donation from a previous band parent.

Total August Balance: \$37,369.28

Erik has been trained by Amy on reporting and transferred the treasurer email, Quickbooks login, and treasurer materials for banking.

*Motion to approve Treasurer report: Ben; Dave second, motion passes (7 yea, 0 nea)*

**President Report**

VBBI Vacancies Discussions – Erik

- Renee Hawkins was appointed previously as Volunteer Coordinator and in addition, the Merchandise Coordinator.
- Presented a new candidate for Fundraising Coordinator – Angie LaVoy.

Angie arrived and discussed the position with the Board.

Ben motioned for the Board to accept Angie as the Acting Treasurer for VBBI per the Bylaws. Michelle seconded. Motion passed (7 yea, 0 nea)

Invitational Update – Craig discussed that we are at 11 bands currently with 3 in Class A. He also said that he now has a Concessions Coordinator in Latasha Hart, and he will be setting up a meeting for the coordinators soon.

Glow Run Update – Erik discussed that we have at least 3 sponsors, working on a fourth. The Glow Run link to register is available and posted in social media. Tshirts are at the ready to order

Erik motioned to grant \$2500 for Glow Run expenses, Ben seconded. Motion passed (7 yea, 0 nea)

50/50 Raffle – Michelle is trained. There will be no 50/50 until our first home game on 9/24/21.

### **New Business**

Volunteer Opportunities – Renee will be working with Ben to restart the SignUp Genius as the old account is no longer accessible. Ben has sent her a number of roles to fill. Erik will send a number of roles, once the Glow Run is a go.

Fundraising Opportunities –

Heather discussed an idea for a community concert, possibly charging \$1 per person to attend. Ben said it was a great idea, just need to confirm a date and get it on the calendar.

Ben discussed the SnapRaise opportunity. This fundraiser is designed to directly fill the school account to help fund needed items for BRM and concert season. Email campaign has started and usually raises around \$18K in past years.

Field Completion Update – Ben discussed dates for new football stadium use, beginning on 9/21/21 for the BRM with our first home game on 9/24/21. Community tailgate and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be this same week. Track is poured then 21 days to cure. A lift was rented by VCS starting 8/24/21 for rehearsals.

Trailer Update – Matt Luegge joined us to talk about the trailer wrap process. Either the vendor does it at \$75/hour or we scrape off the paint ourselves. There was some discussion on the sponsor donation sections on the trailer for excess costs to upkeep year in and year out. It was then suggested to create sponsor banners, either vertical or horizontal, to set up outside the trailer during competition warmups and displayed by our merchandise table. This idea will then free up the trailer upkeep and can be changed out more cheaply.

Matt also requested new rims for the trailers for updating with the new wraps. Some ideas/colors were discussed. Michelle motioned to grant Matt with \$1000 for new trailer rims. Jay seconded. Motion passed (7 yea, 0 nea)

Merchandise update – we need to have materials and merchandise ordered/delivered by 9/24/21. More discussion needed between Renee Hawkins and the Directors to coordinate.

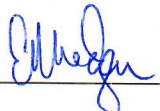
Director update – Ben and Jay discussed the middle school band numbers. Looking good at ~100 new sixth graders but only 38 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 7<sup>th</sup> grade is in the low 50's. Covid took a toll, but we should be back to pre-Covid numbers in a couple years.

Good news that VCS is paying for bus transportation to the competitions and St Joseph football game. This is huge for the band program.

Inventory for instruments was completed over the summer for instruments.

**Next Board Meeting Date: Nov 8 @ 6:00 pm**

**Adjourn – Meeting adjourned 7:40pm**

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