VBBI Minutes
October 20, 2025

Members of board of directors present:, Merlana Akans, Sarah Wasson, Andrea Luegge, Laura Sikkenga, Erik Knedgen, Jay Bennett, Jake Munson, Steve Lam, Ben Rosier

Members of Board of directors Guests: Koti Post

Absent: Aisha McKay, Stephanie Willoughby, Janelle Weesner, Jen Thurston, Joseph Cash

Secretary's Report

- Vote | Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2025 Click HERE to view minutes
    - Move Approval - Knedgen
    - Support - Lam
        - Motion passes
- Updates and Information

Treasurer's Report

- Vote | Approval of August 2025 Financials (reports have been emailed to members) to view August report click HERE
    - Move Approval Knedgen
    - Support Lam
        - Motion passes
- Vote | Approval of September 2025 Financials (reports have been emailed to members) To view September Financials click HERE
    - Move Approval Knedgen
    - Support Lam
        - Motion passes
- Thank you for Leon Hayward
    - Sent a very large donation
    - We will send out a Thank you note and picture of the band to him
- Future protocol/procedure when VBBI receives large donations
    - We will send a thank you note with image of the band
    - If it calls for something public, we will address those situations individually

Fundraising Coordinator Report

- Updates and Information
    - Red Robin Flyer was sent out today
    - Fall Fundraisers

        - See Report HERE
        - Move Approval Knedgen
        - Support Lam
            - Motion passes

President's Report

- Tentative dates for 2026 | First Monday of the month
    - February 2, April 6, June 1, (August meeting is during band camp, will need to select a different date), October 5
- Do we need a financial meeting in December 2025?
    - Ben will send email out to pick a date

Vice President's Report

- Updates and Information
    - Koti sent donors info to Steve and he is updating the current list

Coordinator Updates

- Information Coordinator | Joe Cash (Joe emailed that he is unable to attend this meeting)
    - Joe has done a great job
- Transportation | Matt Luegge
    - Tailgates on smaller trailers need to have some work done on them. When will they be available to take and are no longer needed this fall?
    - Ben and Matt are in communication with Clubhouse trailers on why the electrical issues continue to happen.
    - Matt bought new tie-down clips for all 3 trailers
        - Need to teach students and parents how to strap items down properly
    - Trailers need to be completely cleaned out before they go in for service.
    - Where does Matt send receipts for new clips?
        - Send to Laura S.
- Uniform | Janelle Weesner and Jen Thurston
    - They are good with uniforms
    - Need backs for the Gauntlets
    - Need stops on the uniform rack trailers
    - Some of the Shakos have some small issues with some small parts missing, etc…
- Invitational/MSBOA | Jake Munson
    - Click HERE to view report

    - Jake has done an amazing job heading up this event!!! Many shout outs to him!
- Merchandise | Alisha McKay
    - Tabled
- Volunteer | Koti Post
    - Volunteers went a lot better this year because Ben sent out skyward alerts this year.
    - Parking is going to be difficult to fill
        - Need to come up with creative ideas for getting volunteers

Old Business

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New Business

- Band Directors Update – Ben and Jay
    - 5 students selected to the MS Honors Band
    - Highest score of the season
    - Had some kids audition for All state
    - Need to start looking at designing some new marching band uniforms
    - Need to look at a new drumline in the future. Current drums are about 10 years old.
    - Erik Knedgen's last meeting is tonight. He is stepping down as of January 1, 2026. He still wants to stay involved with the program and we are super thankful for his years of service.

Vote to Adjourn

- Move Support Akans
- Second Lam
- Motion passes

Meeting adjourned 7:36 pm

Signed