

**Cherokee Bluff Band Association**  
**General Board Meeting**  
**October 10, 2023**

**Attendees:** Courtlan McQueen, President; Jaime Waxter, 1VP; Brandi Selman, 2VP; Amanda Mink, Treasurer; Amy Riddling, Secretary; Geoffrey Lonberger, Middle School Director, Craig Cantrell, High School Director; Kris Sheedy, Concessions Manager; Parent Attendees

- Welcome/Call to Order by Courtlan McQueen, Kari Kelly 1st, second by Tim Taylor
- President's Report:
  - Courtlan McQueen welcomed everyone and thanked them for their efforts in supporting band.
  - Requested more volunteers behind the scenes especially with away games in getting equipment where it needs to be. Said we are wanting to create a pit crew for next year of 8-10 volunteers that will rotate through the different games and competitions.
  - We still need 8 volunteers for concessions for the last home game on October 20, 2023. Also, please reach out to anyone to see if help is needed. Any extra hands are appreciated and needed.
  - Courtlan McQueen provided an update of the tower being built on the practice field. He asked if anyone knows of a contractor/builder that would oversee or help with the build of the tower for the first level at least. An in-kind sponsorship would be preferable, but we would consider a payment arrangement.
- 1VP Report:
  - Jaime Waxter thanked everyone for their efforts in getting sponsorships and said it is pretty much wrapped up.
  - Geoffrey Lonberger said we had a successful cookie dough fundraiser that made more money and had less mistakes. We had only 12 errors and those are being corrected through the company.
  - Craig Cantrell thanked Jaime Waxter for her efforts and said we saw an increase of sponsorship of 250%.
- 2VP Report:
  - We have volunteers to pull the trailer for the remaining games and competition.
  - Anyone interested in pulling the trailer in the future please let Courtlan know.
  - Those interested in being a bus chaperone please contact Brandi Selman . We still need chaperones for the competition and possibly the parades.

- Concessions:
  - Kris Sheedy explained that we are at around 50% participation for volunteers. So if you have not volunteered yet please do so because we need the help.
  - We still need 8 volunteers for the last home game on October 20, 2023.
  
- Treasurer's Report:
  - We are in good financial standing and are on budget for the year.
  - Craig Cantrell showed where to find the financial report on the band website.
  
- Secretary's Report:
  - The meeting minutes are available online for the 8-15-2023 general meeting. Motion to approve Amanda Mink, second Jaime Waxter .
  
- Director's Report:
- Mr. Lonberger
  - A new horn instructor was hired and has been beneficial for students and will also assist with the Jazz band when the marching band season is over.
  - Saturday, October 28th will be the middle school honor band prep day from 8:30-12:30. Honor band auditions will be December 2, 2023 in the morning.
  - January 9, 2024 will be our next general band parent meeting.
  - The 6th grade band is playing really well.
  - Middle school band is prepping for the holiday concert.
  - A mentorship program is being set up for high school students to mentor middle school students. Julia Caron is leading this program.
- Mr. Cantrell
  - Fall Concert is for high school only and will be Thursday, October 26, 2023 in the high school small gym. Details are in "Cut Time." Halloween costumes are acceptable. Students received a brochure that they were supposed to give parents to sign with details.
  - Thursday, December 14, 2023 will be the holiday concert for High School and Middle School students.
  - For the first time the marching band will participate in two Christmas parades. The first is the Flowery Branch Parade Saturday, November 18th. The second will be the Gainesville parade Sunday, December 2nd. For both parades, students will meet at the school and be bussed to the locations.
  - The band trip has been announced and is on "Cut Time" including the itinerary. The trip will be April 19-20 to Carowinds 8th grade band and high school band. The cost is \$385 and might be less depending on gas prices at the time of the

trip. The first deposit of \$150 is due December 1, 2023. The second payment is due January 1, 2024 at \$126 and the last payment is due February 15, 2024 at \$99 or less. We will have a trip meeting November 7th, 2023.

Motion to close by Kris Sheedy, second Kari Kelly.