

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
Shenendehowa High School
Clifton Park, NY
March 5, 2017
12:00PM

Minutes:

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:05PM by Ken Dining.

II. President's Report – Ken Dining thanked Scott Snell and the Shenendehowa School District for hosting today's meeting. He thanked show hosts for their great work throughout the first two thirds of the season. He also congratulated all units on the development and success of their programs so far this season. The Executive Board has had some discussions about early season show and will be developing some ideas down the road.

III. Vice President's Report – Scott Snell thanked all unit directors and show hosts for their flexibility for the changes that pop up during the season. He is very grateful for everyone's help and understanding.

IV. Secretary's Report – *Jim Morton was not present at the meeting. I would very much like to thank Sean Paul Edwards, from Amethyst Gold, for taking notes at the meeting!*

V. Old Business –

1. Championship Show- Please get all program information to Scott Snell no later than 3/15/17. Email the information directly to Scott (bookkeeper@edisonclub.com) This year's Championship t-shirt is black with purple writing. All unit pre-ordered t-shirts will be placed in your unit homeroom. Pre-ordering is highly recommended! There are 54 units competing at the Championship Show, starting at 9:30AM. **All show breaks are 1 hour long. It will be very important the competition floor is cleared immediately following retreat ceremonies.** There will not be time for unit celebrations/pictures etc. in the gym. Please communicate this to your performers/staff and plan accordingly. It is not yet known if there will be one or two judging panels for the Championship Show. Music will be allowed in the body warm-up area, but will not be allowed in the equipment warm-up area. (There will be another unit warming up on the other side of the curtain in the equipment warm-up area.) Following your group's performance, props must be taken out of the building to your equipment truck. There is not room in the building for props to be left inside. **Please remember, unit entrance on the competition floor is from the opposite side you are accustomed! Please make sure your floor is folded accordingly.** The IA Class will perform before SA-3 at the show to allow travel time for some of the groups. This is a one time change to the performance order. Retreat Ceremonies are full unit retreats. After placements are announced, medals will be presented to Bronze winners, Silver winners and Gold winner individually. Please communicate this to your performers and as many parents as you can, keeping movement in the gym and noise to a minimum until the medal ceremony is complete.

2. Robert Morse Award-Unit Directors, please submit your nomination for the Morse Award via email to Jim Morton (jam6700@nycap.rr.com) no later than 3/27/17. Your nomination should be for the unit you feel has shown the most growth throughout the season.

3. M-YCGC Hall of Fame-One nomination for Michelle Owens has been received to date. This is a post-humous nomination as Michelle passed from Cancer last year.

4. Competition Suite-There have been a few issues with CS throughout the season, but glitches seem to have been fixed fairly quickly.

5. Judge Critique Meetings-There have been complaints that groups are waiting long periods of time to get into the critique room. It is up to the show host to determine and communicate to participants the critique meeting order. It was suggested that we discuss changing to a Circuit wide critique order by distance traveled rule. Further discussion will take place at the November meeting. If a unit has a special request for getting into critique, please communicate this well in advance to the show host.

6. Scholarship Applications-The application is due no later than today's meeting.

7. Other-

a. It was suggested that the judging panel for the Championship Show be well experienced individuals who have previously seen a majority of the units they would be judging. There were comments that score number management the judge's part has been better than past years. Judge Coordinator, Dick Fishette has made a concerted effort to listen to judge commentaries and communicate with judges during the week. He feels the proactive efforts have improved judge quality and growth throughout the season.

b. Video taping-Ken has received several complaints about individuals capturing cell phone videos during group performances. This is not allowed at any M-YCGC show!! Show hosts must communicate to your announcers to repeatedly announce this can not happen.

c. The Executive Board has discussed a several meeting now about moving our classification system to an early season performance classification. One or two "Premier" shows would take place and classification would be based on these premier performances, with judge/director input. This is not a motion at this time, but please consider and contact a Board member with your thoughts.

VI. New Business

1. In-season promotions-This will be updated and amended at a later time as notes were incomplete.

2. Executive Board Nominations- This will be updated and amended at a later time as notes were incomplete.

3. 2018 Competition schedule-This is being considered with upcoming discussions and motions. There may be changes which will be well communicated to everyone. WGI is actively seeking a show host for a NY based WGI Regional. The initial cost of hosting is around \$8000. These local regionals can be very beneficial to our circuit, allowing units who don't travel long distances to compete nationally or exposing non-competing units to upper level groups they normally wouldn't see.

4. The Championship draw-The draw was held. Scott will email this out ASAP.

5. Other-

a. Larry Schmidt expressed to Ken that he feels it would be very beneficial to our circuit to switch to a two weekend Championship Show format. He feels it would be a much better day, both weekends, for all involved. This will be discussed more in the future.

b. A round table discussion will be held by Ken Dining in September to get the ball rolling on several of the ideas that were brought up at today's meeting. Ken will communicate the date and time to everyone when the location is secured.

c. Ken announced that APW had to suspend their 2016 season. They are hopeful they can return next year.

VII. Other – None

VIII. Announcements – The next regularly scheduled M-YCGC Membership Meeting will be held on November 12, 2017, in a Syracuse location.

IX. The meeting was closed by Ken Dining.

Respectfully submitted,
James Morton, Secretary
Mid-York Color Guard Circuit