

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
C-NS Jr. High School
North Syracuse, NY
March 13, 2016
12:00PM

Minutes:

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 12:10PM by Ken Dining.

II. President's Report – Ken Dining began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. He announced Tom Argy was not feeling well and wishes him speedy recovery from illness and medical procedures. He welcomed everyone to be sure to say hello if they see him at shows throughout the season. Ken announced the Circuit has some coals on the fire, mainly the combining M-Y and NE circuits. He feels our circuit needs to become incorporated first in order to protect the Exec. Board and the circuit's interests. We may be able to do this pro-bono through the SU Law School. He asks all unit directors to express to units member's parents about videoing performances at M-Y shows. This is quickly becoming a legal issue around the country and we don't want to see one of our own in jeopardy. As President of the circuit, unit director and NY Federation judge, Ken has reached out to the Federation Executives about the lack of viable feedback and inconsistent scores this season. He does not want to point fingers, but we need and have an obligation to our units grow and be ready to compete nationally. Ken will keep us up to date on a response from the Federation.

III. Vice President's Report – Scott Snell thanked all unit directors for their flexibility with show changes so far this season. He anticipates more changes in the coming weeks and asks for everybody's understanding.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Jim Morton reported an account balance of 8793.92. He said additional show host fee invoices were available at this meeting for shows that were already complete. Those that were not picked up today and the remainder of shows to come, invoices will be mailed via US Mail.

V. Old Business

1. Championship Show Update – Larry Schmidt announced that if individual units have special requests to communicate them to him ASAP. He made an appeal to get all unit write-ups and pictures to him right away so they can be included in the Championship Show program book. Larry wants to be sure everyone realizes the basketball backboards will not be removed and the backside bleachers will not be fully extended. C-NS does have some practice space available and it can be secured on a first come, first served basis. There is a fee for the practice space.

2. Morse Award – Please get your Morse nominations to Jim Morton by 3/22/16.

3. M-YCGC Hall of Fame – To date there have been no nominations to the HOF. Please get an application to any Executive Board member ASAP if you have someone in mind.

4. 2017 Competition Suite Update – Ken said there were some early season glitches that he worked hard with the CS folks to remedy. Things have gone better since. Please let Ken know if you are experiencing issues rather than complaining that it is not working to your liking.

5. M-Y/NE merger discussions – The Executive Committees of each circuit will hold a joint meeting in the near future. Please contact a M-Y Board member if you have any questions or concerns.

6. Other – None

VI. New Business

1. In-Season Promotions – Congratulations to the Laurens Jr. Jaguars on their self promotion to the Cadet Class.
2. Executive Board Nominations/Voting – The President, Secretary/Treasurer and 2 Board positions currently held by Dining, Morton, Flock and Tierney, respectively, are due for replacement. Ken opened the floor to nominations. Larry Schmidt nominated the full panel (R. Councilman 2nd) to remain in their current positions. All four men accepted. There were no other nominations offered. Scott Snell cast one unanimous vote for all four. The term will begin on 5/1/16 and expire on 5/1/18.

3. 2017 Competition Season – Scott said WGI has not yet released their Regional schedule to date. He has to wait until that is announced before he can formulate the tentative M-Y schedule.

4. Championship Show Draw – The draw was held and will be emailed to everyone by Larry Schmidt within the week.

5. Other

a. Ken announced the Executive Board is looking to change the trophy system we are currently used to in the circuit. It is felt by many that the collection of trophies over time becomes less and less significant, cumbersome, and a storage issue. There was a lengthy discussion about the possibility of changing to a progressive plaque system, where plaques would be obtained for each unit and show hosts would purchase show name and placement plates that can be added to the plaque after each show. Many were in favor, but a vote was table to the November meeting in order to research the costs that would be involved in the project. Ken will update everyone throughout the summer

b. The Executive Board all discussed securing Bob and Leticia English to provide sound services at all M-YCGC sanctioned shows. The Board would like to develop a contract to pay them for the season. Show host fees may have to be increased to cover contract costs. More information will follow if this is the case.

VII. Other – None

VIII. Announcements – The next regularly scheduled M-YCGC Membership Meeting will be held on November 13, 2016, in a Syracuse location.

IX. Closing – Ken Dining called the meeting to close at 1:45PM

Respectfully submitted
James Morton, Secretary
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