

**Mid-York Color Guard Circuit  
General Membership Meeting  
Phoenix HS, Phoenix, NY  
November 12, 2017**

**Minutes:**

I. President's Report – Ken Dining opened the meeting at 12:35PM and welcomed all to the meeting, thanking Nick Gerling and the Phoenix School District for use of the facilities for the meeting. He congratulated all M-Y unit members involved with the NYSFBC for a terrific marching band season. Ken has once again reached out to the NECGC about merging out two circuits to form a NYS circuit. He is awaiting a response.

II. Vice President's Report – Scott Snell asked to please let him know if your unit has any show selection changes. Those changes and late fees hinder getting the completed schedule out to all members. If you are a show host and wish to see the units tentatively scheduled for your show, please stop and see Scott at the end of the meeting, or email him at [bookkeeper@edisonclub.com](mailto:bookkeeper@edisonclub.com). The Jordan-Elbridge show on January 13, 2017 will have an all WGI certified judge panel. If you would like to add into this show to give your unit an early season read by the WGI panel, see Scott.

III. Secretary's Report – Jim Morton reported a checking account balance of \$7,780.20. The Executive Board had a discussion earlier today about applications, membership and show host fees coming in late again this year. The spreadsheet of all current applicants and fees received was distributed. Jim asked to please touch base with him at the end of the meeting if your unit was not current. There was a rule change three years ago extending all fee deadlines until November 1, and the board has been lenient with late payments. This makes it hard to release a completed show schedule. He reminded unit directors that a unit application needs to be submitted for each unit with a signature declaring class and agreement to the M-YCGC rules.

IV. Old Business –

1. The roundtable held at the Vernon Downs Conference Center was a terrific success with over 60 in attendance. The Executive Board voted to spend \$1200.00 to provide lunch for those present. There were many great topics discussed and several proposals resulted.

2. Please consider nominating an individual you know deserving of induction to the M-YCGC Hall of Fame. It can be a director/instructor, designer, support staff person, costume/flag maker, driver, anyone you feel have made a significant contribution to your unit and the M-YCGC. The application is available on [mycgc.org](http://mycgc.org). Ken is working with our webmaster to make all of our forms on the website writeable, allowing the circuit to go paperless.

3. Proposals:

a. Change show host fees – submitted by K. Dining, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Snell. Abolish Show Host Fee - For the 2019 Show Season I propose abolishing the Show Host Fee. This was originally put into place to pay for Tapes and Printing. With use of Competition Suite these items are no longer needed. After a short discussion the proposal was call to vote and PASSED 42-0.

b. Increase Ticket Prices – submitted by K. Dining, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Schmidt. Tickets prices have not increased since 2008, I propose that the Ticket prices be raised to the Max of \$8.00. Show host may determine to charge less or include show Program with increase but up to show host. Championship Show prices will be determined as part of the bid process. After a short discussion the proposal PASSED 42-0.

c. Classification restructure – submitted by K. Seamans, second J. Morton. **NOTE:** This proposal would not be consider/put in place until the **2019 Season** for the following reason:

- Units may have already conducted tryouts and this could cause groups to rethink their design and member strategy
- A separate panel of class reps, directors and Judges should be engaged in developing the criteria to consider when placing units in classes.

Classes: IW, SW, IO, SO,

**SA1 National:** This Class is for Groups who will be traveling to World Championships as well as groups who have been identified as units who would be competitive within the National Arena. Groups with these goals and level of experience benefit with being judged and compared to their peers within this class.

## **SA2**

This class should contain units growing and building on the A sheets that inspire to be part of the SA National Class. This class provides units who may be experiencing rebuilding, promotion from RA, and potential feeder groups an opportunity to gain experience on the A Sheets in an environment that provides them with groups within the same neighborhood of experience.

IA, IRA, SRA, Cadet, Elem, Novice. After a long discussion, the proposal was TABLED until the March meeting to gather more information from Karen, who was not able to be present, and allow further discussion.

d. Change in Critique Order – Submitted by K. Seamans, 2<sup>nd</sup> K. Dining. Critique order will be determined in the following manner: shows where there is an award ceremony after the 1<sup>st</sup> half (before intermission): First half of show in critique order **by distance** (miles traveled to the show), Second half of the show in critique order **by distance** (miles traveled to the show).

In shows where there is only one award ceremony at the end of the show (lower number of guards): Critique by Show order of appearance. After a long discussion, the proposal was TABLED to further discuss an amended version with Karen, who was not able to be in attendance. Please remember that show hosts are responsible to set the critique order and communicate that order to the chief judge the day of your show. It has been a long time practice for units directors with time concerns make a request to the show host for an early critique time BEFORE the day of the show.

e. Scholarship Winner Check Presentation – submitted by K. Dining, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Morton. Currently we require follow-up items involving the Scholarship recipient, their college and in many case the Financial Aid Offices. Because we are not providing large sums of money I propose that Checks are issued during the Awards Ceremony at MYCGC Championships each year. This would start for the current 2018 Season. After a short discussion, the proposal PASSED 42-0.

f. Unit Dues Increase – submitted by K. Dining, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Snell. Dues for MYCGC have not been raised in many years. I propose an increase of \$200 per single Unit, additional \$100 if your program has a second unit, programs with a third or fourth unit an, additional \$50.00 each. (3 unit programs would pay \$350, 4 unit programs would pay \$400) **This will take place starting for the 2019 Season.** After some discussion, the proposal was called to vote and PASSED, 42-0.

g. Adjudication Incentive and Circuit Financial Growth – submitted by K. Dining, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Schmidt.

**PART 1:** Abolish current show host fees, originally set up to help with the cost of tapes and printing for each show. With the use of Competition Suite this is no longer needed. **(Passed earlier in meeting)**

**PART 2:** Show host (**ONLY 2017/2018**) will incur an additional payment for Judges by the following:

Shows with 1-15 “Competing” Units: additional adjudication fee of \$100 (NYFCJ contract price \$1400 plus additional \$100).

Shows with 16 or more “Competing” additional adjudication fee of \$150 (NYFCJ contract price varies by # of competing units. 16-20 units \$1460 plus additional \$150). Contract fees and additional fee will be paid directly to the chief judge at your show.

**\*\*Please read the rationale of what fees will be used for in the proposals email sent by K. Dining in October\*\***

After a long discussion the proposal PASSED 42-0.

h. Independent All Age Units – submitted by Donel Mataruga, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Councilman. Create an IAA Class (no age restrictions), competing on the A Sheets, with same timing considerations as IA Class, to follow the IA Class but before the SA1 Class for performance order and follow same promotion/demotion procedures as IA Class. After some discussion the proposal was called to vote, PASSED yes-30, no-12.

i. Bumping Procedure – submitted by K. Dining, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Snell. Abolish the Show Balancing Procedure/Bumping Procedure. This role and responsibility of this is part of the Vice President’s duties with the MYCGC. MYCGC will make every attempt to place shows geographically apart to support shows and make sure no show is up against a NYS WGI Regional. MYCGC will notify members of shows who are in need of units as a courtesy. Hosting a show is an opportunity to generate revenue to help support a program(s), Show Host have the responsibility of marketing and seeking programs to attend their shows. The MYCGC primary responsibility to support and govern Bylaws, to make units potentially stay home penalizes members and goes directly against our ability to support all units fairly. Members who wish to Host a show, (Much like the NYSFBC) will submit their show host application with 3 potential dates.

**NOTE:** Clarification and consideration from the body on when the due date should be. My recommendation would be by June 1 of the previous year to allow Gym Conformation and to be able to release the schedule in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr of the year. Example: 2019 Show Applications would be Due June 1, 2018.

All application will be reviewed and every attempt will be made to provide your requested dates. MYCGC who have traditionally hosted a yearly home show will be considered first. After the dates have been set, any new groups who have applied will be taken into consideration for any open and available dates. Applications will include Primary and Secondary Potential Dates.

Again, the MYCGC VP will take into consideration when building the schedule:

- Historical Weekend Dates and Order of Shows
- Regional Location: Example; avoiding 2 locations within the same regional area
- WGI Schedule of regionals

After a lengthy discussion, the proposal was called to vote, PASSED 42-0. This will take effect immediately.

4. Other. Ken announced he will not be seeking another term as President when his current term expires on 5/1/18. Election of a new President will be held at the 3/4/18 meeting. Nominations are open to any M-Y Unit Director. Personally Ken has asked Scott Snell to consider the President's nomination and Larry Schmidt for the VP nomination. If you are interested in the position of President, VP, Secretary or 1 of 2 Board seats opening up on May 1, please let Ken know or have someone nominate you at the March meeting.

#### V. New Business

1. ES-M has submitted an application to host the 2018 Championship Show. The Executive Board approved the application.
2. New units making application to the M-YCGC include River Winter Guard (Tracy Hicks, director)
3. The 2018 NYFCJ Adjudication Contract is available on mycgc.org. Do not forget this important step when planning your competition!!
4. Other. Rosters are due to Scott Snell by January 1, 2018.

#### VI. Open Discussion and Question/Answer – none

VII. Other. The annual Phoenix Judge Preview Show will be held on Jan. 6, 2018. Nick Gerling will be sending an email in the near future.

VIII. The next General Membership Meeting will be held on March 4, 2018. Time and location will be communicated well in advance.

IX. The meeting was closed at 2:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Morton, Secretary  
Mid-York Color Guard circuit