



pMid York Color Guard Circuit  
Booking/General Membership Meeting  
November 23, 2014  
Johnstown HS, Johnstown, NY

Minutes:

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:10PM by the M-YCGC President, Ken Dining.

II. President's Report – Mr. Dining announced the Executive Committee will be presenting two motions in the near future meeting regarding removing the November Meeting from the M-Y schedule and new show hosts applying to the circuit for a regular season show being held to more strict criteria. Dining directed everyone's attention to the display of submitted artwork for the M-YCGC Logo Contest. He encouraged each unit to submit on ballot for voting. Results of the contest will be made public after the meeting. *(The winning logo is at the top of this document.)* Mr. Dining has been working with Gibs Flock and Sue Carlin on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala that will be held at Barbagallo's Restaurant in East Syracuse, NY on March 27, 2015. Reservations for the Gala will be made online via mycgc.org starting in late January. Work has begun on an M-Y trivia DVD that will be shown throughout breaks of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Championship Show. There will be an appeal for M-Y memorabilia to be displayed at the Gala including uniforms and photos. More information will be shared at a later date. Mr. Dining announced that the New Hartford competition on January 10, 2015 has been cancelled. The folks at NH are working on WGI Championships preview show in April 2015.

III. Vice President's Report – M-YCGC Vice President Scott Snell announced that there are three unbalanced competition dates including: Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Still need 7 guards to move to Albany, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Still need 4 guards to move to Mohonasen and March 21<sup>st</sup> – Still need 8 guards to move to Vestal. Please let Scott know immediately if you can move your unit into one of these shows needing additional units. Bumping procedures will be made on 11/24/14 according to M-Y Policy. Units who are bumped from an overbooked show will be contacted by Mr. Snell. A question was posed about performance order for units that make class changes mid-season. Snell clarified that if the Exec. Board recommended the unit's class change; the performance order will be redrawn. If the class change is requested by the unit, that unit will perform first in their new class for the remainder of the season.

IV. Treasurer/Secretary's Report – M-YCGC Secretary, James Morton thanked Christine VanValkenburgh and the Johnstown School District for hosting this afternoon's meeting. He also thanked the Johnstown boosters for providing a lunch for everyone. Morton announced a checking account balance of \$12,742.14. The amount does not include two unencumbered checks totaling \$1,000.00. Four 2014 M-Y Scholarship checks totaling \$2000.00 were approved to be issued at the Executive Committee meeting earlier today. Mr. Morton explained issues with the Circuit email list were prevalent throughout the summer and fall because of missing applications. While some applications have not been submitted, a coordinated effort was made with the Vice President and the email list is current and complete to date. Please let Mr. Morton know if any of your contact information changes throughout the season. Mr. Morton is initiating a congratulations letter campaign from color guard circuit presidents around the country to be included in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program book.

V. Old Business –

1. Competition Suite-WGI has been working on changes and upgrades to competition suite over the past several months. The work on the program is based on feedback from M-YCGC member feedback last season. While calculations and score posting was very effective, there were many issues with judge dialogue being sent to unit directors.

2. Unit Rosters – Unit directors are reminded to submit their unit roster to Scott Snell no later than 1/1/15. The initial roster may be emailed, but the email must be followed up with an original signed copy sent via US Mail. Scholastic units must submit their roster on school letterhead, signed by a district administrator. Independent units must submit their roster signed and verified by a unit administrator, including member birthdates.

3. Hall of Fame – Mr. Dining pleaded with members to consider and nominate individuals for the M-YCGC Hall of Fame. Talk to the folks who have been involved with your units for many years. They can be excellent resources in remembering people who were significant to the development of the Mid-York Circuit.

4. NYFCJ Clinic – The clinic held on 11/16/14 focused on instructor/judge effectiveness in the post show critique meetings and changes to the WGI score sheets and judge placemats. A lot of good dialogue was expressed and share regarding post show meeting. Please contact Ken Dining for a copy of the lists that were created outlining instructor suggestions to get the most out of your post contest meetings.

WGI has changed the definitions for performance skills for each class. Regional A skills are now defined as basic, A Class skills are now defined as intermediate, Open Class skills are now defined as intermediate/advanced and World class skills are now defined as advanced/virtuosic. Given the new skill definitions, concerns were voiced that M-Y Regional A Class units do not align with WGI because of the unique make-up of M-Y Regional A Class units. Mr. Dining said the Executive Board will monitor scoring trends and developments locally and nationally throughout the season.

For A Class units, WGI has widened the score range for comparable/competitive units on the Movement and Equipment sheets. Formerly, A Class units that possessed comparable/competitive skills were scored within 3 tenths of a point from one another within boxes. Now, A Class units that possess similar/competitive skills will be scored within 5 tenths of a point on the Movement and Equipment sheets. This will allow IA judges a wider scoring range and eliminate ties in their sub-captions. M-Y A Class instructors are encouraged to keep this in mind when analyzing score sheets this season. Score ranges between close competitors may be wider than what you are used too!

There has also been a shift in the criteria boxes (all classes). Formerly, a unit had to meet all of the criteria in any given box to be scored in the middle of that box. Now, a unit that meets all of the criteria in any box will be scored at the top of that box. This will likely translate to higher scores as the season progresses. Box 5 scores may be more frequent as units now only have to meet some of the criteria for box 5 to be scored in box 5.

5. Phoenix Pre-Season Field Day – The annual event will be held on January 3, 2015. Contact Desiree Moore at Phoenix HS if you are interested in bringing your unit to the Field Day. The purpose of the event is to allow units early season, un-scored feedback on your 2015 program. Shows do not have to be complete, it's just an informal opportunity for quality comments very early on!

6. Other – Mr. Dining warned unit directors to check and communicate very early with your unit members and parents that the M-YCGC Championship Show may fall at the weekend beginning your school's spring break, or the weekend ending your school's spring break!

## VI. New Business –

1. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Championship Show – The Championship Show will be held on March 28, 2015 at East Syracuse-Minoa High School. The Championship Competition will be a 1 day/3 show format beginning at approximately 10AM, with the final performance being approximately 9PM. More information will follow in mid-January.

2. Show Host Responsibilities – Show Hosts are encouraged to review their responsibilities outlined in the Circuit Handbook. Don't assume all of your show volunteers know what to do with their given responsibilities. Communication is key! Unit directors attending any given show are reminded to voice concerns about a show to the Show Host (usually a unit director), not confront or yell at a parent volunteer.

Please test your school's gymnasium WiFi effectiveness before the day of your show. It is suggested you check the effectiveness at the top of the bleachers, as well as down lower, as well as with a lot of people in the gym (if possible).

3. Promotion/Demotion Scores – The Executive Board will closely watch scores and make recommendations to units throughout the season when the outlined scores are achieved.

4. M-YCGC Logo Contest – Mr. Dining reminded units to cast their one ballot for the contest before leaving today's meeting. (*The winning logo is at the top of this document.*)

5. 2015 M-YCGC Scholarship Applications – The application is available on the Director Page of mycgc.org. Each unit is encouraged to submit one application if they have a HS member attending college next year or a member who is a current college student attending college again next year.

6. 2015 Class Representatives – Not all classes had directors present (or eligible because of Exec Bd. Responsibilities). ERA rep-Rodney Councilman, SRA rep-Julie Hilbert, SO rep-Larry Schmidt.

7. Other –

a. Mr. Dining announced that longtime instructor of the Mohonasen Winter Guard and friend to the M-YCGC, Paul "Peanut" Peregrin is very seriously ill. He asked that you keep Paul, his wife Brenda and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

b. Larry Schmidt (C-NS) made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Councilman (Reflections) that the Class Representatives described under Committees on Page 3 of the M-YCGC Handbook be eliminated. Mr. Schmidt feels the representatives, intended liaisons to the Executive Board, are no longer necessary with the ease of instant communication as compared to the early years of the Circuit. There was a general agreement and not much discussion on the issue. A vote will be called in the near future.

VII. Other – Gibs Flock, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Championship Chairperson announced the Championship Show will be held as a one day/three show format. The Novice/ERA/Cadet Classes will compete in show 1 beginning at approximately 10AM. The SRA/IRA Classes will compete in show 2 beginning at approximately 1PM and the SA-2/SA-1/IA/SO and IO Classes will compete in show 3 starting at approximately 5PM. Mr. Flock is working with the NYFCJ to use 2 judging panels for the Championship Show, one panel for show 1 and 2 and 1 panel for show 3.

VIII. Announcements – The next General Meeting of the M-YCGC will be held on March 1, 2015 at 1:00PM, tentatively at ES-M High School.

IX. Closing – Rodney Councilman (Reflections,) 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen Buell (NYFCJ), made a motion to close the meeting at 2:20PM. All were in favor.

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