

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit  
General Membership Meeting  
Central Square Middle School, Central Square, NY

December 9, 2007

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM.

2.0 President's Report

M-YCGC President, Daniel Jones, began his report with a welcome to all in attendance. He thanked Andy Graziano, the Central Square School District and the CS Band Boosters for the use of the meeting facilities and the food and snacks provided.

Mr. Jones continued with a brief update regarding Scott Snell. He explained Scott was going through therapy for non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma diagnosed in October. According to Scott's e-mails, the treatments were progressing as expected. He is up and around, working (which is why he was unable to attend today's meeting), and teaching and managing the Shen guards. His staff, students and guard parents are taking good care of him! Don't be afraid to drop Scott an e-mail to say hi.

3.0 Vice President's Report

None.

4.0 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

M-YCGC Secretary/Treasurer, James Morton, reported an account balance of \$6,773.43. Mr. Morton asked each unit director to check through their Unit Packet to be sure everything was included (M-YCGC Manual, WGI Manual, 2008 Show Schedule, Membership Directory, Staff/Crew Passes, Spiel Sheet, and Staff/Crew Sign-In Sheet). He asked that anyone who might be able to hand deliver packets to those not present to please do so. (The same with Show Host Packets.) It gets very expensive to mail these items.

Mr. Morton announced the M-YCGC Scholarship Applications would be e-mailed to unit directors in January. He added that every unit in the circuit with a graduating senior or current college student should be submitting a scholarship application. Historically the number of applications submitted is low, compared to the number of units eligible to apply.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 2008 Show Booking - The 2008 Show schedule (with performance order) was included in each Unit Director Packet. Please check through the schedule carefully and e-mail Scott Snell with any issues. Reminder...if you plan to pull out of a show, you must do so at least 30 days in advance, before monetary fines are imposed.

5.2 2008 Show Packets - The M-YCGC will be sponsoring 20 contests during the 2008 season. Each show host was issued a packet including audiotapes, judge's sheets, recap sheets, score sheets and form masters (in case additional sheets are needed). Jim Morton asked that if show hosts need additional materials to contact him in enough time that he can get the items to you in time for your show. Please don't wait until the last minute to check through your show materials.

5.3 2008 Unit Rosters - A reminder that your unit roster must be mailed to Scott Snell (2102 W. Glenville Rd., Amsterdam, NY 12010) by January 1, 2008. Scholastic units must submit their roster on school letterhead signed by a district administrator. Independent units must submit their roster signed by a unit administrator.

5.4 November 07 Clinic Report - Mr. Jones reported on the success of the clinic hosted by the M-YCGC, NYFCJ and NECGC on November 18, 2007 at the George Eastman House in Rochester. The clinic presented by Michael Turner and Phil Madden was informative and helpful to all levels and classes of the activity. (There were no handouts given at the clinic, so nothing to pass on to those not present.) Mr. Jones was very pleased that 43 M-YCGC were represented at the clinic. He will be working with the NYFCJ and the NECGC on similar clinics for the future.

5.5 Show Host Proposal - Jodi Barner-Nageotte (Cortland HS) made a proposal at the September 2007 meeting stating "A M-YCGC Unit must be allowed to apply to host a show before another M-YCGC Unit/Program is allowed to host two shows".

The rationale to the proposal was that Cortland lost their show hosting privileges when the guard went inactive several years ago. Now that the guard has been active for a few years again, they would like to host a show again, but the dates offered do not work with the district schedule. Eliminating the show dates of schools that currently host more than 1 show would open up more opportunities for new show hosts.

The proposal drew a great amount of discussion, and was called to vote.

5-yes, 27-no, 3-abstain...The proposal was defeated.

5.6 Other - Jim Morton announced that in September 2006 a \$1 increase for ticket prices was passed effective 1/1/08. Show Hosts may now charge a maximum ticket price of \$6.00 for their M-YCGC contest.

Dan Jones introduced Andy Graziano as a new member of the Executive Board. Andy, who was the 2nd highest vote recipient at elections last March, is replacing Beth Wunderlich, who stepped down from her Board Seat in September. Mr. Graziano's term will be up for election in March 2008.

## 6.0 New Business

6.1 Judge Contracts - Lindsay Scott-Johnson, Secretary of the NY Federation of Contest Judges sent a Judge Contact to each 2008 Show Host last week. Please return these contracts to Lindsay as soon as possible so judge assignments can be made. **If you did not receive your contract, please contact Dan Jones or Scott Snell immediately!**

6.2 Morse Award Nominations - Nomination forms for the Bob Morse Memorial Award will be distributed at the March 9, 2008 meeting and will be due to the Secretary no later than March 20, 2008.

6.3 2008 Championships - The 2008 M-YCGC Championship Show will be held at Shenendehowa HS on April 5th and 6th, 2008. Scott Snell and the Shen parents are busy planning. Unit directors will be receiving information very soon. The format will be the same as the past several years; regional A units will perform on Saturday, A, Open and World units will perform on Sunday.

6.4 Other - SRA unit were asked to meet briefly after the meeting to select a new class representative.

Mr. Jones initiated a discussion about the Timing and Penalties judges issuing penalties for units who do not completely exit the gymnasium within their 7, 8, 9 or 10 minute allotment. Since the WGI rules were changed three or four years ago there has been much confusion about the definition of "forward motion" when exiting the competition area. The issue was discussed at length resulting in a motion made by CJ Abate' (Mt. Markham) and 2nd by Rick Morey to waive the delay of show penalty completely. The motion was called to vote: yes-29, no-1, abstain-3. The motion was passed. No delay of show penalties will be assessed.

7.0 Other

The next meeting of the M-YCGC Membership will be held on March 9, 2008 at Shenendehowa HS at 1PM.

Mr. Jones reminded members present to please check left over packets to see if you can deliver them to anyone not present. On behalf of the Executive Board he wished everyone an enjoyable Holiday Season.

8.0 Closing

The meeting was closed at 2:20PM

Respectfully submitted,  
James Morton, Secretary