

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
Homer Brink Elementary School
Endwell, NY
November 22, 2009

1. Call to Order.

Vice President Scott Snell called the meeting to order at 1:08PM

2. President's Report.

President Dan Jones was home ill, but sent a letter thanking the membership for their support and well wishes throughout the Summer and Fall regarding the situation at Johnstown High School. He said he had all intentions of being at today's meeting but was not feeling well enough to travel today. He stated he is committed to helping grow the circuit in the coming months and plans to attend many shows throughout the 2010 competitive season. He also offered his assistance to any unit in need of assistance in developing their program or show through design or training. Please contact Dan via the M-YCGC website.

3. Vice President's Report.

Vice President Scott Snell announced there are currently two unbalanced show dates in the 2010 competitive schedule. Four units are needed to add in to the Mohonasen Show on March 6th and one unit is needed to add into the Trumansburg show on March 20th. Because these two shows do not have the minimum number of guards required, several units have been bumped from the Central Square and Northstars JV shows and put on a wait list. If your unit was bumped, Scott would have emailed you informing you your unit was wait-listed. Scott will notify you again if the shows are opened up. Snell announced 2010 Unit Rosters are due to him no later than 1/1/10. Scholastic Units must submit a roster listing the name and grade level of each member, verified and signed by a School Administrator. Independent Units must submit a roster listing the name and age of each member verified and signed by the unit director. Units will not be eligible for competition in the circuit unless the roster is on file.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report.

Secretary/Treasurer James Morton announced M-YCGC meeting minutes are posted on mycgc.org under the Director's page. There is a current balance in the Circuit checking account of 8357.08. Live Sports Video, videographer of the 2009 Championship Show, made a \$2100 donation to the M-YCGC based on sales of DVD's from the Championship Show. The Executive Board has designated the donation money to be used for two clinics in the Fall of 2010. 2009 M-YCGC Scholarship checks have been sent to four of the five recipients. Morton has contacted the final scholarship recipient requesting proof of college attendance. The five young ladies selected were awarded a \$500.00 Scholarship in the name of the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit.

5. Old Business.

5.1 2010 Show Booking – other than what was covered under the Vice President's report, Snell advised unit directors of the M-YCGC monetary penalties for pulling out of scheduled contests within one month of the show. Penalties are outlined in the Unit Director's Manual.

5.2 2010 Unit Director/Show Host Packets-Unit Director Manuals, WGI Manuals, and all necessary paperwork for the 2010 season were distributed. 2011 Invoices and Applications were also included in the packets. It was brought to the Secretary's attention that Staff/Crew Passes were left out

of this year's packet. Morton will be sending these to unit directors before the start of the competitive season.

5.3 2010 Unit Rosters. Mr. Snell again reminded directors to submit rosters to him before 1/1/10.

5.4 SRA Class Division Proposal-K. Harter (Mexico HS) The proposal was tabled from the September meeting so Mrs. Harter could further explain her rationale to split the SRA Class into two groups: SRA Units that are feeder groups for their school district and SRA Units that are their district's only guard. In Harter's absence the proposal was called to vote. Yes 16, No 11. Proposal passed. This split will take effect in the 2011 competitive season.

5.5 2010 M-YCGC Hall of Fame Committee – The committee has been named and will include Board Member Shannon Spaulding, and Unit Directors Larry Schmidt, Carrie Abate' and Ron Abate'. The committee will be asked to meet by the end of January to set guidelines for nominations and voting.

5.6 Payment Deadline Proposal-S. Snell (Executive board) – Snell submitted a proposal in September 2009 to change the M-YCGC By-Laws Unit Membership Fee and Show Host Fee payment receipt deadline from September 15th to November 1st annually. The proposal was called to vote - Yes 39, No 0. the proposal passes and the change will take place starting with the 2010/2011 season.

5.7 Elimination of Spring Membership Meeting Proposal-L. Schmidt (CNS) – Schmidt submitted a proposal in September 2009 to change the M-YCGC By-Laws requiring three yearly Membership Meetings to two annual meetings, eliminating the Spring Meeting. The proposal was called to vote-Yes 31, No 6. The proposal passed and will take effect for the 2010/2011 season.

5.8 Other – Shane Bonney (West Canada Valley) advised the scholastic members of the M-YCGC to seek their District BOCES Arts in Education Coordinators about the possibility of M-YCGC Dues being paid through AIE Grants. Bonney has successfully utilized this in the past.

Gibs Flock reported he has been in contact with Bateman Photography about issues with the 2009 M-Y Championship unit photos. Please contact Gibs if you did not receive your complimentary group picture.

6. New Business.

6.1 New Units to the M-YCGC – There are three new units to apply for membership to the Circuit since the September meeting including: Westmoreland Novice, Allure and Phoenix Novice. The Executive Board will be reviewing the applications and contacting the directors of acceptance decisions.

6.2 2010 Show Host Judge Contracts – Mr. Snell will be emailing show hosts their judge contracts. These must be mailed back to NYFCJ Secretary Lindsey Scott a reasonable amount of time before your show so judges can be assigned.

6.3 2010 R. Morse Award nomination forms will be distributed at the February 28, 2010 M-YCGC Membership Meeting.

6.4 2010 M-YCGC Championship Show – As no other Championship Show Host Applications were submitted, CNS will be hosting the 2010 M-YCGC Championships. Larry Schmidt reported his team has already been set in motion to make the show a success! Unit Directors will be contacted shortly after the new year with application information.

6.5 2010 Unit Director/Staff Clinics – Mr. Morton reported the Executive Board has been approached with two clinic opportunities for the Sept. 2010 and Nov 2010 Meeting dates. More information will be shared as the clinics are confirmed.

6.6 Other-none

7. Other

7.1 Class caucuses were held to appoint 2010 Class Representatives to the Executive Board:
Novice-Gloria Scalise (Westmoreland Novice) Cadet-Julie Hilbert (CNS Cadet)
ERA-Rodney Councilman (Mirror Image) SRA-Tammy Graziano (Central Square JV)
IRA-Robin Kindig (ME-UE JV) SA-2-Ken Dining (New Hartford)
IA-CJ Abate' (Mt. Markham) SA-1-MarcieDeRito (West Genesee)
SO-Larry Schmidt (CNS Var.)

7.2 The next General Membership Meeting of the M-YCGC will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2010 in the Syracuse area. The site and directions will be emailed to unit directors prior to the meeting. Although there are no pending proposals, there are four Executive Board positions up for vote at this meeting including: President (D. Jones), Secretary/Treasurer (J. Morton), Board Seat #1 (N. Dailey), Board Seat #2 (A. Graziano). Now is the time to consider sitting on the Executive Board to help shape the future of the M-YCGC!

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM.

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