

**Mid-York Color Guard Circuit  
General Membership Meeting  
North Syracuse Jr. High School  
February 28, 2010**

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:05PM by President Daniel Jones.
  
2. President's Report: Mr. Jones started with a thank you to Larry Schmidt and Julie Hilbert for securing the meeting spot and hosting the meeting. Every unit who wishes to have their Championship Show performance videoed must complete the Music Copyright form. The form will be posted on mycgc.org. M-YCGC Show Hosts must submit their scores to the president as soon as possible following the end of your show so they can be posted on the website. Mr. Jones said he get many complaints on a weekly basis for lack of score postings. Show hosts: Please remember we DO NOT announce Novice Class scores at any retreat ceremonies and do not forget to send your comprehensive show tape to the president the Monday following your show. The Executive Board will be reviewing any M-YCGC Show that receives complaints for not following protocol. Please do not allow parents or friends to video any show except their own. Although this is hard to police, some people have been seen videoing an entire show. Make your own parents and fans aware NOT to use flash photography. Encourage good audience participation and sportsmanship! Clap for every performance, no matter what your opinion of a particular show is! All of our M-YCGC performers work very hard!!
  
3. Vice President's Report: Scott Snell began by asking show hosts to be vigilant in starting your shows at the announced time. Any show line-up changes MUST be made by the Vice President, not by directors and/or show hosts. Please include a day-of-show cell phone number in your packets sent to unit directors. The 2011 Show Schedule will be developed over the next couple months. If you are interested in hosting a new show, do not wait until August to let the Executive Committee know. Current Show Hosts will have date change priority over new Show Hosts.
  
4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Jim Morton reported a checking account balance of \$8,374.64. Upcoming expenses will include certificates, packets and flowers for this year's M-YCGC Scholarship recipients and certificates and plaques for the Hall Of Fame inductees. Mr. Morton also announced he has extra Staff Passes if anyone needs them and reminded all that the Staff Passes were NOT valid at the Championship Show.
  
5. Old Business:
  1. Eligible new voting members to the M-YCGC include Albany City, Oxford Academy, Victor, Phoenix Novice, Allure and Westmoreland Novice. Larry Schmidt (2<sup>nd</sup> R. Councilman) made a motion to accept all six units as voting members having satisfactorily met all requirements. A vote was called and was unanimous. Mr. Jones asked all who have not met the directors to please introduce yourselves.

2. The Hall of Fame Committee (CJ Abate, Ron Abate, Larry Schmidt and Shannon Spaulding) passed out a nomination form to each unit director and encourage each to nominate a candidate to be considered for induction into the M-YCGC Hall Of Fame. Nominees should be individuals who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the M-YCGC. HOF nomination forms are due to CJ Abate no later than 3/12/10. The committee will review the nominations and make their recommendation for induction to the Executive Committee by 3/18/10.
  3. SRA Class Split – Review: At the November 2009 Membership Meeting the SRA Class was split into two groups: units who are a feeder group for other units in their school district and units who are the only unit in their school district. The split will take effect for the 2011 season and are yet to be named.
  4. The Unit Dues and Show Host fee deadline has been changed to November 1<sup>st</sup> (used to be September 15<sup>th</sup>) to accommodate school district business office back-ups at the beginning of the school year.
  5. Unit Demotion/Promotion: Mr. Jones congratulated the Laurens Jaguars on achieving a promotion score and being promoted from the SA-2 Class to the SA-1 Class. The students of the Laurens program will be honored for their promotion at the Championship Show. The Johnstown Amethyst Guard was moved from the SA-2 Class to the SRA Class following the New Hartford Show. Four Executive Committee members viewed the Amethyst performance at NH and all agreed on the move.
  6. 2010 Championship Show: Event Chairperson, Larry Schmidt announced his parent groups and committees have been working very hard and are very excited to be hosting Championships. He explained the basketball backboards WILL NOT be removed for the Show! Please stay on top of answering emails and mailings from the Championship Committee. A webpage has been set up for the Championship Show and can be accessed by a link on [www.NSCSD.org](http://www.NSCSD.org).
  7. Other: None
6. New Business
1. Robert Morse Memorial Award nomination forms were distributed to each unit director. Jim Morton announced the nominations could be submitted to him today or no later than March 20, 2010. Nomination forms are only accepted from unit directors. The 2010 winner of the Morse Award will be announced at the final retreat of the Championship Show.

2. A M-YCGC By-Laws Review Committee must be created to make any necessary change with the deletion of one of the three annual meetings. Jim Morton and Scott Snell will head the Committee. Please contact either of them if you are interested.
3. The Executive Committee met earlier today to review the applications for the 2010 M-YCGC Scholarship Award. The committee selected 4 recipients to receive \$500.00 each for 2010. 18 applications were sent in this year. Remember EVERY unit with a graduating senior or current college student is eligible to submit a scholarship application.
4. 2010 Additional Show Host Fee invoices will be sent to Show Hosts who hosted more than 10 units at their 2010 Show in April. The addition fees should be paid no later than 5/15/10!
5. There are four Executive Board Members whose positions will expire on May 1, 2010 including President Dan Jones, Secretary/Treasurer Jim Morton, Board Member Nancy Dailey and Board Member Andrew Graziano. Mr. Jones explained each of the positions and opened the floor for nominations. Scott Snell (2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon Spaulding) nominated Dan Jones for President, Jim Morton for Secretary/Treasurer, Nancy Dailey for a 2 year Board seat and Andrew Graziano for a 2 year Board Seat. All Accepted. Marcie DeRito (2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Hilbert) nominated Ken Dining for President. Ken Accepted. No other nominations were offered. Dan Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> CJ Abate) made a motion for the secretary to cast one ballot to vote Morton, Dailey and Graziano back into their positions. The Secretary cast the vote and the three will hold their seats until May 2012. Mr. Jones and Mr. Dining took a few moments to explain why they were interested in the M-YCGC Presidency. Ballots were then passed out to each unit director, 1 vote per unit. Ballots were collected and counted by Jim Morton, Nancy Dailey and Danielle Wert. Daniel Jones won the vote and will continue as President until May 2012.
6. The 2010 Championship Show performance order draw was held. Units not present at this meeting were automatically placed to perform first in their class. The full performance order for Championships is posted on mycgc.org.
7. Upcoming meetings for the M-YCGC will be held on 9/26/2010 in the Syracuse area and 11/21/2010 in the East. If you are able to host a meeting at your school, please contact Jim Morton ASAP!
8. Other-
  - a. Dan Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> S. Snell) made a motion to keep the SRA Class in it's present form for the 2011 season (not splitting the class as was voted at the November 2009 meeting). The motion was discussed at length. A vote on the motion was finally called to keep SRA as it presently is

- 51 yes, 0 no, 1 abs. **Passed.** There will be NO change to the SRA Class in 2011.
- b. Shane Bonney (2<sup>nd</sup> Jodi Barner-Nageotte) made a motion to split the A Class into 3 sections instead of the present SA-1 and SA-2. Shane has reviewed the scores over the past several seasons and believes there is a very definitive split in the scores that warrants an additional split in the A Class. She feels this would also promote more units to voluntarily move out of the SRA Class into the A class. There was much discussion on the motion and it be called to vote at the September meeting.
  - c. Scott Snell (2<sup>nd</sup> L. Schmidt) made a motion to modify the dropping of the Spring Membership Meeting to deleting the November Membership Meeting and holding a September Meeting and a Spring Meeting. He feels this would better serve the Circuit, especially to hold a Meeting during the current competitive season. There was a short discussion on the motion and it was called to vote: 52 yes, 0 no, 0 abs. **Passed.** There will now be a September 26, 2010 M-YCGC General Membership Meeting and a March 6, 2011 M-YCGC General Membership Meeting.
  - d. CJ Abate brought up the importance of ongoing training of the M-YCGC Unit Staff and asked if a clinic has been planned for the September Meeting or even if the Circuit would consider holding a clinic in August. Dan Jones said he was in contact with the Amber Perkins Dance Company about a movement focused clinic and with Mike Pavlock about a GE oriented clinic. He polled the members about an August clinic and it was felt too many were finishing up band camps and/or DCA responsibilities in August. It was agreed the clinic would be held before the September 26, 2010 meeting.
7. Announcements: The next regular meeting of the M-YCGC will be held on September 26, 2010 at a Syracuse location.

The Executive Members of the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit would like to wish all units well during the last month of the competitive season and wishes everyone luck at the Championship Show on March 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>!

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