

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

11/ 23/2008

I. The meeting was called to order at 12:32pm by Mid-York Color Guard Circuit President, Daniel Jones.

II. The President began his report with a thank you to Andrew and Tammy Graziano, the Central Square School District and CS Band Boosters for hosting the morning clinic and afternoon meeting. The drinks, fruit, and snacks provided by the boosters is much appreciated! Thank you to Cheryl for presenting the morning clinic to the members of the M-YCGC. Her insight, knowledge and experience as a dancer, winter guard instructor, and NYFCJ and WGI judge was evident and beneficial to all present as growth in the movement caption is an ongoing process for every M-YCGC unit. There were several hand-outs that Cheryl used in her presentation. Please contact Dan Jones if you would like copies of the hand-outs. Jones added how important it is to use your resources of local designers and instructors to help individual programs excel. President Jones concluded his report with an overview of new rules and policies for the upcoming season: 1. The addition of the Elementary Regional A Class (up to 6th grade aged students.) 2. Clarification of declaration of class participation on page 18 of the circuit manual. 3. The words "Mid-York Color Guard Circuit" or abbreviation "M-YCGC" must appear on all circuit show trophies, plaques or certificates AND program books. 4. All M-YCGC Show Hosts MUST have competed in the previous year's M-YCGC Championship Show for hosting eligibility the following year. (You must compete in the 2009 M-YCGC Championship Show to be an eligible show host in 2010.)

III. M-YCGC Vice President, Scott Snell, began his report by announcing that from today forward, any unit who adds into a M-YCGC Show will perform first in your class at that show. Scott will be contacting 2009 Show Hosts in the near future regarding your show start times. A completed 2009 show schedule will be mailed to all circuit members by December 10, 2008. Mid-year school budget cuts are a real possibility. If unit directors find themselves in the position of having to withdraw from show because of this reason, you must contact Dan Jones as soon as possible so the Executive Committee can discuss the event of extenuating circumstance. Scott ended his report with a reminder that unit rosters are due to him by 1/1/09.

IV. M-YCGC Secretary/Treasurer James Morton reported the Circuit has an account balance of \$7341.85. All foreseen major purchases have been made for the upcoming season. Once the Vice President sends out the completed circuit schedule, invoices for remaining show host fees will be sent. These invoices must be paid prior to the 2009 M-YCGC Championship Show. Each unit director present was asked to inventory their unit packets to be sure everything was included. It was explained the WGI Unit manuals have not yet been received and will be mailed to unit directors as soon as possible.

V. Old Business- A. A 10 minute break was taken to allow unit directors to chose a class representative for their respective classes. 2009 Class representatives are:

Novice Class –

Elem. RA Class - Rodney Councilman, Reflections Mirror Image

Cadet Class - Julie Hilbert, Northstars Cadet

SRA – Gloria Scalise, Westmoreland

IRA – Robin Kindig ME-UE Jr.

SA-2 – Ken Dining, New Hartford

IA – Carrie Abate – Mt. Markham Mustangs

SA-1 – Marci Kolceski, West Genesee Varsity

B. The 2009 M-YCGC Championship Show will be held at East Syracuse-Minoa High School on March 28 and 29, 2009. ES-M Director Gibs Flock announced the 2009 Championship Show will soon have its own website. The site address will be emailed to all unit directors soon. All necessary information will be communicated via the website. Gibs asked all directors to be vigilant of deadlines to help the process of organizing and hosting the show run smoothly.

C. Dan Jones read a proposal he (2nd B. Obergefell) presented to the Circuit at the September 2008 General Meeting regarding Unit Promotion numbers. The proposal reads: “Starting with M-YCGC Competition Week #4 through week #8 and Championships, the current Promotion numbers outlined in Section G Article 3 of the M-YCGC By-laws will be lowered by two points each week for each class.” (Demotion numbers will NOT be revised at this time.) Rationale: It is felt the current numbers are unachievable because they are too high. The proposal was opened to discussion. There was no discussion on the proposal. The proposal was called to vote: yes-38, no-0, abstain-0. **Passed.**

Promotion review numbers for the 2009 season will be:

	<u>week 4 (1/31)</u>	<u>week 5 (2/7)</u>	<u>week 6 (2/14)</u>	<u>week 7 (2/21)</u>	<u>week 8 (2/28)</u>	<u>Champs</u>
SW, SO, IO, SA1 IA, SRA, IRA	78	80	82	84	86	88
SA2	68	70	72	74	76	78
Novice, ERA	55	57	59	61	63	65

D. Bids to videograph the 2009 Championship Show must be received by Dan Jones no later than December 1, 2008.

E. Tabitha Sebastino and Scott Snell have been working on an outline for M-YCGC unit directors to utilize other instructors and directors within the circuit for mentoring purposes. Please contact Scott or Tabitha if you have a strength (movement, equipment, staging, administration, booster organization, etc.) and would be willing to share it with others.

F. Other-none.

VI. New Business-

A. There are no new units who have made application to the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit for 2009.

B. Unit Rosters are due to Scott Snell no later than 1/1/09. 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.

C. The New York Federation of Contest Judges have raised their fees for the 2009 season. The price for a full panel of judges is \$1,180.00 for a show of up to 15 units. Additional fees are required for shows with more than 15 units.

D. If directors or instructors have judge critique issues or concerns during the season, the concerns MUST be put in writing and submitted to the NYFCJ Judge Coordinator, Richard Fishette. Contact Scott Snell if you need Mr. Fishette’s home address or email address.

VII. The next meeting of the General Membership of the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit will be held on March 2, 2009 at 1:00pm at the East Syracuse-Minoa High School.

VIII. The meeting was dismissed at 1:32pm by Dan Jones.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Morton, Secretary
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