

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
Draper Middle School, Rotterdam, NY
September 27, 2009

1.0 Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by M-YCGC Vice President Scott Snell at 1:03PM.

2.0 President's Report.

In the absence of President Daniel Jones, no president's report was read.

3.0 Vice President's Report.

Mr. Snell began his report with several 2010 competitive season show balancing issues. He made an appeal for units to consider the following show changes to balance the schedule so no units would be shut out under booking guidelines:

Feb. 6th: need 2 units to switch to Trumansburg Show from the Mexico Show

Feb. 13th: need 1 unit to switch to Laurens Show from the Liverpool Show

Feb. 27th: need 12 units to switch to APW Show from ESM Show

March 6th: need 10 units to switch to Mohonasen Show from Central Square Show

March 13th: need 1 unit to switch to Vestal Show from Mt. Markham Show

March 20th: need 8 units to switch to Trumansburg Show from CNS Show

Any units who have yet to turn in show picks will be subject to wait lists or bumping rules for over booked weekends.

2010 Season Shows will be announced at the November 22, 2009 meeting with performance orders to accommodate transportation planning.

The Vestal Show on March 13th will have a 12:00PM start time.

The Shows on the Feb. 20th weekend (also WGI Regional in Rochester) are well balanced.

4.0 Secretary/Treasurer's Report

M-YCGC Secretary/Treasurer James Morton announced all minutes from previous meeting are posted on mycgc.org. The current balance in the Circuit Checking Account is \$10,490.70. Although the balance currently seems very high, all purchases for the upcoming season have yet to be made.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 2009 Championship Show Review

2009 Championship Show Host Gibs Flock thanked all circuit members who attended for their cooperation and helping to make the event a success. He asked if anyone had concerns. There were some questions about some people receiving and some people not receiving their group photos. Gibs will follow-up with the photography company. There were some comments about camera shots (missing events on the floor) by the new video company. It was thought this will improve with more familiarity with the activity.

5.2 2010 Competitive Calendar

Mr. Snell covered this under the Vice President's report.

5.3 1 Day/2 Day Championship Show Format

The discussion of a one or two day championship show format was brought to the floor at the March 2009 meeting and tabled to this meeting. There are concerns about gym space with a 1 day event, that all units from the circuit at a one day show would be very limiting to those allowed in the gym to view the show. Each year there is talk about renting a neutral site, but who would actually run the show and the financial impact to the Circuit is a concern.

CJ Abate commented that returning to a 1 day championship event would un-do the very positive aspects and benefits to the performers a 2 day show offers.

A question about coordinating championship dates with the Northeast Circuit was raised. Mr. Snell commented that this is always a priority that the NE Circuit is locked in to a specific date for a couple years. The M-YCGC calendar is locked into our weekend by the WGI Championships and the number of traditional show weekends in our competitive calendar.

It was decided we would keep to a two day format until the issue is raised again.

5.4 Other.

There was no other old business raised.

6.0 New Business

6.1 New Units to the M-YCGC

Three new units have paid dues and applied for membership to the M-YCGC including: Victor HS, the Albany City School District and Oxford Academy. These units will be voted in as members at the meeting following their third M-YCGC competitive performance.

6.2 Although an unofficial Championship Show site rotation was set up between ESM, CNS and Shenendehowa was established last year (the only M-YCGC championship show hosts in the past 10 years) bids from other M-YCGC members will be accepted until November 1st. CNS has submitted a bid, pending receipt of any others the 2010 Championship Show will be held at CNS.

6.3 2010 Class Representatives to the Executive Committee will be voted on at the November 22, 2009 meeting. Please consider serving as a class representative if you have not done so in the past.

6.4 Proposal to split the SRA Class

Kim Harter (Mexico) submitted a proposal to the Executive Board to split the SRA Class because of the size and membership make-up. Julie Hilbert (CNS) seconded the proposal. Mr. Snell explained Kim feels the class is too large, sometimes have as many as 17 units. She feels a split of SRA units that are a school's only winter guard and SRA Units that are a school's feeder winter guard.

Snell said currently there are 11 units registered for the SRA Class for the 2010 season.

It was felt with the lowering of promotion numbers last season that this issue would remedy itself, with the fact that several units have self promoted out of SRA in the past few years.

The discussion was tabled to the November 22, 2009 meeting so Kim Harter could be present to explain her reasoning in further detail.

Gibs Flock asked if the Executive Board has discussed classification. Mr. Snell explained it is an ongoing discussion, with constant monitoring of weekly scores throughout the season. Currently M-YCGC members are allowed to choose their own classification when submitting their application.

6.5 Other new business

1. Mr. Snell made an appeal to the membership to consider serving on the 2010 M-YCGC Hall of Fame Committee. Members who have been involved with the circuit over the years will be most beneficial, having the knowledge and contacts to find the most deserving candidates. The committee will be charged with developing criteria for nomination to the HOF and a timeline for nomination and voting. Please let Scott Snell know if you are interested or know of an individual you feel should serve on the committee.

2. A proposal was submitted to change the M-YCGC bylaws regarding payment of annual dues and show host fees. Scott Snell read the proposal stating: Payment of annual Dues and Show Host Fees must be received by the M-YCGC Treasurer no later than November 1st of the application year. Membership Application and Competitive Season Show Picks must still be postmarked by September 15th. Larry Schmidt (CNS) seconded the proposal. Rationale for the change is that with NYS Schools implementing new financial guidelines, extra time is needed at the beginning of the school year for invoices to be processed.

There was minimal discussion on the topic and the proposal will be voted on at the November 22, 2009 meeting.

3. Larry Schmidt made a proposal to change the M-YCGC bylaws regarding annual meetings. CJ Abate seconded the proposal. The proposal is: The M-YCGC will hold two annual meetings, one on the third Sunday of September and one on the third Sunday of November. Current the bylaws state three annual meeting must be held.

There was some discussion on the proposal and it seemed like a positive change for the membership.

4. It was announced that the Northeast CGC is transitioning to digital commentary by judges at each of their 2010 Circuit shows. The success of the digital program will be monitored by both the M-YCGC and the NYFCG.

5. Gibs Flock made the suggestion to bring an outside clinician in for a circuit clinic. Over the past two years the M-YCGC has hosted Bruno Zuccala and Cheryl Myers as clinicians. Please contact Scott Snell with your ideas. It was also suggested by CJ Abate for the circuit to purchase any new WGI education materials available. Currently the Circuit owns several technique and design videos that are circulated throughout the season.

7.0 Announcements

Jim Morton announced the Greater Johnstown School District is currently seeking a Winter Guard Director. The District has a long history of being one of the top programs in the State. Please contact the GJSD at 518-762-4611 if you are interested.

A presentation was made to Mr. Larry Schmidt and the 2009 CNS Northstars Winter Guard. Jim Morton presented Larry with a plaque on behalf of the M-YCGC recognizing the Northstars as the 2009 WGI Scholastic A Class National Champions.

8.0 Closing

The meeting was closed at 2:35 PM.

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