

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
Central Square Middle School
September 26, 2010

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order. M-YCGC President, Daniel L. Jones called the meeting to order at 1:08PM.
2. President's Report. Mr. Jones began his report with a thank you to Andy Graziano and the Central Square School District for the use of facilities and hosting this morning's clinic and this afternoon's meeting. A big thank you and round of applause was given to Mike Pavlock for his clinic presentation titled "Creating Moments: An Overview of General Effect in Your Color Guard Program". A copy of the power point portion of Mr. Pavlock's clinic will be posted on mycgc.org. A reminder to circuit members, Dan has a new email address as of last November. When contacting him via email please use danworld02@gmail.com. The White Sabers Drum Corps out of Dansville, NY is looking for a Color Guard Instructor/Caption Head for the 2011 DCA season. If you are interested, please contact Dan Jones for information.
3. Vice President's Report. M-YCGC Vice President, Scott Snell began his report with a thank you to unit directors for their prompt email responses over the summer as the preliminary 2011 show schedule was being formulated. The 2011 show schedule seems to be in good shape, leaving only 2 weekends unbalanced: 5 units are needed to add into the Mohonasen show and 4 units are needed to add in to the Vestal show. The East Syracuse-Minoa show currently has 42 units registered to compete. ESM and the NYFCJ are looking to run it as two separate shows, with separate judging panels to allow a judge's critique mid-day. This would allow many units to leave much earlier in the day. Mr. Snell announced Lindsay Scott is no longer the secretary of the NYFCJ. 2011 Show Host Contracts will now be generated by Jill Huling, and must be returned to Jill before a panel is assigned to your show. Individual check or cash may be used to pay judges at your show. If you are using checks you must notify the NYFCJ in advance of your show! Scott asked that you please review the rules in your Director's Manual about pulling out of shows. A couple of units received hefty fines last season because of pulling out of a show too late in the season. It is the responsibility of the unit director to know about school conflicts such a class trips, concerts, plays or musicals. If you are interested in adding into a show you did not originally sign-up for, you **MUST** do this through the Vice President, not a show host.
4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report. M-YCGC Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Morton, reported a checking account balance of \$7871.92. The balance reflects a lower than normal amount for this time of year because of the rule change last year stating Membership Dues and Show Fees are not due until November 1st. About a half dozen people complained they did not receive the circuit email sent on 9/20/10. Mr. Morton will be sending each unit director an individual email to verify he has the correct address. Please respond to the email when it reaches you. With no circuit meeting until March 2011, a reliable email database will be crucial for us over the next several months.
5. Old Business.
 - a. 2010 Championship Show. Mr. Jones thanked Larry Schmidt, Julie Hilbert and the CNS Winter Guard Parents for running a terrific Championship Show. Larry Schmidt announced that anyone who had issues with the videos from Championships to please contact Dan Jones, as the Circuit negotiated with Live Sports Video. Championship Photos have been held up again this year due to a processing fee Bateman Photo is waiting to receive. Larry offered for CNS to pay the fee. Photos should be sent in the near future.
 - b. 2010 Additional Show Host Fees. Invoices were sent in early May, then again in mid June to several show hosts. There are still some outstanding fees owed by 2010 show hosts. Jim Morton will send a third notice to those hosts, which must be paid by November 1, 2010 or your show will be pulled from the schedule and your unit will be pulled from any shows you have registered into.

c. 2010 Championships Score Promotions. Seven units were promoted into the next higher class after surpassing the Promotion Scores outlined in the M-YCGC By-Laws. The Units include Phoenix Varsity, Central Square Varsity, Homer Varsity, Vestal Sr., Central Square JV, West Canada Valley and Albany. Several of these units have appealed to remain in the class they were promoted out of, the Executive Board will follow the guidelines of promotion and review each of the units after their first couple shows of the 2011 competitive season and make a decision at that point.

d. SA-3 Class Proposal. Shane Bonney (2nd J. Barner-Nageotte) made a proposal to create an SA-3 class at the Feb. 28, 2010 meeting. The proposal was discussed at length in February. Mr. Jones allowed Shane to restate her philosophy for adding this additional class to the M-YCGC. The proposal was opened up to additional discussion then called to vote: 22-yes, 4-no, 4 abstain. **The proposal passed. The SA-3 class will be instituted for the 2011 competitive season.** Units promoted from the SRA class in 2010 will have their choice to compete in the SA-2 or SA-3 class this season. SRA units have until December 1, 2010 to decide if they would like to move up to the SA-3 Class. Units who competed in the SA-2 Class for the 2010 season will have to follow the rules of appeal if they wish to move down to the SA-3 Class.

e. Other. There were some unit directors who did not receive their complimentary Class DVD from the 2010 Championship Show. Dan will be contacting LSV about this situation. If you did not receive your complimentary DVD, please let Dan Jones know via danworld02@gmail.com.

6. New Business.

a. The Mid-York Color Guard Circuit Hall of Fame Committee, including Larry Schmidt and Shannon Spaulding (Dan Jones will contact Ron and CJ Abate to see if they are willing to remain on the committee), encourage all M-YCGC Alumni to submit applications of nomination for the 2011 Hall of Fame Class. The nomination applications are available on mycgc.org. PLEASE re-nominate anyone you have nominated in the past who may not have been selected in the first two years.

b. 2011 M-YCGC Executive Board Vacancies. Three Executive Board Seats will be up for election at the March 6, 2011 meeting including Vice President (S. Snell), Board Seat (Shannon Spaulding) and Board Seat (Danielle Wert). Please consider running for one of these positions. Nominations will be accepted at the 3/6/11 meeting.

c. Show Host Responsibilities. 2011 M-YCGC Show Hosts are strongly encouraged to review the "Show Host Responsibilities" portion of the M-YCGC Rule Book. The Executive Board received several complaints from competing units last season. All show hosts are under review each season. Remember, it is not your right, but a privilege to host a M-YCGC Competition. If you ever have concerns about any show procedures, you must put them in writing (email) to the President. It is the goal of the Executive Board to make all show hosts stronger and better, fairly serving all units of the M-YCGC!

d. New units who have made application to the M-YCGC include: West Canada Valley JV (Novice Class), Spectrum A (IA Class) and The Brigadiers (IO Class). These units will be reviewed and voted in as voting members at a meeting following their 4th competition in the M-YCGC, as long as the unit director is present at the meeting.

e. M-YCGC By-Laws Revision Proposal. Jim Morton (2nd AJ Avila) made a proposal to change the Constitution of the M-YCGC (Page 3 of the M-YCGC Director Manual) under the heading of "By-Laws-Part 3" to read " After presentation by the Executive Committee, these changes, additions and/or amendments will be tabled until the next meeting or until a special meeting called by the President for vote, or sent to each Unit Director via Email with an online email vote to be solicited by the M-YCGC Secretary 30 days after the proposal was sent." This proposal will allow M-YCGC By-Laws to be changed or amended during the 6 months between general membership meetings. There was a short discussion on the proposal. President Daniel

Jones declared the November 21, 2010 Clinic to be held in Rochester, NY a special meeting of the M-YCGC where the proposal to change the M-YCGC Constitution will be voted on.

f. November Clinic. The NYFCJ, M-YCGC and NECGC will co-sponsor a clinic to be held at the George Eastman House in Rochester, NY on November 21, 2010 from 10AM to 4PM. William Chumley, WGI World Class Designer, Instructor and Adjudicator will be the guest clinician. The clinic will focus on the movement caption and sheets and how they relate to all other captions. Although not required, the Executive Board STRONGLY urges all M-YCGC units to be represented by their movement/dance instructors!

g. 2011 Class Representatives. Class Representatives will be solicited and selected via email during the first week of December. If you are interested in being a Class Rep for the 2011 season, please email Dan Jones before December 1st.

h. Unit Director Manuals/Show Host Manuals and Packets will be distributed at the November Clinic in Rochester.

i. Digital Media Standing Committee. A committee to investigate the equipment and software necessary, and examine systems other circuits utilize to start digital judge's commentary at all M-YCGC sanctioned contests has been formed including: Desiree Moore, AJ Avila, Scott Snell, Jim Morton and Mike Pavlock. The committee will spend the year researching and make a formal recommendation to the Executive Board next September.

j. Other. 1. Championship Bids are due to the President no later than November 1, 2010. If no other bids are received, the 2011 Championship Show will automatically rotate to Shenendehowa HS.

2. Desiree Moore (2nd D. Smith) submitted a proposal to change the M-YCGC By-Laws Section G, Article 3, Paragraph 3, Sentence 4 – Classification/Classification Review to read: “Units receiving a promotion score at the Championship Show will be given a recommendation by the Executive Board to self-promote their unit to the next higher class for the following competitive season.” The proposal would be retroactive to the 2010 season if passed. There was a lengthy discussion on the proposal. The President will include this proposal to be added to the ballot for voting at the Special Meeting on November 21, 2010 at the Clinic in Rochester.

3. Larry Schmidt (2nd J. Hilbert) made a proposal to modify M-YCGC Show Host Responsibilities regarding video taping to read “the Show Host will not be required to video tape each competing unit, but may do so if they wish. Whether or not they choose to video individual units MUST be clearly stated in the pre-show mailing required at least 2 weeks before the contest. If the Show Host chooses not to video each unit, they must have a clear, unobstructed area for a unit representative to video their own group. Show Hosts MUST continue to produce a comprehensive video of all competing units at their show to be sent to the President the Monday following the show.” Larry pointed out that videotapes and machines are becoming scarce to find and many unit directors already do their own taping on small handheld digital cameras. There was a short discussion on the proposal and it was called to vote: 22-yes, 10-no, 0-abstain. **The proposal passed.**

7. Announcements.

a. The NYFCJ, M-YCGC and NECGC will co-sponsor a clinic to be held at the George Eastman House in Rochester, NY on November 21, 2010 from 10AM to 4PM. William Chumley, WGI World Class Designer, Instructor and Adjudicator will be the guest clinician. The clinic will focus on the movement caption and sheets and how they relate to all other captions. Although not required, the Executive Board STRONGLY urges all M-YCGC units to be represented by their movement/dance instructors!

b. President Daniel Jones has declared the November Clinic to be a special meeting of the M-YCGC where two proposals will be voted on (New Business item “e” and “j-2”). Your vote counts! Please read the proposals carefully and let your voice be heard if you have concerns.

c. The White Sabers Drum Corps from Dansville, NY is searching for a color guard instructor/caption head for the 2011 DCA season. Please contact Dan Jones if you are interested in more information.

d. The next regular General Membership Meeting of the M-YCGC will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at Shenendehowa HS in Clifton Park, NY at 1:00PM.

8. Closing. Larry Schmidt (2nd A. Graziano) made a motion to close the meeting at 2:27PM.

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