

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit  
General Membership Meeting  
Draper Middle School  
December 2, 2012

I. Call to Order - The 2<sup>nd</sup> General membership meeting of the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit was called to order at 1:05PM by President ken Dining.

II. President's Report – Mr. Dining started the meeting with a thank you to Lori Marshall and Dan Jones for Hosting the meeting at Mohonasen. A happy congratulations was offered to Lori on her recent marriage. President Dining reported he hoped communication over the past couple of months has been adequate without being over-whelming. He added his surprise at the amount of emails that come in on a regular basis concerning Circuit business. Dining said he and Circuit webmaster, Ric Jones, have worked to add new features to mycgc.org. There is now a mobile phone application that will allow users to access show scores and some information much easier. Also, most forms are now able to be filled out online and sent electronically. Dining encourages all members to visit mycgc.org regularly as information is added frequently.

III. Vice President's Report – M-YCGC Vice President, Scott Snell has been working feverishly on the 2013 show schedule. Snell has contacted show hosts who do not yet have full shows (either 10 or 15 units according to M-YCGC rules). He has asked them whether or not they will close their show with incomplete registrants. Likewise, unit directors who have been bumped from shows because of incomplete booking have also been contacted to consider moving to another show. A final communication deadline of 12/5/12 has been given for both hosts and bumped units. A final 2013 Show Schedule should be released in the very near future. When Show Hosts receive their competing unit lists, it will also include when the mini 5 minute breaks (for judge score and commentary purposes) and intermission MUST be figured into your show schedules. This is a new procedure for the Circuit. Please be sure you follow the show outline set forth by the Vice President. Units rosters must be received by Snell no later than 1/1/13. Do not put your unit in danger of being removed from the Circuit show schedule! Please follow the roster guidelines set forth under Article 3:D on page 5 of the M-YCGC By-Laws. Mr. Snell thanked unit directors for their ongoing communication regarding class changes. If you are considering a class change, please let him know right away as penalty deadlines are quickly approaching. Mr. Snell reminded the membership WGI has changed the scoring guidelines for the Individual Analysis captions (movement and equipment). Judges will assign scores for these captions on a 10point/10point score. The numbers will then be converted to a 7point/13point score with a conversion chart that will be furnished to the Circuit by WGI. The conversion charts will be sent to all show hosts as soon as we have them, as well as being available on mycgc.org.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – M-YCGC Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Morton, began his report with a hearty thank you to the Executive Board and the Circuit. The original November meeting of 11/11/12 fell one week after he moved out of his home of 16 years and he appealed to the board to push the meeting up a couple of weeks so he could be properly prepared with all materials to start the season. Morton reported a Circuit checking account balance of \$9424.55. Timing and Penalty sheet and staff passes will be sent out to all units and show hosts not in attendance at today's meeting.

## V. New Business

1. 2012 NYFCJ Clinic – The clinic was held on 11/18/12 in Rochester. All in attendance agreed the clinic was very informative and successful! A lot of attention was spent on the new IA caption scoring process. Mr. Dining did note the clinic was co-sponsored by the M-YCGC and thanked all who attended.

2. The Circuit will use the same digital voice recorders and process as last year for judge commentary at all M-YCGC shows. The micro-SD cards are (five) are needed for each show you attend so judges can record their comments for your unit performance. We ask you to please keep each SD card in a small envelope for each caption (GE, GE, Equipment, Movement and EA) and all five small envelopes in a larger envelope or baggie when you turn it in at guard check-in.

3. 2013 M-YCGC Hall of Fame Nominations should be submitted as soon as possible. The nomination form is available on [mycgc.org](http://mycgc.org).

4. 2013 Unit rosters are due to the M-YCGC Vice President ([membership@edisonclub.com](mailto:membership@edisonclub.com)) no later than 1/1/13.

5. A reminder that Unit Promotion/Demotion Numbers are now “indicators” for unit directors and the Executive Committee. Be aware of the numbers each week (starting week #4), if your unit attains either a promo or demo #, you will be contacted by the Executive Board and your unit will be on upward or downward movement radar. Regional A class directors need to be very aware of sheet criteria (CLEARLY outlined in the WGI manual) for this class. Judges are being train to highly reward RA units who move and spin at the same time.

6. A reminder, with the paperless judging system employed last year, the only paperwork you should expect to receive from show hosts at any particular show is the Unit Score Summary sheet and the Timing and Penalty Sheet.

7. The Phoenix Winter Guards will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Field Day/Preview Show on January 5, 2013. Participation is free, bring your unit and exhibit whatever portions of your show that are complete for judge commentary. The show was very well received by both M-Y units and the many NYFCJ Judges last year.

8. Mr. Dining and Mr. Snell reiterated the many changes to the WGI Rule Book and Manual. Please take time to read through the manual so you are up-to-date and on top of the changes!

## VI. New Business

1. Mr. Dining announced there are 35 M-YCGC units currently signed up for the Liverpool Show on 2/9/13. This is a dual M-YCGC/NECGC show and it is anticipated NE units will be adding in as there is no other NE show that weekend. Be aware if you have more than 1 unit competing show times may be many hours apart.

2. Gibs Flock (ES-M) made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup>-L. Schmidt-C-NS) the Circuit purchase a set of WGI Training DVD's. There was quick discussion that the Circuit currently owns VHS videos (that we are currently having a difficult time tracking down). A unanimous vote to make the purchase was taken on the motion to make the purchase.

3. Capitalizing on our Championship Show Video Bid, the Circuit will be approaching Alliance Media about videoing the regular season shows at Shenendehowa, ES-M and C-NS to be included on their streaming video site.

4. The Executive Board has expressed their interest in approaching the Competition Suite Co. in regards to uploading all Circuit Show recorded judge commentary directly to a mailbox accessible by each unit. The technology was used by WGI last year and at NYSFBC Championships this year. It is our hope to move forward with the ease and advantages of digital technology. The Executive Board will also look into the possibility of securing 2 or 3 individuals to travel to all M-YCGC sanctioned contests to standardize the tabulation process at all shows. We're not sure either will be able to be instituted this season, but we will keep you informed!

5. The Executive Board is seeking an individual (preferably from the Utica/Syracuse area) to coordinate an end of season staff get together/dinner/cocktail hours for all M-YCGC members at an area restaurant to take place shortly after WGI Championships. Please contact Ken Dining if you would be willing to coordinate this endeavor.

6. There are 4 new units who have made application to the M-YCGC this season. Please welcome Baldwinsville ERA, New Hartford JV, Union-Endicott Jr. and Victor as new members to the Circuit!

7. The 2013 M-YCGC Championship Show will be hosted by Cicero-North Syracuse on April 6-7, 2013 at North Syracuse Jr. High School. Larry Schmidt will be the Championship Show Chairperson. He has been contacted with the "unmovable" basketball hoop situation at NSJH, dimensions of the hoop placements will be posted on mycgc.org. There was a concern raised of the skylights in the gymnasium (for those units performing during bright sunlight hours). Larry will look into the possibility of getting the skylights covered.

8. Class Representatives for the 2013 season are as follows: ERA-Rodney Councilman (Mirror Image), IRA-Derek Pooley (Westmoreland JV), Gloria Scalise (Westmoreland Varsity), Larry Schmidt (C-NS Open). President Dining will solicit representatives for all other classes via email in the next couple of weeks.

9. There are 3 Executive Board positions that will be up for election at the 3/10/13 meeting including: VP (currently held by Scott Snell), Board Seat (currently held by Shane Bonney) and Board Seat (currently held by Danielle Wert). Please contact Ken Dining if you would like to nominate someone to fill one of these Seats.

10. Many M-YCGC Show Hosts host in gymnasiums are not large enough to allow boundary penalties...but some are! Facilities that are large enough for boundary penalties will be posted on mycgc.org.

11. It has been announced by the NYFCJ that no procedural penalties will be issued by the T/P judges during the first two weeks of the season. (This does not mean carte blanche for units to do as they please.) Procedural penalties will be limited to show length, equipment timing, entrance/exit timing, front sidelines, etc.

12. It was asked if the new “paperless” judging worksheets still included reference criteria (back of sheet rubric explanations). It is very much still part of the judging process! PLEASE READ THROUGH THE WGI MANUALS THAT WERE SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL ON 12/1/12. The criteria rubrics are still printed in the manual and are important to your ongoing education and awareness!

VII. Other – none

VIII. The next General Membership Meeting will take place on March 10, 2013 at 1PM at the North Syracuse Junior High School.

IX. Closing – Larry Schmidt moved (2<sup>nd</sup> by Gibs Flock) to close the meeting at 2:08PM

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