

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit  
General Membership Meeting  
Shenendehowa HS, Clifton Park, NY  
March 6, 2011

I. Call to Order

President Daniel L. Jones called the meeting to order at 1:12PM.

II. President's Report

Mr. Jones started his report with a thank you to Scott Snell and the Shenendehowa School District for hosting this afternoon's meeting. Several unit directors have contacted Jones throughout the morning with serious concerns regarding the incoming snow storm. Because of this, he has waived the attendance rule that would affect the Championship Show performance draw if a unit was not represented. Mr. Jones announced he has received only 5 show tapes from the units who have hosted an M-YCGC competition so far this season. All show hosts are required to submit a video to the President of all units competing at their show immediately following the show. These videos must be kept on file for unit review purposes. There have been cases this season where the Review Committee needed to review units, but there was no video available. You are placing your privilege of hosting an M-YCGC show in danger by not following the show host rules. Mr. Jones made an appeal to all unit directors to please contact him in writing when show hosts do not follow proper procedure. Issues can only be addressed and or corrected when the Executive Board is contacted in writing. Lastly, please be professional when contacting the Board with issues that are important to you. The Executive Board works hard to address and solve issue according to the M-YCGC By-Laws and Practices and Procedures as quickly as possible.

III. Vice President's Report

Vice President Scott Snell began his report with a thank you to this year's show hosts for working with him on the many classification and performance order changes. Mr. Snell is very concerned with the confusion in classification and scheduling that Dual Shows (combined M-Y and NECGC) have caused this season. He said there have been many communication break downs that have caused problems this year.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Secretary/Treasurer James Morton reported an account balance of \$9842.80. He announced the Executive Board met this morning to review the M-YCGC Scholarship applications that were submitted. Seven 2011 M-YCGC Scholarship recipients were chosen by the committee. The circuit will award \$2900 in scholarships this year.

V. Old Business

1. Championship Show Report-Scott Snell announced 55 of the 56 M-YCGC Units will be participating in the 2011 M-YCGC Championship Show. **All program information must be turned in ASAP.** The deadline was 3/4/11 and many units have yet to turn in their information. Practice time slots during Championship weekend are quickly filling up. Contact Scott immediately if you wish to practice before your championship performance. **T-Shirt orders are currently due.**

Mr. Snell and the Championship Show committee want to make it very clear to all participating units the **ALL FLOOR MATS MUST BE SNAKED OUT OF THE GYMNASIUM FOLLOWING YOUR PERFORMANCE**. This may or may not be a new procedure for your unit, but please be prepared! There have been issues throughout the season of units taking far too long to exit the gym after crossing the center line. There is no room in the Championship Show schedule for units to roll and fold floor mats! If you think your unit will need help snaking your floor out, please ask another unit or contact Scott prior to the show. There is limited room in the exit hallway to refold floors once you have exited.

Please be aware only **7 staff passes will be issued at the championship show**. These passes will allow individuals access to the guard homerooms. This does not include floor crew and chaperones passes...they will be issued separately. The teal blue Staff/Crew passes used during the regular season are NOT valid at the championship show.

Alliance Media was the only bidder and will be the official videographer for the Championship Show. **You must follow the link on mycgc.org and register with Alliance Media. You must also follow the same link to submit your music licensing information.** If you have already submitted your licensing information to the President, you must re-submit it on the Alliance Media website. Do not put your unit in jeopardy of not being part of the Championship Show DVD. There will be NO day of show videos or DVDs given to unit directors this year. Absolutely NO ONE will be allowed to video a unit at the Championship Show.

Jolesch is the official photographer of the Championship Show.

2. M-YCGC Hall of Fame- Of the applications that were received this year, the M-YCGC Hall of Fame Committee submitted three recommendations to the Executive Board. The Executive Board discussed the recommendations and made the selection of this year's class to be inducted at the final retreat of the championship show.

3. Show host responsibilities-the President explained hosting an M-YCGC Show is a privilege, not a right. Every show host submits an application each year. By submitting that application, it is assumed the show host agrees to host their show according to M-YCGC rules. Hosting an M-YCGC Show is a big responsibility and communication is key, be in touch with the President and Vice President as well as the directors of the units attending your show. Be vigilant in letting everyone know of everything that is happening at your show. Again, unit directors, contact the President when things do not go according to M-YCGC guidelines at an M-YCGC show.

4. Digital Media Standing Committee- Mr. Morton has obtained some information regarding equipment that would need to be purchased for the Circuit to make the switch to digital recording by judges at all M-YCGC events. The committee has not met yet, but will in the near future.

5. 2011 Class Representatives: NOVICE-G. Flock, ERA-CJ Abate, CADET-D. Green, SRA-M. Tierny, IRA-G. Smith, SA3-S. Bonney, SA2-G. Scalise, IA-D. Smith, SA1-D. Moore, SO-L. Schmidt, IO-D. Bowen

6. Other-none

## VI. New Business

1. 2011 Morse Award – Nomination forms are available on mycgc.org. Mr. Jones made an appeal for EVERY M-YCGC Unit Director to submit a nomination. This year's recipient will be announced at the final retreat at the Championship Show.

2. 2011-2013 Executive Board Nominations/Elections – 3 seats are set to expire in May 2011: Vice President (S. Snell), Board Seat (S. Spaulding), Board Seat (D. Wert). President Jones opened the floor to nominations. Gary Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> R. Councilman) nominated Scott Snell to continue as Vice President. Snell accepted. Jen Dormio (2<sup>nd</sup> S. Snell) nominated Shane Bonney to a Board Seat. Bonney accepted. Dan Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> J. Dormio) nominated Danielle Wert to a Board Seat. Wert accepted. No other nominations were offered. The nominees were given a moment to introduce themselves and give a brief background of themselves. The President asked the Secretary to cast one vote in favor of all three nominees. The vote was cast. Scott Snell and Danielle Wert will continue in their positions, Shane Bonney will join the Executive Board in May.

3. Unit Promotion/Demotion – Mr. Jones announced no units exceeded the promotion scores outlined in the M-YCGC Handbook this season'. Several units did not meet the demotion numbers and, after review by the committee, were offered a move to the next lower competitive class. Mr. Jones did explain that achieving a promotion or demotion number only sets the review committee into process. After the committee reviews a unit's performance they make the decision to: keep the unit where they are, promote or demote the unit.

### 4. Other

a. Jim Morton made a proposal (2<sup>nd</sup> D. Wert) to add the November Membership meeting back into the By-Laws. He felt it was a very awkward start to the 2011 season with the absence of this meeting. Dissemination of rule books and materials was much more difficult and costly to the Circuit. He feels face to face contact is far more beneficial six weeks prior to the start of the season rather than last year's 14 weeks. There were requests for the Board to meet with Directors that could not be coordinated that would have been solved with this meeting. The proposal was briefly discussed and will be voted on at the September meeting.

b. Scott Snell (2<sup>nd</sup> M. Tierney) made a proposal stating "Any proposal to change a M-YCGC By-Law or Policy cannot retroactively change a decision or ruling, only change future rulings or decisions". Mr. Snell feels strongly it is favorable for the circuit to always move forward and make decisions and changes that benefit the whole circuit rather than individual units. There was discussion on the proposal and it will be brought to the floor for a vote at the September meeting.

c. Shane Bonney (2<sup>nd</sup> G. Smith) made a proposal to add a Unit Premier Performance Show in mid-January to the M-YCGC Schedule where unit classification for the season would be determined by the Premier Performance judging panel. Shane explained this is how classification is determined by many circuits around the country. There was much discussion about the idea. Shane agreed to table her proposal, pending the gathering of more information about Premier Shows, until the September meeting.

VII. Other - Championship Draw – There was some discussion before the draw about the fairness of units not represented at this meeting being allowed as part of the general draw process. Mr. Jones explained the

Executive Board considers the impending snow storm that is predicted for Central and Eastern NY was an extenuating circumstance and did not feel comfortable forcing people to drive in potentially bad conditions. He thanked all those that did make the trip to Shenendehowa and appreciates their efforts in supporting the Circuit. The performance order for the Championship Show is as follows (all units were part of the general draw):

**NOVICE Class**

1. West Canada Valley JV
2. Oxford Academy
3. Pine Grove

**ERA Class**

1. Homer Jr.
2. Laurens Jr.
3. Mirror Image

**CADET Class**

1. Westmoreland
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Legend
3. Phoenix Jr.
4. Shen Cadet
5. Baldwinsville Jr.
6. Liverpool Cadet
7. Vestal Jr.

**SRA Class**

1. Albany
2. Fonda-Fultonville
3. Amethyst
4. Mexico
5. Sherburne-Earlville
6. Cortland
7. Oswego
8. Liverpool JV
9. Northstars SRA
10. Susquehanna Valley

**IRA Class**

1. Lakeside
2. Eclipse
3. Reflections
4. New Hartford JV
5. Scarlet Edge
6. 3<sup>rd</sup> Legend IRA

**SA-3 Class**

1. West Canada Valley
2. Jordan-Elbridge
3. Shen SA3
4. ME-UE

**SA-2 Class**

1. Homer Sr.
2. Baldwinsville Sr.
3. Central Square Jr.
4. APW
5. Westmoreland
6. Mohonasen

**IA Class**

1. Allure
2. Northstars IA
3. Mt. Markham
4. Brigadiers
5. New Hartford

**SA-1 Class**

1. Laurens
2. Vestal Sr.
3. Liverpool Sr.
4. ESM
5. Phoenix Sr.
6. Shen SA1
7. Amethyst Gold

**SO Class**

1. Central Square
2. Northstars
3. Shen Open

**IO Class**

1. Spectrum

VIII. Announcements

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the M-YCGC Membership will be held on September 25, 2011 at 1:00PM. The meeting will be held in a Southern area location TBA.

IX. Larry Schmidt (2<sup>nd</sup> CJ Abate) made a motion to close the meeting at 2:40PM. Dan Jones wished everyone safe travels home.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Morton, Secretary  
M-YCGC