

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit  
**General Membership Meeting**  
East Syracuse-Minoa High School  
March 4, 2012

Minutes:

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:15PM by M-YCGC President Daniel L. Jones.

II. President's Report – M-YCGC President Jones began his report with a thank you to Gibs Flock and the ES-M School District for hosting the third and final membership meeting of the 2011/2012 season. Mr. Jones also thanked the members of the Executive Committee for meeting in Syracuse at 10:00AM. Jones continued his report stating the season is seemingly flying by this year. He announced that show host seem to be more on top of the Circuit guidelines this season, and he has received few complaints to date. He did say there still is an issue with show hosts getting show videos to him in a timely manner. He reminded show host a full show video containing all competitive units performing is due to him within the week following your show. This has become more important this season as many more units than usual have requested classification changes.

III. Vice President's Report – M-YCGC Vice President Scott Snell began his report with a thank you to show hosts for their prompt and continued communication with him as changes were made to their shows. He reminded all show hosts and directors that any show change (withdrawals, additions, performance order requests, etc.) must be approved by him before the change is official. Show hosts; contact Scott immediately if a participant contacts you with a request! Mr. Snell thanked all unit directors for their patience with the digital media change-over this season, although not perfect, the new procedures seem to be going well.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – M-YCGC Secretary/Treasurer James Morton reported a checking account balance of \$7,743.30. Mr. Morton announced all payments for the 2011/2012 are up-to-date. Morton reiterated Mr. Snell's thank you to the circuit with their patience with the digital media change over. He mentioned that he knew there were some frustrations and asked for suggestions.

\*\*One of the big issues seems to be getting SD cards back to unit staff members following a performance. Show hosts; please do your best to make this happen immediately following a group's performance.

\*\*It seems several directors have not received all of their SD cards, or received other unit's cards. Show Hosts and unit staff members must double check to see that all 5 cards are returned, and that all 5 are given to the proper unit.

\*\*It was also brought up that tabulators must be very careful to enter the correct GE scores with the correct judge.

V. Old Business –

1. New Voting Members to the M-YCGC – President Jones welcomed four new members to the Circuit. The new members applications have been reviewed and have competed in the required number of shows to become voting members. The new units include: Albany Novice (Kim Radtke, Director), Lakeside ERA (Gary Smith, Director), Shenendehowa 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Scott Snell, Director) and Tapestry (Tracy Hicks, Director). Mr. Jones congratulated the new units on behalf of the membership. A round of applause was given to the new voting members.

2. Hall of Fame Committee – The M-YCGC Hall of Fame Committee consists of Carrie Abate', Ron Abate', Larry Schmidt and Shannon Spaulding. The committee announced that applications for the 2012 Class of the M-YCGC HOF will be accepted until 3/15/12.

The current members of the Hall of Fame include: **2009 Inaugural Class** - Fred Gephart, Barb Hawks, David LeBlanc, Bruce McCreedy, Brady Rouse and Vinnie Monacelli; **Class of 2010** - Rick Morey and **Class of 2011** - Dennis Morris.

3. 2012 Championship Show – Championship Show Coordinator, Gibs Flock, stated the ES-M School District and Winter Guard Boosters are very proud to be host the 2012 M-YCGC Championship Show on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 1, 2012. He said several mailing have been sent to all M-YCGC Unit Directors and the final deadline for all paperwork is due to the Championship Committee by 3/10/12. Mr. Flock announced the Championship Show recordings will be videoed by Alliance Media and Unit Photographs will be done by Jolesch Photography. Mr. Flock announced one major change for this year's Championship Show will be that the **unit check-in and the floor and prop crew check-in will be at the same location.** (These are typically in separate locations...NOT THIS YEAR!) Also, **floor mats must be snaked out of the gymnasium following every unit's performance.** Unit Directors, please plan accordingly!!

4. Richard Pronti Donation – Dick Pronti, long time color guard and drum corps instructor and NYFCJ adjudicator passed away recently. The M-YCGC made a \$100 donation in Dick's name to the Hawthorne Caballeros Drum Corps.

5. Other – none

#### VI. New Business –

1. Morse Award Nominations – the 2012 Robert Morse Award nomination form has been sent to all M-YCGC directors. Each unit is allowed 1 nomination for a unit (other than their own) to receive the 2012 Award. Nominations are due to the M-YCGC Secretary by 3/23/2012.

2. 2012 M-YCGC Scholarships – President Jones announced 12 M-Y Scholarship applications were received this year. The Executive Committee will be reviewing and selecting this year's recipients prior to the Championship Show.

3. 2012 Additional Show Host Fee Invoices – Mr. Morton announced the additional show host fee invoices will be sent via email and US Mail to each eligible M-YCGC Show Host by 3/20/2012. The additional fees are assessed to any show host having more than 10 competing units at the 2012 M-YCGC Competition. All invoices must be paid to the M-YCGC no later than 5/1/12.

4. Executive Board Nominations (President, Secretary/Treasurer, Executive Board Seat #1 and #2)  
Nominations for President were solicited by Mr. Jones. Larry Schmidt (2<sup>nd</sup>-T. Sabastino) nominated Mr. Ken Dining (New Hartford), who accepted. Nancy Daily (2<sup>nd</sup>-Lori Marshall) nominated Daniel Jones (Mohonasen), who accepted. No other nominations were offered. Mr. Dining and Mr. Jones were each given a few minutes to address the membership, a vote by paper ballot was then called. (The votes were collected and tabulated by James Morton and Nancy Daily.) Mr. Ken Dining was elected President of the M-YCGC starting May 1, 2012 through May 1, 2014.

Scott Snell (2<sup>nd</sup>-K. Dining) nominated James Morton for Secretary/Treasurer, who accepted. No other nominations were offered. President Jones asked that on vote be cast on behalf of Mr. Morton. The vote was cast by VP Snell. Mr. Morton will serve as M-YCGC Secretary/Treasurer from 5/1/12 through 5/1/14.

Jim Morton (2<sup>nd</sup>-J. Czachowski) nominated Mike Tierney (Oswego), who accepted, for Executive Board Seat #1. Scott Snell (2<sup>nd</sup>-J. Dormio) nominated Shannon Spaulding (Homer), who accepted, for Executive Board Seat #2. No other nominations were offered. President Jones asked that on vote be cast on behalf of Mr. Tierney and Mrs. Spaulding. The vote was cast by VP Snell. Tierney and Spaulding will serve as M-YCGC Executive Board Members from 5/1/12 through 5/1/14.

5. Championship Show Performance Order Draw – The draw for performance order was drawn by various members of the Circuit. Results are as follows:

**Saturday, March 30, 2012**

Novice:

Tapestry  
Albany  
Pine Grove

ERA:

Lakeside  
Homer  
Laurens  
Mirror Image  
Shenendehowa

Cadet:

Westmoreland  
Shenendehowa 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

SRA:

Albany  
Mexico  
Baldwinsville  
Sherburne-Earlville  
Northstars  
Central Square  
Cortland

IRA:

Eclipse  
Illusions  
Reflections

**Sunday, April 1, 2012**

SA-3:

Jordan-Elbridge  
Vestal  
A-P-W

SA-2:

Homer  
Shenendehowa  
Westmoreland  
West Canada Valley  
New Hartford  
ME-UE  
Oswego

IA:

Shenendehowa  
Northstars  
Lakeside

SA-1:

Liverpool  
Central Square  
Phoenix  
East Syracuse-Minoa  
Laurens  
Mohonasen  
Baldwinsville  
Johnstown

SO:

Northstars

IO:

Spectrum  
Brigadiers

6. 2012/2013 Season M-YCGC Meetings will be held on 9/23/12 at Homer HS, 11/11/12 at Mohonasen HS and 3/3/13 at the 2013 Championship Show site.

7. Other –

a. It was suggested from the membership that show hosts please look into better food choices for performing members. It was stated pizza and junk food are poor choices for the performers.

b. A recap of memory card issues was revisited: Show Hosts, please be responsible to get all cards to their correct owners. The SD cards are too expensive to replace on a regular basis!

VIII. Announcements –

1. The next regular meeting of the M-YCGC will be held on 9/23/12 at Homer HS beginning at 1PM.

2. A Classification Standing Committee has been formed and will be headed by Executive Board Member Shane Bonney (West Canada Valley). There will be a meeting of this Committee on April 22, 2012 at Babe's Restaurant on Genesee St at Exit 31, Utica, NY starting at noon. All members of the M-YCGC are welcome at this meeting! Shane will be emailing the membership about the meeting very soon.

3. East Syracuse-Minoa is currently seeking a new Color Guard Caption head. Please contact Gibs Flock if you are interested.

4. The Executive Board of the M-YCGC would like to wish all units well during the last weeks of the competitive season, at the Championship Show, and at WGI World Championships.

IX. Closing – The meeting was called to close at 2:20PM.