

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
North Syracuse Junior High School
North Syracuse, NY
March 10, 2013

Minutes:

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:07PM by M-YCGC President Ken Dining.

II. President’s Report – Mr. Dining briefly thanked Larry Schmidt and the C-NS School District for hosting the meeting. He stated overall things seem to be moving quickly and smoothly. He knows everyone is hard at work brushing things up for the last month of the 2013 season.

III. Vice President’s Report – M-YCGC Vice President Scott Snell began his report stating communication with changes and issues has been good throughout the season. He urges every to keep it up, informing him of any show changes! He reported a rough draft of the 2014 season schedule will be sent out within the next couple weeks. He knows some school districts are already asking for 2014 calendar dates. He said Easter 2014 is in late April and WGI Championships will be the 1st week of April (a week earlier than this year), which will put M-YCGC Championships the last week of March and allow for a typically similar competitive calendar to past years. Mr. Snell added if any of the remaining show hosts have scoring system questions to email him.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report – M-YCGC Secretary James Morton reported a checking account balance of \$7,854.35. He stated addition show host invoices (for units who hosted more than 10 units at their show) will be sent prior to the Championship Show and the additional fees are due back by 5/1/13. Thank you cards were received from 2012 M-YCGC Scholarship winners Gina Bartholomew, Kailee LeBuis and Alyssa Lowin.

V. Old Business -

1. 2013 Championship Show-Larry Schmidt reported planning for the Championship Show is very well underway. All units should have been receiving emails from his parent coordinator. He is concerned some units have not responded to him with the survey that includes student membership and staff numbers. This information is vital for ordering patches and medals. Please understand if this information is not received, your unit may not be issued patches or awarded medals. Larry reminded everyone that the gymnasium backboards WILL NOT be removed for Championships. The skylights in the gymnasium will be covered to prevent sun glare. The Championship committee is still searching for a photographer as Jolesch has recently been sold and is no longer photographing such events. There is a M-Y Championships Facebook page! A link is available on mycgc.org.

A side conversation was held regarding Championship DVDs. Unit Directors very much want a top shot DVD of their Championship performance. There were many issues not being able to access the on-demand access that should have been available to all M-Y Directors who registered for the service. There was also concern of the \$16 shipping charge for the “free” director DVD post season. Mr. Dining said he would contact Alliance Media during the upcoming week.

2. Hall of Fame nominations- the M-YCGC HOF Committee has received some nominations, but would accept more before making a recommendation to the Executive Committee. Mr. Dining announced nominations are not limited to past era directors, instructors and judges, but also to hard working parents and volunteers of individual programs! He asked all to think hard and be creative!

3. Promotion/Demotion indicators- Mr. Dining reported the established indicators seem to be working well for the circuit. No units will under review prior to the Championship Show. The indicators will be in effect at Championships and recommendations to shift classes may be made at that time.

4. Competition Suite- Mr. Dining has a teleconference planned on 3/11/13 with the folks from Competition Suite, a company that will manage digital commentary and scoring during all M-Y sanctioned shows. The commentary from each judge is uploaded to a server and made available to staff members via cell phones or tablets. The scoring process will be universal at all M-Y shows. The cost is expected to be manageable for the Circuit. More information will soon follow.

5. Show Host issues- Mr. Dining encouraged unit directors who experienced procedural issues at any of the shows they attended to contact him with specific information. It is not a tattling process, but a way to make our show run smoother!

6. Other- Kim Harter, director of the Mexico winter guard, brought up the issue of performing early on in a show and having to wait until 10:00 at night for post-contest meetings with judges. She is concerned that the wait time is sometimes several hours between her group's performance and the meeting, which sometimes causes her to miss post-contest critique. There was some discussion with no solutions offered.

VI. New Business -

1. New Voting Members to the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit include: Baldwinsville ERA, New Hartford Cadet and Union-Endicott Jr. Congratulations to these new members!

2. 2014 Show Schedule- As Mr. Snell stated in the VP report, a rough draft should be available soon. Mr. Dining reiterated Easter is late next year and WGI is a week earlier, but should still allow for a fairly traditional M-YCGC show schedule. It is unclear if there will be a WGI Regional in NY as this years was very small. (Mr. Dining stated that all M-Y units that attended the WGI Regional in Victor were an outstanding representation of the Circuit and congratulated them all!)

3. Bob Morse Award nominations- Mr. Morton reminded unit directors the Morse Award nomination form were available on mycgc.org. Nominations will be accepted through March 31st. He encouraged directors to turn their forms in at today's meeting if they know which unit they would like to nominate.

4. One day championship 2014- a brief discussion was held on the possibility of a one day championship. It is felt this would only be entertained on a Saturday and depends on the number of units attending.

5. The new WGI "Is the Guard Ready" opening announcement will be adopted by the M-YCGC in 2014.

6. Executive Board nominations:

Vice President-

Shane Bonney (2nd Gibs Flock) nominated Scott Snell. Snell accepted.

Executive Board Seat (2 available)

Ken Dining (2nd Andrew Graziano) nominated Danielle Wert. Wert Accepted.

Tammy Graziano (2nd Danielle Wert) nominated Andy Graziano. Graziano accepted.

Kim Harter (2nd Jim Morton) nominated Julie Hilbert. Hilbert declined.

No other nominations were offered. The M-YCGC Secretary cast one unanimous vote for the three candidates for the three positions. Snell will serve as VP, Wert and Graziano will hold Exec. Bd. Seats until May 2015.

7. Championship draw- performance order for the 2013 Championship Show:

ERA Class

Mirror Image
Homer
Baldwinsville
Shenendehowa
Laurens

Cadet Class

New Hartford
Albany
Pine Grove

SRA Class

Union-Endicott
Sherburne-Earlville
Baldwinsville
Central Square
Mexico
Shenendehowa

IRA Class

Cortland
Eclipse
ONE
Westmoreland
Reflections
Tapestry

SA-3 Class

Vestal
ES-M
Westmoreland
Albany
Northstars
Jordan Elbridge

SA-2 Class

Baldwinsville
Union-Endicott
Oswego
New Hartford
Mohonasen
A-P-W

SA-1 Class

Central Square
Liverpool
Shenendehowa
Phoenix
Laurens
Johnstown

IA Class

Homer
West Canada Valley
Northstars
Shenendehowa

SO Class

Northstars

IO Class

Brigadiers

VIII. Other - none

IX. Announcements – The next regular meeting of the M-YCGC Membership will be held on September 22, 2013 at 1:00PM in a Southern Tier location. Chris McCarthy offered a location at Union-Endicott.

X. A motion was made to close the meeting at 2:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,
James Morton, Secretary
Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
3/11/13