

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
November 11, 2011
Shenendehowa Middle School
Clifton Park, NY

Minutes:

- I. Call to order - The November Meeting of the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit was called to order at 1:02PM by M-Y President Daniel L. Jones.

- II. President's report – Mr. Jones thanked Scott Snell for hosting the meeting at Shenendehowa MS. Jones said anything else he had to report would be covered during the meeting.

- III. Vice President's report – M-Y Vice President, Scott Snell, announced there were two remaining unbalanced weekends left on the 2012 competitive schedule including 3/3/12 (Central Square and Mohonasen) 4 units need to move into the Mohonasen show and 3/23 (CNS and Albany) 6 units need to move into the Albany show. The directors of Mohonasen and Albany have the choice whether or not to close their shows without a full 15 units. If they choose not to close, bumping procedures will be initiated according to M-YCGC By-Laws. Johnstown Amethyst Gold has added a show into the schedule on 3/17/12 (this show will not be subject to the minimum performing unit guidelines or bumping procedures). Mr. Snell reminds directors that unit rosters are due to him by 1/1/12 per page 5 of the M-YCGC Manual.

- IV. Secretary/Treasurer's report – M-Y Secretary/Treasurer, James Morton asked if there were any changes or additions to the September Meeting minutes posted on mycgc.org. There were none. There is a current checking account balance of \$7,216.32. Unit Directors who did not pick up their M-YCGC Unit Manuals at the September Meeting are able to sign it out at today's meeting. Units who were not represented at either meeting will have their manual sent to them. Mr. Morton distributed the most up-to-date director address/phone/email database to those present. He asked that everyone present verify their information and let him know of any changes or mistakes.

- V. Old Business –
 1. Show Host Responsibilities – Mr. Jones asks that every unit director that hosts a M-Y competition please sit with their contest chairperson and carefully review the show host policies and guidelines set forth in the M-YCGC Manual. He reminds all show hosts that the informational mailing MUST be sent to competing units and the President no less than two weeks prior to your competition. A recommendation came from the floor that show hosts please have the cafeteria open late enough for units competing at the end of a show.

 2. Digital Audio Update – Mr. Morton demonstrated the new digital recorders that will be used by the movement, equipment, EA and GE judges at all M-YCGC contests during the 2012 season. He explained that every unit director must turn in 5 micro SD card at every show so the audio commentary can be recorded. A flier clearly outlining the SD cards and adapters that everyone will need. The flier will be emailed to all M-Y directors. A total of 12 digital recorders were purchased at \$100 each. The recorders will be demonstrated and available for orientation at the NYSFCJ Clinic on 11/20/11.

 3. Unit Rosters – Again, unit rosters are due to the VP by 1/1/12 per page 5 of the M-YCGC Manual.

4. 2012 M-YCGC Hall of Fame nominations – the nomination form is available on mycgc.org. The current members of the M-Y HOF include: Bob Gephart, Dave LeBlanc, Barb Hawks, Brady Rouse, Vinnie Monicelli, Bruce McCready, Rick Morey and Dennis Morris. Nominations can be submitted to the committee via President Dan Jones.

5. NYFCJ Clinic – The annual clinic will be held at the George Eastman House in Rochester, NY on 11/20/11 beginning at 11AM. The clinic will be sponsored in part by the M-YCGC again this year. This year’s guest presenter is Kristin O’Melia and will focus on equipment in the overall show design.

6. Equipment Padding Proposal - A proposal was made by the Executive Board (2nd Allison Zwart) at the 9/25/11 meeting to modify the rule that “every prop used in a unit performance must be taped or padded” to “only props that do not sit or move off of the unit’s floor mat or are dragged onto and off of the performance floor must be taped or padded”. It is felt that props that are carried in and out and sit on or are moved across a floor mat do not need to be additionally taped or padded. The proposal was discussed at length and called to a vote: yes-2, no-25, abs.-1 **The proposal failed.**

7. Score Recap Sheet Proposal - A proposal was made by Scott Snell (2nd D. Jones) at the 9/25/11 meeting that the “Score recap sheets” will not be distributed until the completion of the post contest critique meeting during the months of January and February”. Mr. Snell feels it is important to focus on your own unit’s performance when speaking to the judges at post contest meeting. Snell feels it will be a much more productive meeting during the developing weeks of the season not knowing sub-caption break-downs before the meeting. After much discussion a vote on the proposal was called: yes-4, no-23, abs.-1. **The proposal failed.**

8. Paperless Judging System Proposal - A proposal was made by Scott Snell (2nd J. Hilbert) at the 9/25/11 meeting for the M-YCGC to adopt the paperless (colored judge’s sheet) Judging System currently used by WGI. The paperless system allows judges to hold and adjust scores over the course of several units rather than being trapped with their numbers, possibly creating convoluted or unrealistic profiles or neighborhoods. After a lengthy discussion the proposal was called to vote: yes-28, no-0, abs-0. **The proposal passed.** This will be implemented during the 2012 competitive season.

9. Judge Field Clinic – Phoenix Winter Guard will be hosting a judge clinic on 1/7/12 at Phoenix HS. Any and all M-Y units are welcome to come present their 2012 program for viewing and input by several NYFCJ judges. It does not matter if your show is complete and the field day is not competitive. Please contact Desiree Moore at Phoenix if you are interested in bringing your unit on 1/7/12.

VI. New Business –

1. 2012 M-YCGC Championship Show will be hosted by the ES-M Winter Guard program at ES-M High School on March 31, 2012 and April 1, 2012. Information will be forthcoming from the ES-M Championship Committee to all unit directors.

2. Other – the promotion/demotion numbers for competing units was reviewed. The promotion/demotion policy will be initiated week 4 (Feb. 4, 2012) of the M-Y competitive season and continue through week 8 (March 3, 2012), and then again at the Championship Show March 31 and April 1, 2012)

Promotion review numbers:

	Week 4 (2/4/12)	Week 5 (2/11/12)	Week 6 (2/18/12)	Week 7 (2/25/12)	Week 8 (3/3/12)	Champs (3/31-4/1/12)
SW, SO, IO, SA-1, IA, SRA, IRA	78	80	82	84	86	88
SA-2.....	68	70	72	74	76	78
SA-3.....	64	66	68	70	72	74
Novice.....	55	57	59	61	63	65

Demotion review numbers:

	Week 4 (2/4/12)	Week 5 (2/11/12)	Week 6 (2/18/12)	Week 7 (2/25/12)	Week 8 (3/3/12)	Champs (3/31-4/1/12)
SO, IO, SA-1, IA	60	62	64	66	68	72
SA-2, SRA, IRA.....	50	52	54	56	58	62
SA-3.....	46	48	50	52	54	58

3. 2012 Class Representatives – class caucuses were held to appoint the 2012 M-YCGC Class representatives:

Novice –	Gibs Flock, Pine Grove Winter Guard	SA-2 -	Mike Tierney, Oswego
Cadet -	Derek Pooley, Westmoreland JV	SA-1 -	Desiree Moore, Phoenix
ERA -	Rodney Councilman, Reflections	IA -	Larry Schmidt, Northstars IA
SRA -	Julie Hilbert, Northstars SRA	SO -	TBD
IRA -	Stacey Howland, Eclipse	IO -	TBD
SA-3 -	Allison Zwart, Vestal		

VII. Other – None

VIII. Announcements – The next meeting of the M-YCGC membership will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at a location to be announced (typically the Championship Host site, but unconfirmed at this time).

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25PM.

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