

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
Westmoreland High School
Westmoreland, New York

November 19, 2006

MINUTES:

Call to order 12:10PM

1. President's Report

President Daniel Jones began the meeting with a thank you to Brian Schidzick and the Westmoreland HS Winter Guard and Marching Band Boosters for hosting the meeting. Mr. Jones then thanked Mr. Mike Carney for this morning's clinic. Mr. Carnet is the safety co-ordinator and specialist for the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES system. The clinic's focus was safety and first aid situations that could arise within our activity. Those in attendance were updated in Heimlich, CPR, and AED techniques. Many positive comments and suggestions were shared by circuit members who were present. It was made very clear that we all have to be vigilant about any health issues our members may have. Always carry a stocked first aid kit with you and keep yourself prepared.

Mr. Jones reminded all show hosts that 2007 Championship Show bids are due by November 1, 2006. Please refer to the M-YCGC Manual or contact a previous host for the bid format and ideas. There was a concern raised that Nov. 1st is too late for bids to be submitted.

A letter from a school superintendent was received stating his concern on the Circuit running the Championship Show on a Sunday. He feels the circuit should run the show in one day like the WGI regional held at CNS last year. The Exec. Bd. replied stating the championships are steered by the body of the circuit, who continues to support a two day format, however any host is welcome to submit a one day bid.

2. Vice President's Report

Vice President Scott Snell thanked all who have paid careful attention to the show pick deadline. He has been working hard with many unit directors to even out the 2007 competitive schedule. There are still a couple of weekends that need balancing. Mr. Snell went through the list and appealed once again for units to move into shows that have not yet been filled. Much progress was made, and Scott thanked those that rearranged their schedules for their flexibility.

Mr. Snell announced that because of the streamlined schedule, many shows are much larger than normal. Please stay on top of your show scheduling. Although all M-

YCGC Show retreats must start before 9PM, please consider earlier start times. Show hosts with very large shows should consider two retreat ceremonies.

If you need to make any changes to your unit's competitive schedule, contact Scott ASAP. Keep in mind there are financial penalties for units that pull out of a show within 30 days of that show.

Rosters are due by Jan. 1, 2007. Please submit those to Scott on school letterhead signed by an administrator (scholastic units) or by a unit administrator (independent units).

3. Secretary/Treasurer's Report Account balance: \$6,121.09

Each unit representative in attendance should have signed out their unit packet. The packet contains the Unit Director Handbook, M-Y Membership Directory, Staff/Crew Passes, Unit Sign-In Sheet, Spiel Sheet, and 07 Scholarship Application, and the 07 Robert Morse Memorial Award nomination form. Those units not represented at today's meeting will be sent to them next week.

Show hosts should have picked up their judge sheet packets. Audio cassettes are currently on back order. You will have them well in advance of your show.

4. Old Business

4.1 2007 Competitive Calendar – covered in VP report.

4.2 2007 Show Host Packets – covered in Secretary report.

4.3 M-YCGC Webmaster

The Executive Board realizes the importance of securing a new webmaster for the upcoming year. If anyone knows of an individual please let an executive board member know right away. There is a band dad in Johnstown that has the knowledge of rebuilding and maintaining websites. If Dan does not hear from anyone this week, he will approach this parent.

4.4 2007 Unit Rosters- covered under VP report.

4.5 Other

none

5.0 New Business

5.1 Announcement/Introduction of New Units

Mr. Jones introduced the new units that have applied for membership to the M-YCGC since the September meeting: Liverpool Cadet (Lisa Dumas) and Oswego (Mike Tierney). New units introduced in September include: ME-UE Sr., West Canada Valley HS, and Shenendehowa HS Novice.

5.2 2007 Judge Contracts

Judge Contracts are available from Scott Snell. All 07 M-YCGC Shows will be assigned a panel, show hosts will not be notified of their panel until the contract is received.

5.3 Robert Morse Memorial Award

Nomination forms are in the director packet. The will be due at the March 4, 2007 meeting (not before).

5.4 2007 Championship Bids

The Executive carefully reviewed the three applications received and awarded this year's Championship Show to CNS. It will be a two day format similar to the past two years.

5.5 Other

1. The Executive Board accepted the resignation of Robert Reader from serving on the executive committee. Robert has recently moved out of state. Nominations for this position were opened to the body. Jim Morton nominated Brian Schidzick, Scott Snell seconded the nomination. Brian accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Dan Jones cast one unanimous vote on behalf of the membership for Brian Schidzick. The term will run through April of 2008.

2. There is a new look and wording to the 2007 judge's sheets. The box 1-5 criteria is no longer included on the back of the sheets. This was a valuable tool for many. It is strongly encouraged that you carry your WGI Manual (which contains the criteria) to all of the post-contest meeting this season.

3. Jim Morton made a motion (CJ Abate-2nd) to raise ticket prices to \$6 (from the current \$5) for the 2008 season. This is a maximum ticket price, show host have the right to keep it the same if they wish. After a short discussion a vote was called

YES – 21 NO – 3 The motion passed and will take effect next year.

4. CJ Abate made a motion (2nd-Shannon Spaulding) to appoint Mark Curley from Johnstown the 2006-07 M-YCGC Webmaster. A vote was called:

YES – 24 NO – 0 The motion passed.

5. Championship Show DVD's – The past two years the membership has supported using an outside company (Alliance Media) to produce the DVD recordings of the Championship Show. Although there were minor flaws, it is the general consensus that the quality of the recordings and coverage, as well as the many extras that were included on the DVD's are now expected. Another company, County Video has expressed an interest in recording the Championship Show. After some discussion, it is felt that competing companies may benefit the students, families and the Circuit. Larry Schmidt (Championship Show Coordinator) will contact both companies for a bid of services and pricing. The company with the winning bid will be required to include, at

the very least, the quality and DVD extras of last year's DVD. Larry agreed to contact the Executive Board to discuss the bids before a choice is made.

6. 2007 Class Representative Voted by their peers:

Novice-Andre Graziano (Cent Square)	SA-2-Lisa Cullen(L'Pool)
Cadet-Julie D' Angelo (CNS)	SA-1-Gibs Flock(ESM)
IRA-Robin Kindig(ME-UE)	SO-Larry Schmidt(CNS)
SRA-Alison Zwart(Vestal)	SW-
	IW-

6.0 Announcements

6.1 The next meeting/clinic will take place on March 4, 2007 at 1PM.
The meeting place is current TBA, but hoped to be held at the CNS
Championship site.

6.2 Other
None.

Adjournment was at 1:20PM

Respectfully submitted 10/21/06
James Morton, Secretary, M-YCGC