

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
Groton, NY
September 23, 2007 1:00PM

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

President Daniel L. Jones at called the meeting to order at 1:05PM.

2.0 President's Report

President Jones began the meeting with a thank you to Nancy Daley, the Scarlet Edge Winter Guard and the Tompkins Co. SPCA for hosting the meeting and providing lunch and snacks.

The M-YCGC website was off-line the majority of the summer. There were issues with the domain and the lack of renewal by the former web master. After far more go around than was necessary, ownership of the domain name was obtained by the circuit and will no longer be an issue. Please check *www.mycgc.org* frequently for announcement and information.

November 18, 2007 is an important date for the circuit! The Mid-York Color Guard Circuit, the New York Federation of Contest Judges and the northeast Color guard Circuit will host a clinic featuring Michael Turner and Phil Madden. The clinic will be held at the George Eastman House in Rochester, NY. Michael and Phil are both WGI caption heads and will be a wealth of information for all of our units. Please secure this date and invite all of your instructors! This will be our only clinic of the year and it is strongly recommended each unit be represented. We will plan to hold a brief meeting following the clinic.

3.0 Vice President's Report

The M-YCGC Vice President, Scott Snell, stated the 2008 competitive schedule was in good shape at this point. There are currently two weekends that are not balanced and he requested that two units currently signed up for the Vestal competition consider switching to the Mt. Markham competition and two units move from the CNS Jr. competition to the Trumansburg Jr. competition. If units choose not to move, bumping procedures outlined in the Director's Manual will be implemented at the November meeting.

4.0 Secretary/ Treasurer's Report

Secretary James Morton reported an account balance of 6979.41. The November circuit clinic in conjunction with the NYFCJ and the NECGC will cost the circuit just over \$600. He reported the timely filing of unit applications and dues of circuit directors. He was concerned that many 2008 show host still have outstanding show host fees. Please check with your unit treasurers or school district to be sure the \$50 fee is forthcoming.

5.0 Old Business.

1. 2007 Championship show Report-Larry Schmidt stated he and the CNS Winter Guard programs felt the show was successful from a host standpoint. He received a lot of positive feedback from many directors, parents and spectators. He noted the cafeteria running out of food on Sunday afternoon was unfortunate and hoped it didn't cause and inconvenience to any units. He has received a couple of complaints regarding the video, and County Video was quick to make corrections.

2. 2008 Competitive Calendar-covered under the VP Report.

3. M-YCGC Website-covered under the President's Report.

4. Other. None

6.0 New Business.

1. New Units-Mr. Jones welcomed Reflection's Mirror Image, Expressions, and West Genesee Novice as new units to the M-YCGC.

2. 2008 M-YCGC Championship Bids-Any unit who wishes to host the 2008 Championship Show must submit a bid to the President postmarked or email dated by 11/1/07. If you need help or advise putting a bid together, please contact CNS, Shenendehowa or ES-M, the three most current M-YCGC Championship show hosts.

3. 2007/2008 M-YCGC Class representatives:

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| Novice-Abby Moyer | SA-2-Desiree Moore |
| Cadet-Julie DeAngelis | SA-1-Gibs Flock |
| IRA-Robin Kindig | Sch. Open-Larry Schmidt |
| SRA-Jennifer Smiley | Sch. World- |
| Ind. A- Larry Schmidt | |

4. Other- a. Scott Snell made a proposal (2nd L. Schmidt)stating: "Any M-YCGC Show Host with a performance facility with a competition area that is less than 60'x90' (especially 60') the front side boundary line will automatically be waived and no front side penalty will exist. The proposal was briefly discussed and called to vote: 33-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained. Passed.

b. Dan Jones made a proposal (2nd-J. Barner-Nagoette) on behalf of the Executive Board that any M-YCGC Show Host that is also hosting NECGC units will use the current M-YCGC (WGI) scoring system for all units scored at that show. (Without any adjustments to the scores.) After a brief discussion the proposal was called to vote: yes-32, no-1, abstain-0. Passed.

c. Jodi Barner-Nagoette (Cortland) made a proposal (2nd-R. Councilman) stating "A M-YCGC Unit (program) must be allowed to apply and be considered (according to the by-laws) to be a M-YCGC Show Host before a unit (program) is allowed to host more than one show during the same season." After a lengthy discussion the proposal was tabled for a vote at the November meeting.

d. The issue of digital recorders was discussed. The technology is quickly progressing to this trend. A format will need to be standardized for the circuit in the near future.

e. Dan Jones made a proposal (2nd-Shannon Spaulding) on behalf of the Executive Committee to raise the Judge's fees for the upcoming season. After a lengthy discussion the proposal was withdrawn pending a discussion with Tom Argy and the NYFCJ.

f. Mr. Jones updated the membership on a couple new WGI policies: any unit who attends a WGI Regional must now become a WGI Member. Also, WGI is now allowing scholastic units utilizing shared services to compete at the scholastic level. Strict documentation is required! Please visit WGI.org for more information.

g. There are many seasoned and very successful instructors teaching within the M-YCGC. New and developing directors are strongly encouraged to seek the knowledge and advise, and use these individuals as resources. Please contact any Executive Board member for suggestions on individuals to contact.

7.0 Other.

The next meeting of the M-YCGC will take place following the clinic on Sunday, November 18, 2007. The Clinic will begin at 10AM and conclude no later than 2PM at the George Eastman House, 900 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14610. Again the clinic will feature WGI Caption heads Phil Madden and Michael Turner.

8.0 Closing. The meeting was closed at 2:50PM

Respectfully Submitted,
James A. Morton, Secretary
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