

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
Homer Brink Elementary School, Endwell, NY
September 21, 2008

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order-

M-YCGC President Daniel Jones called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

2. President's Report-

President Jones thanked Robin Kindig and Abby Moyer, of the ME-UE Winter Guard programs, for hosting today's meeting. He congratulated and thanked Scott Snell and the Shenendehowa Guard students and parents for successfully hosting the 2008 M-YCGC Championship Show. Jones stated he was able to see many Championship performances throughout the weekend and was very impressed with the high quality of color guard achievement within the M-YCGC. Dan wishes all Mid-York units success during the 2009 season.

3. Vice President's Report-

M-YCGC Vice President Scott Snell began his report with an announcement that six of the twelve competition weekends were currently unbalanced (too many units signed for one show, leaving too few at the other show that weekend). Snell reviewed the process of bumping units from over booked shows per the M-YCGC By-Laws. He made an appeal for unit directors to please consider moving to different shows to balance weekend so the bumping process would not be necessary. He added that with the current traveling constraints everyone is feeling that perhaps units might want to travel to fewer shows, allowing opportunity to travel further distances to possibly fill the unbalanced shows. Mr. Snell ended his report with a reminder to unit directors and show hosts that any unit change to a show must be made by the Vice President. No one should be allowing add-ins or drop-outs with out first checking with him.

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report-

M-YCGC Secretary/Treasurer James Morton reported a current account balance of \$9,670.64. None of the 2009 season operating purchases have been made to date. He stated that membership payments and or school purchase orders were very timely. He noted some units submitted their membership fees but neglected a unit application. He noted no unit will be allowed to compete inn the 2009 season until the application was on file including the director's signature stating competitive class and consent to abide by the M-YCGC rules.

5. Old Business-

a. 2008 Championship Show Report- Show Coordinator Scott Snell reported he felt very good about the show weekend. He was upset with the quality of the Jolesch unit photos. He did contact the company and did not receive a favorable response.

b. 2008 Competition calendar- covered under the VP Report.

5. Old Business continued.

c. M-YCGC Website- Eric Jones of Imagine Music Publishing will serve as the M-YCGC Webmaster for 2008-2009.

d. Daniel Jones (2nd T. Graziano) made a proposal on March 9, 2008 to create an Elementary Regional A Class to the M-YCGC. The ERA Class would compete on the Reg. A Class sheets and could include scholastic or independent units with student membership up to and including the sixth grade. The ERA class would be added to the competitive line-up following the Novice class. Placement only, no scores, will be announced during the retreat ceremony. The class would be added to the 2009 competitive schedule.

After a brief discussion, the proposal was called to vote.

27 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain - **the proposal passed**

e. Daniel Jones (2nd S. Spaulding) made a proposal on March 9, 2008 to change the wording of M-YCGC Practices and Procedures, Section A, Article 1, letter C. The proposal is to remove the words "or in any other circuit in which they belong". The article limits units to compete in the same competitive class with the M-YCGC as they do in WGI. Removing the "or any other circuit" would allow M-YCGC units who are also members of the NECGC to compete in the M-YCGC SA-2 class (which they are currently not allowed). After a brief discussion the proposal was called to vote. 28 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain **The proposal passed.**

f. Scott Snell (2nd R. Morey) made a proposal on March 9, 2008 stating, "A M-YCGC Unit must compete in the M-YCGC Championship Show in the current year to be eligible to host a M-YCGC sanctioned show the following year". Mr. Snell explained he felt it very unfair that currently there are units that are given the privilege of hosting a M-Y show, and year after year choose not to attend the championship show. After some discussion Rodney Councilman made a motion to table the proposal until November to allow units directors not present to voice their opinion. There was no 2nd to the motion. The proposal was called to vote.

27 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain **The proposal passed.**

g. Other- Gibs Flock raised a concern that he and some of his students did not receive their video copies of the 2008 Championship Show from Alliance Media. Several other directors said they also did not receive a copy of the video. A list of units missing their director copy of the video was generated and will be researched. **If you did not receive your complimentary copy, please contact Dan Jones ASAP.**

6. New Business

a. New units to the M-YCGC- To date there are no new unit applications to the circuit.

b. M-YCGC Class Representatives- Class Rep. Voting will take place at the November membership meeting. If you have not served in this capacity in the past, please consider doing so.

c. Championship Show- Gibs Flock announced ESM will be bidding. Bids are due to Dan Jones by November 1, 2008.

6. New Business continued-

d. Other- 1. With the resignation of Cassie Utter, there is an opening on the Executive Committee. Nominations were opened to the floor. Scott Snell (2nd Lynn) nominated Danielle Britton (APW). Danielle accepted. Andy Graziano (2nd C. Hall) nominated Marcy Kolceski (West Genesee). Marci accepted. A paper ballot vote was called. Danielle Britton received the highest vote count and will serve until May 2010.

2. A proposal was submitted by Daniel Jones (2nd B. Obergefell) to lower all current M-YCGC Promotion (not Demotion) numbers by 2 points, and the Championship Show Promotion numbers by 4 points. It is felt the current numbers are unachievable because they are too high. The proposal was briefly discussed and will be called to vote in November.

3. The Championship Video will be put out to bid for 2009. If you are aware of any companies, please have them contact Dan Jones. Video bids will be due Dec. 1, 2008.

4. Tabitha Sebastino (2nd A. Moyer) made a proposal to create a mentoring system for units promoted during the competitive season to help facilitate the sheet changes necessary with promotion. There was much discussion on the subject. Scott Snell and Tabitha will work on a resource list and give more information at the November meeting.

7. Announcements

1. The NECGC is looking to bring back a WGI Regional to the Rochester area for 2010. They are currently in conversation with WGI.

2. The Next meeting/ Clinic of the MYCGC will be held at 10AM, November 23, 2008, tentatively at Central Square Middle School. Confirmation will be sent via email soon.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM

Respectively Submitted,
James Morton, M-YCGC