

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit
General Membership Meeting
East Syracuse-Minoa HS
East Syracuse, NY
March 4, 2018

Minutes:

I. The meeting was called to order by President Ken Dining at 12:50PM.

II. Mr. Dining began the President's Report with a thank you to Gib Flock and the folks at ES-M High School for hosting today's meeting. Dining congratulated the CNS Jr. Guard on their mid-season promotion to the SRA Class and to the Arlington Admirals on their early season WGI and M-YCGC promotion to the Sch. Open Class.

Ken said it has been an amazing season for the units of the M-YCGC. He has watched some very close competition and congratulates the unit directors on doing their homework and paying attention to the details.

Dining has been working with the Circuit webmaster, Ric Jones, to get all of the necessary forms online fillable, allowing easier sharing of important information. They are also working to get secured sign-in access to the Director Page allowing more privacy when posting director and M-Y information.

An email packet will be sent out shortly after WGI Championships for 2019 show date sign-ups. This will allow units to get their dates on the school calendar before the end of the school year.

In closing, Ken thanked his wife, Karen, for her support through his six years of his M-Y Presidency. Together Ken, the Executive Board, and the unit directors have made some great accomplishments during his tenure including; 50th Anniversary Celebration, an official M-Y logo, piloting and implementing Competition Suite and eliminating the antiquated bumping procedures. Ken said "for the most part, it has been to fill the roll as President". He added it is a great responsibility to fill the roll of a M-YCGC Officer and Executive Board Member. As unit directors, be sure you are carefully considering, and have trust and confidence in the people you are electing to fill these rolls to make the sound decisions on your behalf.

III. Vice President Scott Snell made a brief report. He thanked the unit directors for their patience and understanding as schedule changes have come up throughout the season. He added that show hosts have been great to work with this season.

IV. Secretary/Treasurer Jim Morton announced a checking account balance of \$9,148.50. He announced that M-Y scholarship applications must be emailed or post-marked to him by 3/13/18 and reminded unit directors that each unit is allowed to submit 1 application from a unit member who is currently a senior planning to attend college or is a current college student planning to continue next year.

V. Old Business

1. There were rulebook changes voted in by the unit directors at the November 2017 General Membership Meeting. Please review the minutes from that meeting posted on the Director page of mycgc.org to refamiliarize with the new rules.

2. There were two tabled proposals from the 11/17 meeting both submitted by Karen Seamans:

a. Post Contest Critique order – If there is a large show and there is an awards presentation for the first half of the show prior to intermission, the critique order at the end of the competition at the completion of the show will be: all units from the first half of the show in performance order followed by all units in the second half of the show in performance order. If it is a one award ceremony show, the critique order at the competition of the show will be in performance order.

The M-YCGC has always and will continue to honor requests from unit directors who are traveling a long distance with their unit to be in the first critique rotation. This request must be made to the show host prior to the day of the competition.

The proposal was called to vote: Yes-51, No-0

b. Scholastic A Classification restructure. In wanting to further research how other circuits split and classify their Scholastic A competitors, it was decided to once again table the proposal and set up a steering committee to meet in the Spring and Summer before to develop a sound proposal to the circuit.

3. Championship Show-Gibs Flock said ES-M is very excited to host the 53rd M-YCGC Championship Show. He offered a gym walk-through for anyone interested at the conclusion of the meeting. He added that if any unit directors have a special request for Championship Day to speak to him or email him prior to Championship Day.

4. M-Y scholarship applications must be emailed or post-marked to Jim Morton by 3/13/18. Each unit is allowed to submit 1 application from a unit member who is currently a senior planning to attend college or is a current college student planning to continue next year. Traditionally four \$500 M-Y Scholarships are awarded at the Championship Show.

5. Other-Ken Dining recommended that the Circuit add a Social Media Coordinator position to grow communication and visibility via Twitter, Snap Chat and other digital platforms.

VI. New Business

1. Nominations for the Robert Morse Award are due to the Secretary by April 1, 2018. Please make a concerted effort over the next few weeks to watch other unit performances so you can cast your vote for the unit you feel has made strides in their growth throughout the season.

2. Proposals-Dan Jones

a. Circuit Officer term limit-Mr. Jones proposes that the number of two-year terms an individual can hold an Executive Board/Officer position should be limited. 1st-D Jones, 2nd-D. Mataruga. There was some discussion on the proposal including training for new officers and the establishment of a Past President position. The proposal was called to vote: Yes-0. The proposal was defeated

b. Robert Morse Award vote limit-Mr. Jones proposes the unit directors be allowed 1 vote for the Morse Award, even if they direct multiple units. Mr. Jones withdrew his proposal

c. Show Pick and Classification transparency-Mr. Jones proposes that the entire process be communicated with all unit directors rather than waiting until a completed show schedule is sent out in the Fall. Mr. Jones withdrew his proposal

3. Executive Board Nominations:

President (2year term)-N. Gerling (2nd-D. Jones) nominated Scott Snell. There were no other nominations.

A vote was called: Yes-48, No-0. Snell will hold the office of M-YCGC President from 5/2018 – 5/2020.

Vice President (1year term)-S. Snell (2nd D. Pooley) nominated Larry Schmidt. There were no other nominations. The Secretary cast 1 vote on behalf of the Circuit. Schmidt will hold the office of vice President from 5/2018 – 5/2019.

Secretary/Treasurer (2year term)-M. Tierney (2nd K. Seamans) nominated Jim Morton. There were no other nominations. The President cast 1 vote on behalf of the Circuit. Morton will hold the office of Secretary/Treasurer from 5/2018 – 5/2020.

Board Seat #1 and #3-D. Jones (2nd D. Pooley) nominated Gibs Flock. D. Jones (2nd N. Gerling) nominated Karen Seamans. A. Zinnitto-White (2nd-J. Christian) nominated D. Mataruga. K. Dining (2nd-C. Mann) nominated Mike Mueller. Flock, Seamans, Mataruga and Mueller were each given a few minutes to introduce

themselves. A paper ballot vote was cast (each unit director could choose 2 nominees). Gibs Flock and Derek Pooley will fill Board Seat #1 and #3 from 5/2018 – 5/2020.

4. The Championship Draw was held. The Championship Show performance order list will be emailed by Ken Dining this week and will also be posted on the ES-M Band Booster website.

5. Other-Ken Dining announced WGI is seeking a New York State location as a 2019 Regional site. There are specific gym size specifications. It is an expensive undertaking according to Scott Snell, who hosted a 2018 WGI Regional. He said Shenendehowa Boosters paid out over \$8,000 in preparation before the doors opened. Larry Schmidt has recently hosted a WGI Regional at C-NS. Please contact Scott, Larry or WGI if you are interested.

VII. Other. President Dining wished all units the best of luck in the last few weeks of M-YCGC competitions and best of luck and safe travels to all M-Y units competing at WGI Championships.

VIII. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mid-York Color Guard Circuit will be held on November 18, 2018, hosted by the Albany Winter Guard.

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

Respectfully submitted,
James Morton, Secretary M-YCGC