

Mid-York Color Guard Circuit  
General Membership Meeting  
New Hartford HS, New Hartford, NY  
November 24, 2019

Call order 12:30

I. Opening – The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM

II. President's Report – Scott Snell welcomed everyone and thanked Ryan Gerling and New Hartford for hosting today's meeting.

III. Vice President's Report – Larry Schmidt announced everyone has show picks in accept 1 unit who we are waiting on dues payment from their school district. Larry will email tonight- who's in what shows. Please check and make sure that it's correct. Please email Larry your show start times ASAP. If you need help with show schedule, contact Larry. If there are any Gym issues/renovations/obstructions, please contact Larry. (He reminded all coming to the CNS shows that speakers and basketball hoops will not be removed.) **Rosters are due by January 1st to Larry.**

IV. Secretary/Treasurer Report – Jim Morton was unable to attend the meeting due to the date change. Thank you to Derek Pooley for taking and typing the minutes to today's meeting.

V. Old Business

1. 2019 Championship Show Report - Larry: Overall went well. Scheduling is hard. Time is tight.

2. 2020 Show Schedule - See VP Notes

3. Adhering to Deadlines - Roster Deadline- Jan. 1, 2020. Do not over-look this important deadline.

4. Standardized Music Services - The M-YCGC will begin paying music licensing this year to the major rights companies. One is a flat fee, the other is based on show attendance. Show hosts will be required to submit an attendance count (based on ticket sales) to Jim Morton the week following your show.

5. Social Media Report – James Branche is coordinating the M-YCGC social media initiative. He reported communication is abundant over Social Media. He would like to set up a Snap Chat filter for the Championship show, but fees are involved. James made a proposal: The M-YCGC allow a budget of no more than \$500 be spent for social media promotion and filters at the Championship Show. Waivers must be obtained from every unit as imaged will be posted. (This will be crucial.) There was some discussion and the proposal was called to vote. The vote was unanimous, none opposed and no abstentions. James will lead this. If you're interested in helping contact James for more information.

6. Class Steering Committee – Includes: Exec. Board members as well as, K. Seamans, K. Ganey, M. Wildrick, J. Dormio, S. Spaulding. When classification issues arise, these are the folks to get in contact with.

7. WGI Rule change recap - WGI Rule changes: Combined School Rule has changed: Scholastic Units-Only Schools from same district as long as there are no other programs in those Schools. This is not changed for MIDYORK  
Safety Rules: a Link will be sent to MIDYORK members. Any Questions contact Scott or Larry

8. Standardized Show Host Packet – We need a responsibility form/check list for website (volunteer?) Scott will be sending this to show hosts.

9. Other - None

VI. New Business

1. Newly joined units – All new units who have applied to the M-YCGC had representation and were introduced:  
Horseheads: Matt and Justine, West Genny: Kellyanne, Oswego- Scott Ceisla: Director Melissa Yeager, Corning Painted Post- Kiera Introspection- Joel

2. 2020 Championship show – The 2020 Championship Show will be held at Shenendehowa High School on March 28<sup>th</sup>. 52 units are currently signed up. Starting around 9:30 AM last group will go on around 9pm. The large number of units will create a time crunch and will limit breaks to exactly one hour to be between shows. A long discussion ensued, and new procedures will be in effect after medal ceremonies: Post-Championship pictures WILL NOT be allowed in the gymnasium. A schedule will be created for medal winners to have an additional group picture taken with the Championship photographer, individual units will have the opportunity to have an additional picture taken with the Championship photographer. Units will be announced and will exit the

gym in reverse order. A rope will be stretched across the front side-line during the medal ceremonies allowing no gym floor access to friends and family.

Fan Favorite

any class that has 2 guards or less will not be able to participate in this.  
award would be given

Vote for fan fav: 20 option A- each class rolling in the classes less than 2 into other classes wins

12 Option B

2 Obtenction

3. Judge Contracts - Larry sent out contracts to show hosts. Return these to Dick Fishette as soon as possible.

The executive Board submitted a proposal regarding judging fees at all M-YCGC Shows: A flat fee of \$300 will be paid to each judge (regardless of show size). This will require an additional \$400 being paid out to judges at each show. The M-YCGC will contribute \$200 to each show host to cover 50% of the additional costs, show hosts will be responsible for the additional \$200. There was a lengthy discussion on the proposal and a vote was called: Yes 35, Opposed 0, abstentions 0. The proposal passed.

4. NY WGI Regional - Corning regional- great facility. Understand it early season, but great facility. Boosters group is great and excited. WGI registration is open until the end of December.

5. Scholarship Application and Hall of Fame applications are due 3/1/2020 (at March meeting to Jim Morton.

6. Other –

1. The M-YCGC now has their own Competition Suite account through WGI (used to be shared with the NECGC). Scott spent a considerable amount of time over the summer building the new account. \*\*Last year's staff list is the one that was used. Directors can update and remove new and old staff members. Do not overlook this important detail.

2. It was proposed that the M-YCGC create a "Fan Favorite" voting poll at the Championship Show. This would require an internet vote collection during Championships. Every Class, as long as there at least 3 units in the class (IAA and SA3 will be grouped as 1 class, IA and SA2 will be grouped as 1 class, SO and SW will be grouped as 1 class) will have a Fan Favorite trophy presentation during the awards ceremonies. The M-YCGC will design and purchase the trophies. After a discussion the proposal was called to vote: yes 32, No 0, Abstention 2. This will be initiated at the 2020 Championship Show.

3. The continuing education of the directors and staff of the M-YCGC, as well as the quest for a neutral championships site requires a great deal of money. Gibs Flock proposed the M-YCGC initiate a dues progression of \$50/unit per year over the next 5 years. He explained that to host a championship show at a large neutral site would cost the M-YCGC in excess of \$10,000. Flying in guest judges and show/equipment/movement specialist for clinics and field days is very expensive, but very necessary as the activity grows and evolves. There was discussion on the proposal and it was called to vote: Yes 34, No 0, Abstain 1. The proposal passed

VII. Other

1. Mentoring: New Directors/groups if you're interested, contact Derek Pooley

2. A Proposal was made: Units will be allowed to have recorded announcements prior to the start of their competitive program. There was discussion and the proposal was called to vote: Yes 26, No 0, Abs 0

3. Sportsmanship: talk to students/staffs/parents/families. Be respectful.

4. Video: The M-YCGC does not allow the recording of units at our competitions. This is difficult in a time where we all carry video recorders in our pockets! Talk to your students and families- NO VIDEOS! The liability is on the School/Organization and results can be devastatingly expensive!

VIII. Announcements

1. The next General Meeting will be held on March 1, 2020 at Shenendehowa HS, 12:30PM.

2. Show Hosts Any changes in time or lineup to your show need to go through Larry.

IX. Closing: the meeting ended at 2:04PM.