



MCGC Spring Membership Meeting

Sunday, 5/31/20

12:00 p.m.

Present: Abby Manning, Adam Bogema, Amanda Kobrick, Austin VanRyn, Becca Frandsen, Bobby Hazelton, Branden Bilicki, Carlie Fairbanks, Cassidy Sheahan, Christa Purdy, Christopher Vilag, Derek Smith, Emily Rogers, George Stuteville, James Sparling, Jason Inhat, Jeffrey Cash, Jennifer Batsios, Jeremy Neal, Josh Sholler, K. Elkins, Karen Plourde, Killian Weston, Kt Hoffman, Laura Goodman, Manjit Gill, Megan Arreola, Michael Robinson, Morgan Davis, Nick Pourcho, Oliver Rodriguez, Nick Lootens, Rebecca McCoy, Robert Green, Robert Vilag, Roy Graves, Sarah Jantz, Sarah Moon-Musser, Scott Bennett, Sharon Macdermaid, Steve Taylor, Wesley Noeyack, Zack Novicki, Danny Walsh, Kim Kuhn, Dave Pickett, Issa Lewis, Craig Rizzi, Ryan Vaughan, Karen Mae Wesolek, Anthony Leithauser, Joe Kuerzi, Greg Cole, Brian Liwak

Opening welcome from Danny

Old Business

1) Treasurer's Report--Craig Rizzi

- Purchased new sound system for \$7,800
- All contest fees were refunded for canceled contests
- \$7300 lost for flights for judges, may be transferable to next year
- \$50 each for judges and contest staff as a thank-you
- Total loss for the year was over \$20,000
- Balance going into 2021 is roughly \$39,000
- Suggestions include:
 - Fewer shows earlier in the year to save money and strategic planning of guard and perc/winds shows
 - Eliminate judge clinician program

Steve Taylor moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Jeremy Neal seconded. Motion passes.

2) Killian Weston moved to accept the Secretary's minutes for the Fall 2020 meeting; Jeremy Neal seconded. Motion passes.

3) Judge Coordinator Report--Blair Kuhn

- Difficult time for adjudicators as well as units and performers
- Working with our travel agent to see if we could reuse some funds for judge flights next year
- 59 adjudicators hired for the 2020 season; 28 were MGCJA and 31 were from out of state.
- 7 in the trial process right now: 4 color guard and 3 percussion
- Thanks to James Sparling for creating judge evaluation forms to be used in the 2021 season
- Reach out to Blair if you are interested in becoming a judge, email him at judgecoordmgc@gmail.com

4) Contest Coordinator Report--Kari Lynn Clark

- Goals were to bring shows to feel more like a national event; achieved in some ways but improvement is still being sought
- Working on issues with recaps
- Suggestions for the future:
 - Divide shows up by divisions (see her full report for an example of what next season could look like along these lines)
 - Hire someone to work "backstage" (like a WGI site manager) for highly attended or logistically challenging shows
 - Utilize Competition Suite more
- Questions may be directed to contestcoordmgc@gmail.com

5) 2020 Season Wrap-Up

- Interrupted by COVID-19, cut off last shows of the season and Championships
- This was not an easy decision for the Board; many options were discussed
- We are still in a healthy place financially moving forward

New Business

1) Board elections

Nominees include:

- President--Danny Walsh, Bob Green
- VP Percussion/Winds--Dave Pickett, James Sparling
- Treasurer--Craig Rizzi
- WGI Rep--Megan Arreola, Ryan Vaughan (from the floor)
- Percussion Rep 2--Joe Kuerzi, Zack Novicki

The new 2020-2021 Board consists of:

President: Danny Walsh

VP Guards: Kim Kuhn

VP Percussion/Winds: James Sparling
Treasurer: Craig Rizzi
MCGC Representative: Ryan Vaughan
WGI Representative: Megan Arreola
Percussion Representative #1: Anthony Leithauser
Percussion Representative #2: Joe Kuerzi

2) SOP Discussion and Polling

As a reminder, rule and by-law proposals will be held until the Fall meeting for in-person discussion and voting. SOPs are only being discussed and membership opinions sought, which the Board will use in their discussions at the Board Retreat.

1. Put background checks in rulebook. **Membership strongly supports.**
2. Make Champs payments due Feb. 1. **Membership does NOT support, roughly 50 % to 35%.**
3. Add Site Manager to Contest Staff costs. **Membership supports.**
4. Eliminate Clinician Judge. **Membership does NOT support, but supports limiting their use.**
5. Change guidelines for hotel stays for contest staff. **Membership moderately supports.**
6. Raise show host fee to \$2000 in order for circuit to take over hotel arrangements. **Membership does NOT support.**
7. Take out line asking for judge bios. **Membership does NOT support.**
8. Add 3 minutes to transit time for percussion and winds warmups. **Membership does NOT support, but very close.**
9. Shows should not end earlier than 8:00 on Saturdays. **Membership supports.**
10. Sound personnel placement. **Membership supports.**
11. Sound checks will end 5 minutes before the break ends. **Membership supports.**
12. Times for sound checks. **Membership supports.**
13. Make it clear that unit staff members may not sit in the aisles of bleachers. **Membership does NOT support, but VERY close (42%/48%).**
14. Take out reference to score sheets. **PULLED**
15. Remove reference to recaps at critique. **PULLED**
16. There should be one guard championships event. The amount of time dedicated to any particular class will be decided by how much of that class makes up the circuit. **Membership does NOT support; membership is split on whether they would like to re-integrate into one color guard Championships event.**

3) Field Day: Thoughts about restructuring and reconsidering the judge situation there--Kim K. polled the membership. Most were in favor of looking into restructuring options and changing judging to be more of a clinician-style system.

4) Level of engagement with circuit committees--all are encouraged to get involved! Kim K. polled the membership about their current involvement, and what committees they might want to be a part of next year. If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the Board and you will be directed to the committees you would like to join.

Polls were sent out about how participants like the format of SOP discussions/polling and online meetings. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Jeremy Neal moves to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Killian Weston.

Brian Liwak moves to destroy the ballots. Craig Rizzi seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Issa Lewis
MCGC Secretary