

MEETING MINUTES

General Membership Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

- The spring meeting minutes were accepted with a motion by Blair and seconded by Kim. Passed.
- Treasurer Report included that we have about \$37,000 in checking with Chase Bank. There are some outstanding scholarships yet to be paid. Some discussion was held and a motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Blair and seconded by Kim. Passed.
- Show host fees were raised to \$1,250 cover the expenses to the circuit.
- Discussion was held on the quality of this years Championship video's. Brian is currently accepting bids for a new videographer.
- Standard Operating Procedures changes that were made by the Board at their summer Retreat meeting were discussed. The discussion included:
 - Rule Proposal 10: The handling of shows with more than 50 units. Scores will be posted in a centralized location about 30 minutes after the class ends. There will not be an awards ceremony but awards will still be handed out.
 - Rule Proposal 7: Regarding MCGC accepting electronic payment for membership and show fee's. This is still being looked into by the Board.
 - Rule Proposal 8: All units (exhibition or members) must supply insurance policies must have the unit name specifically listed on it.
 - Rule Proposal 9: Steering Committee for class restructuring. Joe Kurzi was asked and accepted the role as Chairperson of this new committee.
 - Rule Proposal 11: Capping individual shows that become too large. There will be no show cap.
 - Rule Proposal 12: Standardizing performance order for each show. This will be left up to the Contest Coordinator to finalize.
 - Rule Proposal 13: Allowing the Championship Judging panel to be voted on by the membership. The Board of Directors will continue to approve the Judging panel.
 - Rule Proposal 14: Relocate Sound from front and center. We will be relocating him up and to one side of the GE Judges. Exception will be when they can be up front and down low. Seating for Staff will be adjacent to this area.
 - Rule Proposal 15: Random draw for Championship performance order will not be used. We will continue to use the method always used.

NEW BUSINESS

- Registration for the 2012 membership began yesterday.
- We currently have two open dates on our 2012 schedule and are accepting bids to fill these dates until October 15th.
- Brian will be sending out an email to the membership in hopes that we can find a show host for a WGI Color Guard Regional in Michigan for 2013.
- WGI is offering a new Tabulation Program this year. The cost to individual circuits to use this new system will be \$20 per unit per year. It is a very sophisticated web-based system. Some discussion was held and it was decided that we would wait and see how the new system will work for this year and consider it for next year.
- MCGC will once again be the sponsor of the MCBA Marching trophies at their Championship show on November 5th.
- Brian asked the membership to consider allowing the Board to spend up to \$400.00 to secure a centrally located membership meeting location. The membership would like us to keep it free.
- 2012 Committees are now forming. Please contact Kari at secretary@mcgc.net if you are interested in participating on any committee.
- MCGC will once again be hosting Spin Fest in Michigan for WGI. This year percussion will be added as well as a technical and design portion. This event will be held at Milford HS on November 6th. The cost is \$10 to students for the hands on portion and Spin/Drum Fest will be \$20 advance \$25 at door. If an instructor brings five or more students to the Hands on Clinic they will get free admission to Spin/Drum Fest.
- Anyone interested in unit mentorship opportunities can contact a Board Member and they will put you in touch with a mentor.
- New training videos are available on the WGI website.
- The circuit trailer and floor carts have been in need of some minor repair and Brian Liwak and Dan King have been working on them over the summer.
- This year, solo and ensemble will feature a color guard class for junior/middle school age students.
- Discussion was held on the fact that we currently have over \$37,000 in our checking account and suggestions on what we actually should have in the bank as a non-profit. A motion was made by Lori Tucker to look into what the minimum balance we should hold in the bank and how we can reinvest into the circuit. Her motion was seconded by Renee'. Passed

A motion by made to adjourn at 2:51pm by Diane King and seconded by Joe Kurzi. Passed.

Respectively submitted by
Kari Lynn Clark, Secretary
December 5th, 2011