

Summer Retreat 2014

Friday June 20, 2014 7:25 meeting started

Laura Goodman, Nick Pourcho, Jamie Oakley, Jenn Wilson, Brian Layne, Judi Layne

During some general discussion, it was brought up that we would need to replace the Trailer Hitch Adapter. It was lost during the season. Laura will look into what kind is needed and will get it replaced.

We talked about job responsibilities from the rule book. Jamie went through and talked in depth about each board position. During this discussion, we agreed that we should add the following in the 2015 rule book :

VP of Guard and Percussion

Reviewing of Groups for Promotions Committee Chair

1. Assign personal to join the review committee if they need units to be reviewed.

Contest Coordinator

1. Add Competition Suite to job description.

Have Greg update the committee heads in rule book.

Awards : Secretary

Budget: Treasurer

Championships: President and MCGC Rep, WGI Rep and Perc Rep

Historical: Secretary

Individuals: VP Guard

Merchandising: Treasurer

Rules: VP Percussion

Scholarship: Treasurer

Motion to accept letter of Intent for Laura Goodman as Contest Director and Juno Orefice as Judges Coordinator as paid positions in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit for the 2015 Season.

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Contracts:

We use Black Curtains at our circuit championships. Jamie has just signed another 2 year contract, which will take us through the 2016 season

Alliance Media: We are in our 2nd year of our 2 year contract. We can add and tweak the contract with Tony if we need it. Upload speed of groups not acceptable. Many WGI groups went to WGI Championships without a dvd or upload of their unit. There is always the option to add the DVD for directors at circuit championships, however that will be a cost at around 1000.00 for the special camera to produce the dvd's on the spot.

Stop Action: Quality of photos is a question. Certain units had more photos, then other groups. The amount of photos taken per unit is vastly different. Jamie, will have a conversation with Bill about this to see what we can do.

10:03 Wrap up for the night.

Summer Retreat 2014 Day 2

9:20am Start of Meeting 6/21/14

Jamie Oakley, Jenn Wilson, Brian Layne, Judi Layne, Laura Goodman, Scott Beck, Denise Martaus, Nick Pourcho, Danny Walsh

Board Etiquette:

Please make sure you are CC the president on all emails.

Please use a nice opening statement, and a pleasant closing statement.

What happens on the board stays on the board.

Please keep board discuss about individual unit and circuit information to yourself.

Board Projects:

Clinics: The membership would like to see both a summer and a winter clinic.

Discussion was had about the November clinic, Most MCBA unit students both percussion and guard do not attend the MCGC clinic anyways. And we all know that, instructors do not attend the clinics. How can we change this, how can we get more information and training out there? The clinics have 5500.00 to spend on clinics. We are in discussion about splitting it. Guards would receive 2250.00 Percussion would receive 2250.00 and Judge would receive 1000.00.

Scott Beck: Has talked to Adam Sage about coming in.

Nick Pourcho: Ian Grom and John Mapes about coming in for percussion. Chris Heston judges percussion.

Lets look into planning a summer clinic for Aug 23rd, 2014. Staff training for Guard, Percussion. (for more information please contact VP or Guards or VP of Percussions)

Location: Plymouth or Walled Lake or somewhere in that area.

The hands on Guard clinic would still take place on Nov 2nd, 2014: Student clinic (Contact VP Guard)

Location: Milford ??

The VP's need to Brain Storm and maybe bring a new format. Dance, Weapon and Flag. Beginner, Intermediate, Advance. The average amount paid to each instructor at the clinic was 150.00 per class.

Treasurer:

Brian has updated and balanced the treasurer report. There was a Budget committee meeting (Brian Liwak is committee chair) and will present a further detailed report during committee meeting time.

Reps:

Denise wants to work on circuit moral. Getting the percussion side to come together. Maybe a spring percussion picnic. something informal meeting. Discussion was had about bringing both s of the circuit together for this, but after the discussion it was decided that they should be seperate.

Jenn wants to work on getting more emails out. In the past, then have be very long with lots of information, she would like to make them shorter and more precise with less info per email. She really thought the newsletter was a huge asset to the circuit, we need to look at sending out the Newsletter again. Then during the season, she would like to send out 1 email a week. Maybe a Sunday night email, so the directors would have time to read and prepare for the week.

In attendance for the Committees were:

Dan and Michelle King, Brian Liwak, Jamie Benigna, Greg Cole, Manjit Gill, Dennis and Kathey Guy.

Budget committee:

The budget committee presented their proposed budget for the 2015 season. They recommend that there be a 25.00 increase in the entrance fee for each show, per unit.

After much discussion, the proposed budget was approved and will be put into effect on Oct. 1, 2014. Any questions about this contact Brian Layne at treasurer@mcgc.net

Championships committee:

Championships growth. Because of the cost of championships rising, the board needs to look at raising the cost to run championships. They suggest raising the prices to, 15.00 at the door for tickets, 12.00 in advance for tickets, and 10.00 each for family pack of 4 in advance.

Director packs 7 for 50.00. Those are the unit director pass packages. Manjit needs the list by March 21. Push the presale of tickets. If you buy them presale, you can purchase them for the same price as last year.

Championships committee would like purchase 2 credit processing machines for the weekend.

Discussion was had about how adding WGI Winds to championships was going to work. Sunday was the best option, we should be able to handle 10 additional units on Sunday. Things to discuss throughout the season are going to have to be: How are we going to break up the awards ceremony? We cannot host all of percussion and winds at one awards ceremony. Either going early or going late on Sunday is a better option, rather than going on Friday night. Nothing else can be fit into Friday night with setup and work schedule for workers.

Lansing would love to have MCGC come into Lansing to host Championships. We will move forward and get further information. Manjit would not be interested in moving to a new location with chairing the event.

Championship Workers:

All money left over from Championship workers will be moved to scholarships fund.

We never seem to have enough people to work the event. There is a trend that groups are choosing the opt out fee over sending workers. There was discussion about the Opt-out fee. Should it be raised? After much discussion, Will not be changing.

We can offer shift options.

3 shift Saturday early am, afternoon and evening

2 shifts on Sunday, am & pm

Jamie B. will mock up a form so that I can forward it to Jay and put up on the website earlier. Lets look into rolling it in with the membership renewal form. When a unit registers, they will see the form there.

By January 1, all championships forms will be given to the secretary for website usage. The sooner we get them out there the sooner we can make the directors responsible for using them.

This year will be the 40th Anniversary. What do we want to do? Can enter it in the script? Create a table with a streaming video of the 40 years. Put up a video a week for the season? Create a forum for the 40th. Let's start planning now. There should be a committee set up just for planning the 40th Championships event.

Scholarships:

Michelle wanted to verify that the correct amounts were being given out. The application will be updated and able to use by December 1. Maybe this should be able to be used by the times registration opens. Michelle budget will fluctuate every year depending on money left over from championship workers.

Merchandise Committee:

Much discussion was had on how to get the merchandise from show to show. Laura and the Guys will meet it discuss how this can be handled easier.

Rules Committee:

SOP's

Prop # 7 (Set a 55 unit cap for regular season shows)

Recommend to Juno about judging the Power weekends. Power weekends really it needs to looked at as two shows. If we start capping shows, there will be units that will not qualify for championships. Some of our units are not able to pay the whole season at the start of the season and this puts those groups at a disadvantage. The board has decided Table prop #7 and will look at again next year.

Prop #8 (Random draw for performance times based on top and bottom half of class)

The board has voted no on Prop #8. **Failed.**

Prop #9 (We will reimburse a unit who goes to a WGI regional for the first time. That should be in the book)

Rule is in the rule book however, there will be a cap of 7 units. On a first come first serve basis. You can claim one scholarship per program. Except if a High School program has a unit in a guard, drumline and or winds program. Then the program will be awarded one scholarship per program unit participating in the different class.

Prop #10

MCGC adapted Competition Suite for our tabulation program. Each MCGC unit will pay all fees included in use this product. All duties, included maintaining and running of the program will be handled by the Contest Coordinator. Will add the verbiage to the rule book.

Prop #11

Certification Sheet This needs to be updated. Rewording of Sop contest #15 Greg Cole is granted permission to change and update the wording for this SOP.

Motion: Brian

Second: Nick

Passed

Prop #12

SOP opt out. This needs to be updated. Greg Cole is granted permission to change and update the wording for this SOP.

Motion: Brian

Second: Nick

Passed

Prop #13

Motion to increase the contest coordinator salary to \$4750.00 to match the salary of the judges coordinator. Rational was that both coordinators have equal amount of work to do to make the circuit run smoothly. The board felt that they should be paid equal wages. Greg Cole will update the wording as needed for the rule book.

Motion: Brian

Second: Nick

Passed

Prop #14

Motion to increase the regular season contest fee to 150.00(1) and championships fee to 175.00(4) with a show host fee rise to 1500.00. Greg Cole will adjust the wording as needed for the Rule book.

Motion: Scott

Second: Danny

Passed

Prop #15

Our units have a three week deadline for show registration. Units Outside of country three week deadline for contest will be change to a 4 week deadline. Rational was that because of mail issues, this needs to be extended to a 4 week deadline for units outside of the country. This should help get rid of the scheduling problem that the contest coordinator and treasurer had this year. Greg Cole will update the wording for the rule book as needed.

Motion: Brian

Seconded: Scott

Passed

COMPLETED SCHEDULE for the 2015 Season

Rule book completed September 1st, 2014

Fall Meeting October 5th, 2014

Contest Show App July 15th, 2014

Guard & Perc Instructor	August 23, 2014	
Board Meeting	September 28th, 2014	
Show App due	September 1st, 2014	
Registration Open	October 1st, 2014	
Kids Clinic and Judges	November 2nd, 2014	
Championships and show host	November 2nd, 2014	
I & E and scholarship out	January 1st, 2015	
Scholarship App Due	February 15, 2015	
Worker and Champs due	March 1st, 2015	
Field Day Deadline	December 20th, 201	
1/10/15	Field Day	
1/24 and 25	First Show Weekend	deadline 1-3(FS)
1/31 and 2/1	First Percussion Show	deadline 1-10(FS)
2/7	Guard Only (Troy Regional)	
2/14	Perc Only (Walled Lake Regional)	
2/21	Show	
2/28	Show	
3/7	Show	
3/14 and 3/15	Duo Weekend (Mid-East Championships)(FS)	
3/21 and 3/22	Duo Weekend (FS)	
3/28 and 3/29	Championships	
4/9 - 4/11	WGI Perc Finals	
4/11 - 4/12	WGI Winds Finals	
4/16 - 4/18	WGI Guard Finals	
Spring Meeting	May 3rd, 2015	

WGI WINDS

Focal shows. The board would like to see the circuit look at opening this class in a small setting this year. Three shows to qualify for Circuit Championships this year. We need to look at the interest of this class. Juno will look into who will be judging this class. Who in our MCGCJA will be able to judge this class. Discussion was already had during championships committee meeting for how this will be handled during the championships weekend.

Discussion was had about concerns of judges brought into judge the show. Juno will be provided with a list of judges that the membership has concerns about. The board also talked about who some of the really strong judges we have are. This list will be provided to Juno for his knowledge.

WGI Symposium 2014

The symposium this year will consist of circuit partnership, marketing and WGI Winds. Jamie feels that this is more on the admin side of circuit information. Jamie would like to see Judi Layne (Secretary) attend this symposium. Judges Symposium will be held at a different time this year in Vegas. It is believed to be held in December. Juno will attend this symposium.

Motion: Scott

Second: Nick

Passed

Purchases:

1. Website: Much more work is needed on the website to make it run more smoothly. It really needs to be membership user friendly. Judi, Laura, Brian and Danny will work on this to streamline the process.
2. Black Floor: Selling the Circuit current floors will help cut the cost for buying the new black floors. The circuit will look into buying the new black floors for the 2015 season. MCGC will rent the black floors to Walled Lake and Troy for their WGI shows. A discussion need to be had with Brian Liwak about why the floor and curtains are set the way they are, so far away from each other.
4. Tablets: Treasurer and Contest Coordinator will looking at purchasing 11 tablets. Someone needs to talk with matt at competition suite. To see what functions are needed for the judges.

3. Speakers: It is very risky going to wireless speakers. Percussion had experienced problems in the past with wireless speakers. Secretary will ask questions symposium, how WGI handles the wireless speakers. We will be doing more research to purchase these. Discussion needs to be had with Phil about how this will be done.

4. Card Swipes: Investigate in knowledge of a swipe and tablet for championships/clinics. Purchase 1 for the summer clinics, and see how it goes. Let's start with that and then we will decide if we need to purchase another one later to have two at championships.

Technology:

Judi went over step by step how to log into the Circuit Admin side of the web page and how to send mass emails to the circuit. There was discussion about moving back to gmail from godaddy. The board decided to move forward with that. Going back to gmail. Step by step instructions were given on how to access the forum and password were given out. Please use them for easier information and discussion.

Meeting was called to end at 11:45pm

Motion: Danny

Second: Scott

