

Minutes LMCGPC Spring Meeting
May 5th, 2013

I-Meeting called to order by John Dunlap

II-Reading of the Fall Minutes (motion passed to waive, minutes are on website)

III-Directors Report-John Dunlap

1. Survey results were read. These were emailed to entire membership previously.

IV-Treasurers Report-Tommy Burroughs

1. Will have complete Treasury Report ready for the Fall Meeting
2. Will get information to mail scholarship to winners
3. \$17,000.00 was spent for Championships, the circuit took in \$12,000.00 with a loss of \$5000.00

Guard Rep. Report-Stephanie Burroughs/Perc. Rep. Report-Keith Ledet

1. Congratulations to the success of the LCGPC units competing in WGI

Education Director Report-Art Kilchrist

1. Education clinic: June 8th, Tulane Bandroom, Wes Cartright from Broken Arrow. Clinic will be from 9am to 4pm. No admission fee.
2. This is a Percussion education year. Plans TBA.

V-Old Business

1. Circuit name change. Motion for name change was passed at the Spring meeting of 2012, however there was not enough interest in the Fall meeting to go ahead with the name change. Dwight H. (Korkoma) explained the difficulty of Mississippi units competing in a "Louisiana" circuit. School administrators can make this an issue and prevent them from competing in the circuit with the current name. A change of Louisiana-Mississippi Color Guard and Percussion Circuit was proposed by Stephanie Burroughs and 2nd by Geddy Bienvenu. Motion was passed by the membership.

VI-Elections of Officers

Executive Director-Stephanie Burroughs

Color guard Representative-Deon Williams

Percussion Representative-John Dunlap

Treasurer-Tommy Burroughs

Secretary-Rhonda McLaughlin

VII-New Business

1. Have visual judges stay for Perc critique instead of leaving for guard show. Randy will adjust schedule accordingly to the Visual judge in Perc. Critique. No vote necessary.
2. Have I&E for color guard, possibly the weekend of Mardi Gras. This was passed by the membership. The specifics will go before the Advisory Board in the Fall.
3. Changing classifications-adding a National Scholastic A Class and dropping SAA. Motion failed.
4. Have a banner for the first place instead of trophies. The cost difference will be compared and will readdress at the Fall meeting.
5. Championship Venue-Thib. Convention Center has been booked for Friday night and Saturday April 4th and 5th 2014. Motion passed to split Championship into 2 days. Suggestion for a wider margin for awards to give the kids something to take

home to show their participation in Championships. In the past a certificate was given to each unit for participation; however, this has not been done in the past few years. Giving larger or more awards might be financially difficult for the circuit. Motion to give certificates to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners at each show passed. Randy will email a template and it will be the show host responsibility to get these printed. Proposal to split the Awards ceremony will be readdressed in the Fall meeting.

6. Limit the number of Units registering for each show according to the capacity of the contest site. Membership concerned about the host losing money by not having enough units.
7. Addition of Task Force Committee- will address with the Advisory Board in the Fall meeting
8. Addition of another Guard Rep-one for Scholastic units and one for Independent units. Motion failed.
9. A new policy for Appeals-will send a proposal to Sec. for the Advisory Board agenda in the Fall.
10. Judges-use of a different group of judges. It was explained that the Gulf Coast Judges Association has a wide range of judges and they are pulled from all over the south and it would be expensive to pull in from other areas.
11. Re-evaluation of the Director of Education position. This position was a one year trial and was not re-instated for the 2013-2014 BOD.
12. Unit Education ideas-geared toward education of unit directors particularly new unit directors to help guide their unit to success within the circuit. Will be the responsibility of the Guard and Perc. Reps. Randy suggested a mentoring program. Will discuss more in Advisory Board meeting and the Fall meeting.
13. Website Hosting-proposal to pay a website company to maintain our circuit page. Craig Byers volunteered to maintain website for the circuit. Proposal passed by the membership.
14. Seeding for Units-Interest was expressed in the results of the survey John sent out. Will discuss more at Advisory Board and Fall meeting.

VIII-Fall meeting is set for September 8th

Unit Registration is due by November 23rd.

Pull fees and past due Unit Reg. fees are due immediately.

Clay McLaughlin has been hired for Hospitality Room catering for next year.

***Proxies were collected by Randy.

Units Represented: Lafayette HS, Denham Springs HS, Denham Springs JH, Denham Springs Ind., Long Beach HS, ULL, Comeaux HS, ED White HS, Hahnville HS, Lake Area Ind, Westlake HS, St. Louis HS, Vandebilt HS, Crescent City Ind, Barbe HS, Cecilia HS, LaGrange HS, Houma JH, Fontainbleu, Voodoo Ind, Central Lafourche HS, Slidell HS, DSHS, Dutchtown HS, NSU, Mandeville HS, Erath HS, L'Acadians Senior, St Thomas Moore HS, Bayou Petite, Carencro HS, Northshore HS, Biloxi HS, Korkoma, Gulfport HS, Sunset MS, Acadiana HS, Jennings HS, Christian Life Academy, West Ouachita HS, Caldwell Parish HS, TCA Ind, New Iberia SH, Port Allen HS.