



LMCGPC Spring Meeting Minutes
April 27th, 2014

I-Call to Order by Stephanie Burroughs

II-Reading of the Fall meeting minutes. Proposed to dispense of reading the fall minutes by Art 2nd by Ashante. passed

III-Board of Directors Reports

1. Executive Director-Championships and season went well, groups were well represented on the National level. Fred Feeney wanted to attend meeting today but couldn't due to Blue Stars camps.
2. Treasurer-Starting the season less than what we started last year. We started with \$18,122. Fees collected for season was \$30,037 includes 60 guards and 20 percussion. \$6000 (taken out of fees) for venue, video and fees. \$15,000 on flights, \$10,100 on mileage. Championship cost: \$7,500.00 for SEU, \$782 trophies, \$1,700, medals \$7,500. Deposits were \$17,610. Starting the season with roughly \$10,000. Fred did say he will try to help cut down on flights for next season, with the average flight being \$400-500.
3. Secretary- Proxy from Hahnville to Todd Adamietz
4. Color guard Rep.-Good AB meeting, will have some new proposals for this meeting to vote, some will be readdressed in the summer AB meeting and Fall general meeting.
5. Percussion Rep.-A class growing a lot. Looking to promote middle school class more. Needs general memberships help in promoting percussion division of circuit for growth.
6. Contest Director-Complaints about costuming from certain units, or lack there of. Please make sure that costuming is appropriate for ALL the age groups included in the circuit. Please report any costuming issues to the BOD so it can be immediately addressed. Also set an example for the circuit, your kids, and yourself. Start thinking about the numbers of shows for the Fall meeting. 9 shows last season was very costly to the circuit. Either we cut some shows or raise membership fees. It was a challenging season, thank you to the BOD.

IV-New Business

1. Championship concessions-who profits, who works, policy, who decides? (Art)
*Southeastern Univ worked championship concessions this year. Last year it was thrown together so quickly because SEU couldn't do it. We don't really have the manpower to run concessions for lack of volunteers. Thib. Convention center runs the concessions for next year. Last year was emergency basis only, because the basketball team couldn't do it.
2. Championship trophies-decision to purchase new ones when we had awards for 2 more years. (Art) *No one remembered we had left over trophies, John had only 3 and they were engraved. When Art was ED he bought enough for 3 years, but this was forgotten since he left office 2 years ago and he had them at his house. He brought them for new ED, we have enough trophies to last for roughly 3 years.

3. Circuit Championship Booth-What is circuit selling? Problematic when the sponsoring organization competes with vendors. Clarification is needed on what can be sold. (Art) *Wants to be make aware of what other people are selling. In the future we can include a product information sheet in booth registration to give everyone a heads up on what is being sold. Members get a booth for \$50, possibility of having a larger fee for noncircuit members, it was discussed this season but never concluded.
4. Clarify Advisory Board role and responsibilities regarding decision making authority. (Art) *It is more of an advisory board, it comes up with proposals for general membership to vote on. Denelle notes in the bylaws that we should always have a AB meeting before general membership meeting. No one responded to emails about the AB meeting in the past. Better communication is needed about AB meetings.
5. Find ways to grow circuit and recoup money lost from past 2 years in order to fund educational opportunities. (Denelle) *The circuit will recoup money by having less expensive venue. Flights will not get any cheaper. We have several opportunities to save money next season. Possible increase in unit fees. CA video, digitalmarchingfx.com and several percussion companies are included in the sponsorship of our circuit. Possibly contacting Creative Costuming for sponsorship.
6. The circuit to offer small professional development sections during competitions. More education for future judges and educators. Possible morning sessions on the same day as shows. To encourage growth in our local judging community: provide training for both adjudicators and instructors. Training local judges would lower travel cost. The cost of the training would be covered through our clinic budget. (Amy Triche, Denelle, John) *Will offer 2 sessions. First session, how to read sheets and translate judges comments, preparing for critique. Mid season will do a "mid season to end of the season" session. It's difficult to do sessions in the mornings of show. Percussion wants to plan in 2015. Will concentrate on training new judges and design. Will do 2 sessions also in the same weekend on different locations.

V-Proposals

1. Have a fan favorite for each class at championships (Amy Triche) *Could be used as a fundraiser at championships and money will go to the circuit. The unit that makes the most money in their class wins. Motion to accept proposal by Patrice, 2nd by Ashante.

Proposal passes.

2. The first show be an evaluation show (Amy Triche) *You would get more one on one with judges at the first contest. Concerns over judges putting units in the wrong class. Your show would have to be finished. Multiple problems, financial responsibilities fall on the circuit. Table until the Fall meeting.

3. One vote per person. As of now, instructors who teach multiple schools vote multiple times. This produces an unfair bias towards a small group of people who teach multiple schools. (Amy Triche) * Will continue with one vote per school

- policy. Each school is represented by a vote (include percussion and guards in the same school) write school name on all the written ballots. No vote needed.
4. Develop a comprehensive circuit handbook that clearly explains and identifies procedures and answers questions. (Amy Triche) *All rulebooks are on the website, even the WGI handbooks. Please familiarize yourself with these. Any questions, please email the board and they will answer any questions.
 5. Large LMCPC trophy for 1st place at championships. Smaller trophy for 2nd and 3rd. (Amy Triche) *Pulled from agenda per Amy
 6. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners at regional events. (Amy Triche) *Pulled from agenda per Amy
 7. To save the circuit money, drop the first circuit show. This would save circuit money spent on travel and judges. (John) *Had a very early show last season in Mid Jan, would like to cut the number of shows to save money. Will table until the Fall. No vote today.
 8. Give units options to purchase extra medals for staff and administration. (John) *Motion passed
 9. Show cancellations: the circuit paid extra money covering the added burden of cancelled shows. Add wording to include a signed document from school administrator and director clearly defining their financial responsibility for show cancellation. (John) *Include form to have administration/school sign a document taking full financial responsibility. Motion made by Stephanie, 2nd by Clayton. Revised motion to take the unit director responsibility off the form, will be turned in with show application. Motion by Todd, 2nd by Deon. Motion passed.
 10. An outdoor tent for venues that do not have ample space for the warmups before performance. (Amy Triche) *Would most likely not need in for Thib. For the next 3 years. Donations possible?
 11. Host schools gym floor prep: the circuit purchase or have donated a floor cover that is 65'x90'. Several show host floors were problematic with bunch up and wrinkling during unit entrance, exits, and prop/equipment transport. Also the schools requiring cardboard under mats were not flatten out for the first performances of the day. Many teams are going to the minimalist route with little to no floor. Floor should be solid in color. (Craig, Denelle) *Problematic with putting props out, not enough room on the floor especially with sound system speakers in the back and on the sides. Billboardtarps.com could be an option to purchase or possible donations. Possible donation of old floors to circuit and paint a solid color. Craig will look into poss. Donations and or pricing. Tabled until the Fall.
 12. Sound system needs updated: propose that the circuit purchase new equipment/speaker upgrades as well as cords. (Craig) *Upgrading certain parts one at a time. Will ask Elroy and John to compose a list of what needs to be upgraded. Will table until the Fall.
 13. No changes made to contest rules and policies after the season begins. (Craig) *Any emergency decisions should be made by the BOD after the season starts. Motioned by Craig, 2nd by Patrice. Proposal passed.
 14. Bring back Education Director position to work closely with reps to organize educational events. ED will also guide new instructors to help with anything they

- need. (Denelle) *Point made that is is the perc/guard rep. job description. Too much for one person?? Need someone to work closely with younger, smaller, and new units. Motion by Denelle 2nd by Caddie. Proposal fails.
15. Enforce rule on the attendance of the first 2 shows (unless extenuating circumstances ie. Weather or act of GOD only). They should not be allowed to go to championships. A possible amendment is that the unit must pay \$100 each of the first 2 show host and the minimum 3 shows is still required. (Denelle)
*Motion to enforce the rule we have in place and only if approved by the BOD late entries will pay a penalty of \$100 to the first 2 show hosts and still attend the minimum of 3 shows before championships. By Denelle, 2nd by Clayton. Proposal passed.
 16. Start smaller shows earlier so that we don't get out as late. (Denelle) *Already addressed in AB meeting.
 17. Add division ratings score to the scholastic units only, for those earning superior and getting certificates upon request. Can be for all contests or just championships, just add to the recap sheets. *Motioned by David, 2nd by Amy. Proposal passed.
 18. Tabled unit fee increase discussion until the Fall.
 19. Under guard classifications it states that a cadet guard is limited to Elementary and/or Middle School units with age limit stating that all members must be from the same school. Proposing that this be changed to those students attending the same school or feel into the same high school and only consist of members up to the 8th grade. (Craig) *Some jr highs still have a 9th grade, so the rule wouldn't apply. We will stick to following WGI rules.
 20. Keep same GE and DA judges for Percussion and Guard shows to cut down on cost of flights and mileage. (Denelle) *It comes down to judges schedules and flights. This is something that Randy will work on doing.
 21. Allow regional A teams to place themselves in Regional A or AA. No more split. Propose adding this rule: The top 3 placing units at championships in SRAA class (SRA class if there is not a split) will be promoted to SA class for the following season. The top 3 placing units in SRA class will be promoted to SAA class for the following season. Second groups and included in these promotions. Unit directors have the right to appeal these decisions to the BOD. (Denelle) *AB recommends to dispense of the SRA class split and let the instructors decide what class to place their unit. Motioned by Clayton, 2nd by Denelle. Proposal passed.
 22. Medals need to be ordered this summer for cheaper shipping costs. To be done by newly elected BOD

VI-Election of Board of Directors

Executive Director-Craig Byers
 Treasurer-Cortney Lyon
 Secretary-Clayton Benoit
 Guard Representative-Deon Williams
 Percussion Representative-John Dunlap

VIII-Next meeting date-*September 7th, 2014.

IX-Adjournment

Units represented: Vanderbilt, Crescent City, Arnett, Westlake, Jennings, Tioga, Central Lafouche, Voodoo, Houma Jr, EDW, Hahnville, Acadiana, Lafayette, L'acadians, Erath, Mandeville, Pinville, NSU, Denham Springs Indep, Denham Springs HS, South Lafourche, Dutchtown, Christian Life, Barbe, Comeaux, Port Allen, Gulfport, Biloxi, TCA Indep, Caldwell Parish HS, West Ouachita HS.