

UWGA

Utah Winter Guard Association

Spring Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2009

Welcoming and Introductions of Units/ E-Board – Susan, Circuit Administrator

Unit Update – Stefanie, Secretary

- Please make sure to update your contact info with the circuit. This will ensure that you receive information about upcoming dates.

Timing and Penalty – Heather, Contest Director

- It was voted that the T&P Judge fee will be raised to \$200 per show and \$300 for Championships if prelims/finals.

Governor's Proclamation – Nancy, Public Relations

Nancy will meet with the Governor to have a Winter Guard Proclamation on June 8th.

UWPA Fully Merged – Justin, Northern Representative

- All members of UWPA and UWGA will be required to attend the Evaluation Show. All members will have the same requirements as the guard units such as: shows and locations, fees, and rules or regulations.

Contest Dates – Heather, Contest Director

- Evaluation Show - January 16, 2010
- Show#2 - January 30, 2010
- Show#3 - February 6, 2010
- Show#4 – February 20, 2010
- Show#5 – March 6, 2010
- Show #6 – March 27, 2010
- Circuit Championships – April 3, 2010
 - * Locations will be finalized by the November Meeting
- Where available, a separate sound system for competitions was suggested. There were complaints about some school sound systems that members felt were inadequate.

Show Host – Heather, Contest Director

- Deadline for show host applications will be September 15th. All show hosts MUST also host drumlines.

New Job Openings – Susan, Circuit Administrator

- Kearns & West Jordan are looking for new directors. If you are interested, please let Susan know and she can get you more info.

Mp3 Specialist – Susan, Circuit Administrator

- The MP3 Specialist's duties will now be separate from the Contest Director and be a paid position like the Tabulator. The Mp3 Specialist will need to be trained by the UWGA. The show host will pay the Mp3 Specialist's fee of \$150 per show.

Training – Susan, Circuit Administrator

- Training is available to become judges, Mp3 Specialist, and Tabulator.

Novice Class – Ashlee, Southern Representative

- Voted and approved was the motion to add a Novice Class for Elementary and Middle School age groups. These class awards will be at the first judge's break so that the units have the option to leave earlier.

Circuit Championships Format – Susan, Circuit Administrator

- Discussion took place on whether Prelims would be eliminated. Percussion units would compete in the afternoon and guard units would compete in the evening. This discussion will continue at the Fall meeting.

Drumline Inspection – Justin, Northern Representative

- Last season there was damage to some of the contest-site floors from the drumline equipment. All drumlines will be pre-inspected at check-in and then again before entering the competition site. Advisors need to know that the Timing and Penalty judge will also be inspecting equipment.

Dance Classes – Sumer, Education Specialist

- The UWGA will be sponsoring weekly dance classes for advisors and members. Each week will be at a different school and will present a different style of dance. The cost will be \$5 for each class. Please let the Sumer know if you are interested in teaching a class.

Spin Fest – Sumer, Education Specialist

- The WGI Spin Fest will be September 18th. Sumer is planning on going and if anyone would like to join her, please let us know.

Staff Seminar – Sumer, Education Specialist

- A mandatory Staff Seminar will be held November 14th, 2009. Drumline and Guard Directors will be required to be there. The Fall Meeting will be held in the morning and the clinic in the afternoon. This is for directors and staff members. Students are NOT allowed at these events (this includes captains). Design concepts, movement, equipment, judging sheet education, and class verification are some of the things that will be discussed.

Education Fund – Sumer, Education Specialist

- Half of the money from the dance classes will go to the education fund.

New Business – Susan, Circuit Administrator

- Band directors need to be educated about budgeting to pay guard instructors. Advisors need to communicate with band directors. Invite them to competitions so they see how much work goes into the program. The band directors should be involved in fundraisers and communicating with parents as well.
- Every group will be required to fill out a new information sheet every year. Please get these from the UWGA website and send them to Stefanie. This will ensure updated information.
- New groups need to apply and be approved by the November meeting.

UWGA PRESIDENCY:

Circuit Administrator - Susan Raymond

Northern Representative - Justin Andersen

Southern Representative – Ashlee Chatterton

Public Relations Director – Nancy Cannon

Education Specialist – Sumer Addy

Secretary – Stefanie Tyler

Contest Director – Heather Christiansen

Drumline Representatives – Joe Windsor and Andy Garcia

Band Director Representative – John Miller