

UWGA Fall Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2009

Welcome (Susan) – Introduction of the board

Dance Clinic's Report (Sumer) – Classes were offered from June to August for \$5 a class. Locations included Orem, Roy and West high schools. Classes had varied styles and instructors. Unfortunately, there was not as much participation as was expected from the Spring Meeting. We will need more to participation in order for this to continue, and will be addressed further at the Spring Meeting 2010. It was reminded that half of the fee goes into the scholarship fund.

New Division and Format (Susan) – The Novice Division will be for those Elementary and Jr. High age groups. At the first judges break we will have an awards ceremony for this division only. This way those younger groups can get home if needed.

Staff Badges (Susan)- One Staff Badge will be issued per group. Additional badges may be purchased for \$20.

Director's List and Updates - It is VERY important that you keep your contact information updated. Please check the director's list to make sure all information is correct. All those who attended the Director's training and meeting needed to sign in on the list.

Protocol (Susan) –

- Critique Etiquette – Sign up for Critique is at Check-in. Please make sure you do this at this time. It has also been requested by the judges and the board that you do not bring children into critique. Also, it is crucial that you listen to your mp3 BEFORE going into critique. Please remember that the judges are not there to fix your show so please do not expect them to. Use and refer to your critique question forms.

*Complaint Form – Complaint forms are located on the website. The board will review them and respond.

Show Sites (Justin) – The show sites are posted on the website and are as follows:

January 16th – Evaluation Show @ West High School

January 30th – Orem High School

February 6th -Payson High School

February 20th – Toole High School

March 6th – Riverton High School

March 27th – UEX @ West High School

April 3rd – Circuit Championships @ Roy High School

Circuit Membership Fee (Ashlee) – The fee is \$750 for the season. Invoices were given to each group. First payment of \$375 is due December 1st, and the second payment of \$375 is due January 1st. Late fees will apply to payments not received by the due date.

Public Relation Update (Nancy) - Each group needs to email Nancy a synopsis of their show so she can use it in publicity articles. The Proclamation for UWGA with the Governor will be April 2nd. It was not able to happen last year with the changes in the government. For more information contact Nancy

Spinfest 2009 Report (Sumer) – Four people from our circuit was able to attend Spinfest this year. It was held September 18th in Orlando Florida. It was a huge success and they were able to learn a lot. Spinfest happens every other year and we would like to get more people to go and represent Utah. For more information or questions contact Sumer.

Evaluation Show (Susan) - We want to remind everyone that the Evaluation Show on January 16th is MANDATORY. It is informal and NOT open to the public. Do not invite parents and friends. You will be assigned a 20 minute time slot. Your group will perform and then the judges will talk to you. The group will perform again at which time the judges will record an mp3. The UWGA board will be evaluating for classification as well. Each group will have the option of an open/closed evaluation.

Championships (Susan) – There was an open discussion about whether to have Prelims and Finals or just Finals. It was later voted that we would have Prelims and Finals. However, it was also voted that we would start following other circuits and only take the top 4 from each division into Finals. In the case that a division has 10 or more groups in a division we would take half the groups into Finals. With the decision of having Prelims and Finals Each group will be required to provide two volunteers for Championships. One will be for Prelims and one will be for Finals per group.

(For rules on voting see the end of this document)

Trophies/ Plaques (Stefanie) – We discussed the option for awards as whether to keep the plaques or go back to trophies. Trophies are more expensive. The vote relayed to keep the plaques. It was suggested to have the plaque plates be color coded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places (gold, silver, bronze). The board is looking into pricing and availability for the plates.

Show Procedures Revisited (Justin)-

* Program changes need to be in to the show host before the event. Programs have to be printed and can't be changed a day before.

* Announcements can be updated at check-in.

- Please be aware and review with your group the proper competition etiquette. Please be aware of what your kids are doing while at competition. It has been asked by fellow directors to help each other out. If you see a group or individuals misbehaving to please let their director know. We're all human and can't be everywhere at once. Please also set a good example to your kids.
- MP3 players MUST be turned in at check-in. We had problems last year those groups didn't turn in the mp3's and therefore didn't receive judge's commentary. You will be able to pick up the mp3 at the tabulator table after your performance. Please be patient as it takes time to transfer the commentary to the mp3's.

Staff Development Recap (Sumer)- We had good responses about the training earlier that day. Great information was given for all classes. Thanks to Mike for participating. Sumer had a survey for everyone to fill out. More feedback will be given at the spring meeting.

***Voting Information – Each unit is allowed one vote. It was determined and voted on at the spring 2009 meeting that the Staff Development Training was to be mandatory, and that any unit who had to miss more than an hour of training would not be allowed to vote.**

UWGA EBoard

Circuit Administrator: Susan M. Raymond

Public Relations: Nancy Cannon

Northern Representative: Justin Andersen

Education Specialist: Sumer Addy

Southern Representative: Ashlee Chatterton

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