



Advisory Board Meeting
May 1st 2011
at Olentangy Liberty HS, Powell, Ohio

I) **Bring to Order**

President Chad Clum brought the annual Advisory Board Meeting to order at Noon. President Clum motioned to Suspend Roberts Rules of Order. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion and they were suspended by a 21-0 vote.

II) **Roll Call**

In place of roll call we used the sign in sheet to take attendance (See below)

Art 101 – Kriss Davis
Central Crossing Sr. Flag – Laura Buker
Central Crossing SA – Christopher Morris
Collage – Barry Artis
Fairborn Baker – Alisha Hiehle
Fariborn HS – Jason Combs
Findlay Indoor Drum Line – Matt Gordon
Hilliard Darby – Doug Perry
Impulse Drum Line – Steve Wimmers
Middletown – Michelle Lloyd
Middletown Jr. Flag – Katy Cox
Middletown Sr. Flag– Stephanie Miller
Mystique – Here but no vote
North Royalton HS Winter Guard – Brett A. Stalnaker
O2 – Katie Rex
Olentangy Liberty – Travis Hicks
Onyx – Michael Lentz
Phoenix – Chad Clum
Phoenix Regional A – Liz Clum
Phoenix Jr. – Erin McClellan
Rangerettes A – Laural Florek
Rangerettes Reg. A – Kelly Harrison
SHOCKWAVE – Brian D. Sheehe
Springfield Holland High School – Jackie Sartor
St. John's Jesuit High School Color Guard – Julie Meyer
St. John's Jesuit Titan Thunder – Austin Nelson
Synergy Winter Guard – Kelly Wimmers
The Fifth Element – Dorinda Burley
Westerville Indoor – Jordi Vilanova
The Wee Stars – Kevin Burley

III) **Review/Approval of Minutes**

President Clum asked everyone to review the copy of minutes and asked if there were any errors to correct. There were none brought up.

It was moved by Austin Nelson (St. John's Titan Thunder) to accept last year's minutes. Brett Stalnaker (North Royalton) seconds the motion. Motion passes 24-0

IV) **Treasurer's Report**

We did have quite a bit of one time costs that had us lose money this year. We did lose more per show than last year. \$4,600 of that was medals (which will also take care of half of next year) and awards, so we will save money on next season. Caren Davis (Treasurer) said if anyone has questions she would be happy to go over any of that.

Steve Wimmers (Impulse) moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kriss Davis (Art 101) seconded the motion. Motion passes 24-0

V) **President's Report**

President Clum said we were down 4 units from this year to last year. In 2011 we had 54 units at Championships – 41 guard, 13 – Percussion. In 2010 we had 58 – 44 guard, 14 – Percussion. We actually had 19 units that did not return in 2011 – 5 Percussion, 14 Guard. Of the 19, 1 unit was in OIPA this season but did not perform at finals, 13 units no longer existing or took a season off in 2011, 5 units left OIPA and competed in other circuits or strictly at WGI Events. This year we had 908 paying spectators at Championships which was up from last year.

We did make a lot of purchases (i.e. curtain, banner, box for storage etc...)

VI) **OLD BUSINESS**

None

VII) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Proposals

Discussions: (Discussions are Financial issues that fall to the board but we would like to discuss and get a vote from the membership)

Discussion #1 Increase Show host fee to \$2600 (currently \$2300) to include trophy fee in with the show host fee up front to cover all plaques/awards. Increase Host fee for Premier to same as regular show fee. Rationale: This would make it easier on the show hosts so they would know the entire OIPA cost upfront rather than get the bill for the awards just prior to the show. Premier show now has a panel of judges which increases the expense. The show charges the same to get in as a regular show and the spectator attendance is equal to a regular show as well.

Financial Impact – No impact for adding in trophy/plaque fee, Positive impact for increasing the Premier fee.

Submitted by Caren Davis (Treasurer)

Kriss Davis (Art 101) seconded the motion.

There was discussion about this would be easier to know this up front. This would also be easier for the Circuit so we don't need to go track down another check.

Proposal PASSED – 24 (Twenty-Four) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

Discussion #2 Emailing Show Comments the day of the show for critique instead of using MP3 players. This was test driven at State Championships. This would get everyone's comments to their smart phone or computer right away. Amend to add: MP3 players will be available as an option as long as the unit provides it.

Rationale: Would reduce headaches of handling mp3 players day of shows.

Financial Impact – Circuit may need to purchase a hot spot so emails can be sent out.

Submitted by Brian D. Sheeche (SHOCKWAVE)

Jackie Sartor (Springfield) seconded the motion.

Discussion about not everyone having access. We could have it where if there is not an MP3 player turned in then it gets emailed. Mike Lentz (Onyx) had at a Nashville Regional he had one member of each staff listen to one of five captions so then it was good for critique.

Proposal PASSED – 24 (Twenty-Four) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

Discussion #3 Increase single show entry to \$75.

Rationale: This would help keep our bottom line in the black.

Financial Impact – Positive

Submitted by Caren Davis (Art 101)

Seconded by Michael Lentz (Onyx)

No Discussion.

Proposal PASSED – 24 (Twenty-Four) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

Proposals

By Law Changes:

#1 By law proposal change to Article VIII. Vacancies

Current Article Reads:

A. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the First Vice President would become acting President until the next annual circuit meeting elections.

B. If there is a vacancy in the office of First Vice President, the Second Vice President would move into the office of First Vice President until the next annual circuit meeting elections. The office of second Vice President would remain open until the annual circuit meeting elections.

New Article would read

Article VIII A. In the event of a vacancy in the following offices, the following would occur

President Vacancy filled by 1st VP

1st VP filled by 2nd VP

2nd VP filled by Mid Season Election by Zoomerang Survey (Amended)

Treasurer filled by Mid Season Election by Zoomerang Survey (Amended)

Secretary filled by Mid Season Election by Zoomerang Survey (Amended)

At Large filled by Mid Season Election by Zoomerang Survey (Amended)

Rationale: This past season when we had a Board member step down we had to leave the position empty for the remainder of the season.

Financial Impact – None

Submitted by Chad Clum (Phoenix)

Seconded by Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty HS)

Discussion about how this should stay by the membership. The above was amended.

Proposal PASSED – 24 (Twenty-Four) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#2 Hold elections for the office of President yearly.

Current By Law Article V Letter D.

The President shall be elected for a two-year term, while all other positions are elected yearly by the advisory

board, during the annual circuit meeting.

New By Law would read D. All Positions are elected yearly by the advisory board during the annual circuit meeting.

Rationale: All other offices are elected yearly. A President may not feel bound to a two year term and thus more individuals may consider running for the office. Allows the circuit membership to make a change if needed yearly. Office of President would continue to be a maximum of 4 consecutive years held by the same individual.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Michael Lentz (Onyx)

Austin Nelson (St. John's Titan Thunder) seconds the motion.

Discussion, Michael Lentz (Onyx) talks about how this is a tiring job. We are in year five, you as a President can get a good feel for how this should work.

Proposal PASSED – 24 (Twenty-Four) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#3 Remove the mandate that the President must be a member of the Board of Directors for a year prior to running for President and allow any individual to run for President.

Current By Law Article V Letter E

Before any individual may hold the office of President, a minimum of one year of service on the Board of Directors is required. This proposal would remove this article all together.

Rationale: This allows the circuit membership the flexibility to elect who they choose from a larger pool of potential candidates. It is possible that the Board of Directors will not produce a willing or capable person to assume the office and with the current procedure, the circuit membership has no option to select who they feel best suited for the position at the present time without limitation.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Michael Lentz (Onyx)

Jason Combs (Fairborn)Seconded the Motion

Michael Lentz (Onyx) talked about how this gives the Advisory Board more flexibility to elect who they want. Caren Davis (Treasurer) mentioned also this also helps when we see how Board Members really are.

Proposal PASSED – 26 (Twenty-Six) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#4 When groups change division on their own, this causes an automatic redraw. Groups may still change division, but they will be redrawn in their number segment. (Amended).

Rationale: When groups change division on their own, this causes an automatic redraw. Groups may still change division, but they will forfeit their postmark.

Financial Impact – None

Submitted by Chad Clum (Phoenix)

Steve Wimmers (Impulse)Seconded the Motion.

Discussion Michael Lentz (Onyx) suggested that we move this to two weeks before. The re-draw right now is difficulty. Stephanie Miller (Middletown Sr.) suggested we do re-draws within their postmark and then just change their slot. Chad Clum (Phoenix) said the more people got in early this year.

Proposal PASSED – 26 (Twenty-Six) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#5 Change the deadline for a show to close to the Friday at Midnight two weeks prior to the contest weekend. For Units and S&E.

Rationale: This past season it was written down two ways ten days and two weeks. Having it set two weeks prior will get the schedule out a bit earlier.

Financial Impact - None

Submitted by Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE)

Brett Stalnaker (North Royalton) seconded the motion.

Proposal PASSED – 29 (Twenty-Eight) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#6 Minimum of amount of Color guard members is 5 and line units 3.

Rationale: This has been inconsistent over the past two seasons and this makes it clear. The Board approved an exception to the minimum member rule in 2010 and this will reset the numbers.

Financial Impact – None

Submitted by Chad Clum (Phoenix)

Stephanie Miller (Middletown Sr.) seconded the motion.

Discussion, Chad Clum (Phoenix) said that the Board made an exception and it has been in place. This would make it a rule instead.

Proposal PASSED – 29 (Twenty-Eight) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#7 Hold Preliminary Competition for Flag Lines, Regional A and A Class Color Guards.

Amended to read: Hold Preliminary Competition for all Regional A through Independent World units.

Rationale: This would allow for the seeding process to set up prelims order and prelim scores would set the order of performance for finals. Additionally, it provides a second performance for most of the units.

Financial Impact: Could increase ticket sales over the course of the day.

Submitted by Michael Lentz (Onyx)

Katie Rex (O2) Seconded the motion.

Discussion Michael Lentz (Onyx) left this vague to set up discussion. This would give units another option to perform. This is to try to balance against a first time read. Matt Gordon (Findlay HS) would this be another

judging panel? Michael said it would be the same panel. Otherwise it would be another first read again. Chad Clum (Phoenix) suggested it may be for groups with a certain number of units? Do we eliminate between? How long does this make the day Stephanie Miller (Middletown Sr)? Kriss Davis (Art 101) asked why just Colorguard and not Percussion. Michael said it is because Rob Ferguson (Matrix) will coordinate Percussion next season. Tabled to discuss other. Do we eliminate from Prelims to finals? Stephanie Miller (Middletown Sr.) this is really hard on the kids. Chad talk about this is more cost (i.e. hotel, etc...). Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty) wanted to confirm the days as Sat- Guard and Sun-Percussion. It would be cheaper.

Proposal PASSED – 26 (Twenty-Nine) FOR
3 (Three) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#8 Use a double panel of judges for OIPA State Championships for both Guard and Percussion.

Rationale: Allows for more consistency and removes the impact one judge can have on the competitive process.

Financial Impact: Cost of second panel of judges including hotels, food, fee, travel

Submitted by Michael Lentz (Onyx)

Doug Perry (Hilliard Darby) seconded the motion.

Discussion about how this would be pending if we can afford it. Last year we passed this for Percussion, but we couldn't afford it. Chad Clum (Phoenix) reminded how we have lost money right now. Michael Lentz (Onyx) wondered why we have lost money. We should raise the price. We would need to sell this to our parents. Michael said we can't allow for spectator's to abuse at check in about the prices.

Proposal PASSED – 29 (Twenty-Nine) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#9 Require all units to attend a minimum of 3 shows to be eligible for Circuit Championships.

Rationale: We have Circuit units who have to travel considerable distances to attend required shows and championships. Under the current system of allowing out of state units to only attend two shows to be eligible for championships, It is possible a border state unit could travel the same or less distance to contests and still have a lesser requirement to attend championships. This proposal offers no change for member units from Ohio as Ohio units are currently required to attend 3 shows. The proposal merely requires all units to meet the same requirement to compete at circuit championships.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Michael Lentz (Onyx)

Kevin Burely (The Wee Stars) seconded the motion

Proposal PASSED – 29 (Twenty- Eight) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#10 No longer offer Solo and ensemble classes

Rationale: This gets harder and harder to schedule each year with groups. This year by putting the performances on the main gym floor (with Findlay Saturday show as the exception), it makes the day really long and we almost had to close two shows early due to length of time. The show hosts do not see any increase in revenues by having S & E at their events, yet additional time commitments of their volunteers and their facilities are required. With multiple events only having a few registered participants, the cost of judges was much more than the entry fees.

Financial Impact – We would save money, typically we lose money on Solo and Ensemble

Submitted by Chad Clum (Phoenix)

Julie Meyer (St. John's Jesuit WG) Seconded the motion.

Discussion Chad Clum (Phoenix) is far more work setting it up than anything else we have. Two solo and ensembles days were canceled or turned into exhibition. The reason we started it to help keep the circuit out of the red. Last year we moved the solos into the gym. Nutter before it was canceled had so many solos that we would have had to turn away guards. Barry Artis (Collage) didn't realize that the show host didn't get that revenue. Chad said when the parents come they think they should get a free pass. Kevin Burely (The Wee Star) suggested limiting the amount of participants. Findlay (Saturday) barely worked because we had so many that really jammed this up. Bret Stahlaker (North Royalton) suggested if you qualify you can't sign up again. Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty) would not have been able to do it with this many solos. Michael Lentz (Onyx) said the first couple of years we did make money, but now it is less money, less solos, last minute solos put together etc... perhaps we offer it at a couple of shows and then Championships? Is this the best thing for OIPA for now? We get more complaining about S&E than we do from Directors. Stephanie Miller (Middletown Sr.) maybe going back to what it was where it is an event onto it's own.

Proposal PASSED – 25 (Twenty-Four) FOR
4 (Four) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

#11 Discontinue the elementary class. - **Rescinded**

Rationale: It is not cost effective to have only 2 groups in the class based on the cost of the trophies and the judges. The current elementary units could have the same great experience as an exhibition class or the Junior Regional A Class.

Financial Impact – None

Submitted by Chad Clum (Phoenix)

Austin Nelson (St. John's Titan Thunder) seconded the motion.

Chad Clum (Phoenix) said that we don't have enough groups to make this viable. Kevin Burley (The Wee Stars). Would we move our Open group to World? What is the criteria? That is their the future of the circuit. Michael Lentz (Onyx) the issue from the judges standpoint what is the difference between divisions with this? Where is the separation between all these classes and levels? Chad said in Illinois they give them gold, silver and bronze.

Proposal Rescinded – 0 (Zero) FOR
0 (Zero) AGAINST
0 (Zero) Abstention

b) **Calendar.**

Hope to have 8 shows for the 2012 season with the locations to be: 2 in Columbus, 2 in NE, 2 in NW, 2 in SW. Plus Championships. However, the actual show sites will be based on what sites are available.

c) **Elections.**

President **Chad Clum (Phoenix)**
Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE) - Declines

1st VP Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE)
Jackie Sartor (Springfield Holland HS) - ELECTED

2nd VP **Brian D. Sheehe (SHOCKWAVE) - ELECTED**
Bret Stahlaker (North Royalton)
Steve Wimmers (Impulse)
Stephanie Miller (Middletown Sr.) –Declines
Katie Rex (O2)

Treasurer **Caren Davis (Art 101) - ELECTED**

Secretary **Steve Wimmers (Impulse) - ELECTED**
Katie Rex (O2)

At Large Jordi Vilanova (Westerville)
Kelly Hoellein (Mentor)
Brett Stalnaker (North Royalton) - ELECTED
Travis Hicks (Olentangy Liberty)
Barry Artis (Collage) - ELECTED
Laurel Florek (Rangerettes A)
Katie Rex (O2) - ELECTED
Christopher Morris (Central Crossing SA)

VIII) **Future**

None.

IX) **Adjournment**

Austin Nelson (St. John's Titan Thunder) moved to adjourn the meeting and Brett Stalnaker (North Royalton) seconded. It was approved 29-0.

A brief Meeting with the New Board of Directors immediately followed for 10 minutes.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by

Brian D. Sheehe
OIPA Secretary 2010-2011