



OIPA End of Season Meeting
5/5/13 at Hilliard Darby HS

In attendance:

OIPA Board of Directors:

Steve Wimmers	President/Impulse
Brett Stalnaker	Vice President
Doug Perry	Vice President/Hilliard Darby HS
Doug Edens	Treasurer/Brunswick HS
Barry Artis	Secretary/Collage
Sean Bradley	At-Large/Licking Valley
Julie Meyer	Not Present
Laurel Florek	At-Large/Northpoint Independent

Rob Ferguson	Percussion Education/Matrix
Michael Lentz	Colorguard Education/Onyx

OIPA Membership:

Jason Combs	O2
Katie Rex	Fairborn HS
Kyle Williams	O3
Stephanie Miller	Middletown HS
Michelle Lloyd	Middletown HS Flag Line
Lauren Halloway	Middletown JHS Flag Line
Toby Spengler	Four Count Percussion
Chad Clum	Phoenix Open
Liz Clum	Phoenix A
John Wheeler	Phoenix RA
Tina Bowman	Phoenix Junior
Donnie Ross	Capital City Percussion
Lee Mayer	Vermillion HS
Jackie Sartor	Springfield HS
Brandy Ford	Springfield JHS
Lauren Walkley	Cloverleaf HS
Beth Pace	Wranglers
Kevin Burley	Wee Stars
Dorinda Burley	Fifth Element
Travis Hicks	Olentangy Liberty Percussion
Lou Herzog	Delaware Hayes HS
Cheyenne Howard	Delaware Hayes JHS
Allison Taylor	Groveport Madison Middle School
Dave Wolfe	War Eagle Winter Line
Emily Barsvald	Rangerettes
William Talaba	Avon Drumline

Meeting started at 11:30 by President Steve Wimmers.

Introductions of all present.

Acceptance of Minutes from 2012 Meeting

Chad Clum moved to add the balance sheet from 2012 to last years minutes.

Balance at end of 2012: \$502.55

Moved by Lee Mayer to accept minutes w/amendment; second by Rob Ferguson.

Minutes accepted with amendment to include 2012 balance sheet.

Treasurers Report presented by Doug Edens:

Mike Lentz questioned cost of t-shirts versus income; did we order too many?

Steve Wimmers explained running out of smaller sizes which limited sales.

Needs more careful consideration next year due to lack of profitability.

Need to sell remaining stock. No plans to purchase additional shirts in future.

Mike Lentz questioned \$1200 for exterior signage.

Part of that was \$800 for championship banners.

Discrepancy between Steve Wimmers and Doug Edens on invoice accuracy for remaining \$400??

Steve and Doug to review invoice as cost doesn't add up to what was purchased.

Chad Clum questioned \$1700 cost for Education Day.

Cost included Education Directors fees and cost for Education Day.

Doug to separate this into two line items.

Chad pointed out error in Total Income; to be corrected by Doug Edens.

Mike Lentz noted 2 lines labeled "Miscellaneous"; this is a concern.

Per Doug Edens, one is for Office Max fees.

Mike suggested to categorize better for clearer picture of where money is spent.

Mike Lentz asked for explanation of hotel expenses and insurance taken out by circuit.

Show host is responsible for 10 nights; circuit pays for above that.

Do we still need to purchase an insurance policy if OIPA is not actually hosting any shows? ***Will re-catagorize under Operation Expense, not a championship expense.***

Doug Edens to update/correct Balance Sheet and will send to membership in 30 days. Treasurer report cannot be accepted until this is done. Will be tabled until new report is received; will be emailed to membership for review; will be approved at next membership meeting. Motion to table by Chad Clum; second by Michael Lentz. Accepted.

Brief discussion on anticipated future expenses (new tarp, computers/iPads).
Motion by Sean Bradley to suspend Roberts Rules for remainder of meeting; second by Chad Clum. Approved.

Presidents Report by Steve Wimmers:

Thanked everyone for smooth operation of shows. Steve was thanked by membership for a successful first year as President.

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

Discussion #1: Stephanie Miller moved to re-evaluate the way end of season awards. Discussion seconded by Doug Perry.

Allison Taylor asked if we should discontinue these awards for philosophical reasons? Dorinda Burley agreed with this suggestion. Comments along the same lines offered by Michael Lentz and Travis Hicks, in regards to Performer of the Year specifically. Chad Clum reminded everyone about the small individual things that OIPA does that makes being in this circuit special. Lee Mayer suggested a season long nomination process to come up with a list of people to vote on for the awards. Is the criteria fully understood by everyone? It was decided to discuss each award individually.

Performer of the Year: Chad suggested keeping this award but changing the way it is voted upon (nomination?). Stephanie Miller suggested re-naming the award to Fan Favorite, but then the issue is that the fans should vote, which they don't. Steve Wimmers presented the question "Who wants to keep this award?" Overwhelming majority was against keeping this award.

Spirit of OIPA: Do we really need to reward behavior that is EXPECTED from our groups?? Do we need to further define what constitutes being given this award? It is truly to be given to a group that goes above and beyond what is expected. Upon hand vote, 10 members were for keeping the award. Majority wanted to discontinue.

Most Improved: Mike Lentz suggested making this a statistically measured award, most point growth over the season. Discussion on the pros and cons of this system. Perhaps these awards are too divisive as the circuit has grown; maybe awards like this should be kept within each organization? Straw Poll: only 1 voted to keep.

Director of the Year: Straw Poll-only 3 voted to keep.

Stephanie Miller amended her discussion: Move to eliminate end-of-season awards. Second by Dave Wolfe. Passed 28-5-1

Discussion #2: Separate Guard and Percussion at Championships. Moved by Stephanie Miller; second by Dave Wolfe. Majority of discussion focused on the positives of the percussion and guard performers supporting each other. After discussion, was rescinded by Stephanie Miller.

Discussion #3: Is there a need for a photographer at Championships. Moved by Steve Wimmers; second by Dave Wolfe. Suggested to keep the same person who did the action shots at Championships this past year. Discussion on group pictures was positive. Discussion rescinded by Steve Wimmers.

Discussion #4: Increase T&P Judge pay. Moved by Mike Lentz; second by Jackie Sartor. Per Mike Lentz, pay for these judges is too low. Straw poll: All in favor.

Proposal #1: The Executive Board cannot make a decision about a unit or a class without first discussing the change with the unit or units in the class before making a decision.

Rationale: Why have the yearly membership meetings if the Executive Board can make decisions about the membership without membership input.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Kevin Burley (The Wee Stars)

Second by Allison Taylor

RESCINDED by Kevin Burley

Proposal #2: Change the name of Exhibition Class to Festival Class

Rationale: This will put us in line with other nearby circuits, and judges would be required to stay and judge them.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Beth Pace (Wranglers)

Second by Barry Artis

VOTE: **PASSED** 30-4

Proposal #3: Proposed Change to the OIPA Promotion Policy

Promotion Score is 75.0 week 1 (first weekend of competition) and will increase 1 point per week through Championships. Units achieving promotion score will be reviewed for promotion to the next class (per current policy).

WGI Units:

Units competing in WGI Regional/WGI Championships during the same season will not be promoted during the competitive season as long as they compete in the same class locally as they do nationally. If an OIPA Unit competes in a different class in WGI events, they are subject to re-classification/promotion. OIPA continues to allow WGI to promote misclassified Units.

Line Units:

Due to the time difference in Line Division, Line units will not be promoted during the season.

Limit to Review:

A unit may only be reviewed once during the season. Units must receive a score to be reviewed and unit request is not considered in the review process.

Post Season Review:

Any unit (all Classes, Divisions) receiving the promotion score at OIPA Championships will be reviewed for promotion for the following season.

Rationale:

This is an update to the current policy to detail specifics and edit the promotion score. The score proved to be high this past season and delayed the review process.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Michael Lentz, OIPA Education Director

Second by Chad Clum

VOTE: Unanimously **PASSED** per straw poll

Proposal #4: If a Unit decides to perform in WGI, then they must perform in the same class in O.I.P.A. as they performed in WGI.

Rational: Not sure why a Director would perform in a lower class in O.I.P.A. then they would perform in WGI, this just guarantees they don't.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Kevin Burley (The Wee Stars)

Second by Sean Bradley

After discussion, **RESCINDED** by Kevin Burley

Proposal #5: Classification for a competition cannot be changed (by the unit director) after the schedule has been released for the show.

Rationale: This could result in schedule having to be changed, resulting in everyone's times changing. This can also lead to a director/unit changing classification based on who else is performing at a show.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Doug Perry (Hilliard Darby)

Second by Sean Bradley

Amended: Classification for competition can only be changed at the discretion of the Education Directors and the Circuit President after the schedule has been released for the show. Second by Beth Pace.

VOTE: Amended Proposal Unanimously **PASSED** via straw poll.

Proposal #6: Contest Calendar must be published by September 1 of each year for the next season.

Rationale: Having access to the best judges requires us to be with or ahead of the curve in scheduling.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Michael Lentz, OIPA Education Director

Second by Chad Clum

RESCINDED by Michael Lentz with understanding that the earlier the schedule is published, the better chances of locking up a better judging panel. Board will take this recommendation into consideration.

Proposal #7: Return Regional A guard timing and penalty times to the WGI Standards.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Chad Clum (Phoenix Independent)

Second by Dave Wolfe

RESCINDED by Chad Clum

Proposal #8: Election of officers. The board will assemble a nominating committee to inform and recruit candidates for the various elected positions.

Rationale: We have had problems getting people to accept nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.

Financial Impact: None

Submitted by Lou Herzog (Delaware Hayes)

Second by Dave Wolfe

VOTE: Unanimously **PASSED** by straw poll

Election of 2014 Officers

President Nominations

Steve Wimmers – **ELECTED** via running unopposed

1st Vice President Nominations

Brett Stalnaker - **ELECTED**

Doug Perry

Donnie Ross

2nd Vice President Nominations

Sean Bradley - **ELECTED**

Doug Perry

Louis Herzog

Donnie Ross

Treasurer Nominations:

Louis Herzog – DECLINED

Jackie Sartor – DECLINED

Allison Taylor – **ELECTED** via running unopposed

Secretary Nominations:

Doug Perry – DECLINED

Jackie Sartor – DECLINED

Laurel Florek – DECLINED

Louis Herzog - **ELECTED**

Will Talaba

At-Large Nominations:

Donnie Ross - **ELECTED**

Laurel Florek – DECLINED

Lee Mayer

Doug Perry- **ELECTED**

Will Talaba - **ELECTED**

Travis Hicks – DECLINED
Jason Combs – DECLINED
David Wolfe – DECLINED
Stephanie Miller – DECLINED
Beth Pace – DECLINED
Toby Spengler – DECLINED

New Board met with Steve Wimmers at conclusion of meeting.

Championship Videos will be emailed per Steve Wimmers.

Show Hosts – Send dates to Steve Wimmers.

Website – needs work!! Steve addressing.

Motion to adjourn by Chad Clum; second by Allison Taylor.
Adjourned at 3:04pm.