

Dance Drill Coaches' Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2011
6:30pm, West Linn High School

REPORTS

Present: Amanda Wilcox, Caysie Duax, Danielle Cox, Dodi Coreson, Jenny Lunzman, Pam Didier, Sherry Summerville, Syndie Rider, Tami Smith
Guests: Debbie Bujanski, BJ Cerny, Linda Romey
Absent: Shammra Smith

1. Review Minutes (Tami)
 - a. March Board Meeting Minutes were approved by the Board.
2. Treasurer's Report (Dodi)
 - a. Scholarship Money
 - i. Parkrose \$775
 - ii. Centennial \$151
 - iii. Sprague \$206.50
 - iv. Liberty \$200
 - v. We've collected/donated \$800 over last year's scholarship donation amounts!
 - b. Concern/Issue: There is a huge issue with certain teams not paying the scholarship contributions for their events and paying their judging invoice in a timely manner. Some teams still haven't paid. The problem seems to persist from year to year with the same teams.
 - i. Response/Answer: The Board suggested we make stipulations for the teams that do not pay their balance in a timely manner. If a team doesn't pay their competition dues in a timely manner for one year of competition, then we will require teams pay a hefty deposit for the next year in order to reserve a date for their event. Recommend a \$100 sanctioning fine for teams that are late in payment. Teams that have not yet paid their scholarship donation are in violation of the sanctioning rules and will be assessed a \$100 fine.
3. State Recap (Board Discussion, with guest Debbie Bujanski)
 - a. Concern/Issue: Tabulation at State is a problem. There was a really big problem with the tabulation spreadsheet. There were huge errors in the spreadsheet. Incorrect scores were seen on the final scores at state because of a spreadsheet formulation error. Some judges' scores for sub-captions were incorrect on the final tabulation sheet the teams received, but the total scores were correct. It seems there was a number of "bad cells" that printed out a score of 85, even if that wasn't the score the judge submitted or the tabulator entered. The tabulator was not there to correct the issue after the judges received the scores. The judges didn't get to see the score sheets until the after the results were announced, so there was no way to double check for errors with the system in place as it is at State. The tabulator needs to be aware of the local system and needs to be qualified to do the job. The judges would prefer if the tabulator were in the same room as the judges (like what is

done at local competitions), so they can double check their scores before they are published.

- i. Response/Answer: Debbie will bring the concern to the attention of the OSAA State committee.
 - b. Concern/Issue: Board discussed low attendance at State, whether or not OSAA.tv has an influence on attendance, and different possibilities for festival judging.
 - i. Response/Answer: No conclusions were made, but we may address topics again in the future.
4. Technical Proposals (Linda):
 - a. Timing of Category Routines & Kick Routine Limits Proposal (Linda Romey/Technical Committee):
 - i. Tech Committee is proposing we change the way we start and stop the timing of routines during the Fall Category Season, including increasing the time limit for kick routines.
 1. Response/Answer: Board requested to separate the two issues in the proposals into two different proposals, so the membership can vote on them separately.
 2. Changes were approved by board to take to membership for a vote.
 - b. Music Penalty Points Proposal (Linda Romey/Technical Committee):
 - i. Technical Committee is requesting the penalty for music violations be increased to 5 points and eliminate the warnings.
 1. Response/Answer: Board agrees to let the proposal go to membership if proposal is amended so that warnings are still allowed.
 - c. Technical Committee Stipend Proposal (Linda Romey/Technical Committee):
 - i. The Technical Committee is proposing we create an annual compensation plan for the Technical Committee.
 1. Response/Answer: Board made some amendments to the proposal and approved to send it to the membership for a vote. The final discussion about amendments and vote occurred when we went through the other "fee schedule" proposals at the end of the meeting.
 - ii. Board discussed with Linda & BJ the need to research other resources to help educate our coaches on the proper stunting and safety rules for NHSF as it applies to dance. If the coaches were properly educated on the safety and stunting rules, then the time requirements of the Technical Committee should lessen.
5. Judges Affiliation (Dodi)
 - a. Competition Evaluations: Reviewed team standing for all competitions. Everyone who is in great standing gets first pick of competition days, then so on. Some of the events are having issues with the scoring system for the competitions. We may need to iron out some "kinks" in the competition evaluation, but the Board understands it was the first time and it's a place to start.
 - b. Concern/Issue: The Board talked a bit about the problems this year with the lack of heating at several events this year (several schools were very cold or very hot this year).
 - i. Response/Answer: We realize teams only have so much control over the temperature at their venues. If it's really out of their control and not fixable, we suggest that they at least try to let the judging panel know ahead of time (and

teams, if necessary) if their school is likely to be extremely cold or hot so we can come prepared.

- c. Concern/Issue with the preponderance of out of state judges. Discussed why there were so many out of state judges this year and if there was a way to reduce that number in future years. Some Board Members feel strongly that judges should be trained in our system in order to judge teams at state. We noted that Washington doesn't allow any "out of state" judges unless they've completed their training and certification.
6. Chairs Report (Danielle)
 - a. Submit Technical Summary Report
 - b. Peggy sent the board a Thank You card for being nominated by the Board to receive the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award.
 7. Feedback from Membership Survey (Syndie)
 - a. Syndie emailed the feedback from the survey to the Board to review. Didn't discuss in detail at the meeting.

BUSINESS

1. Decide host for 2011 Category Championships (Danielle)
 - a. Applications were submitted from Reynolds and McMinnville. No decisions made yet.
2. Proposals
 - a. Membership Fee Proposal (Tami)
 - i. Board decided on last details of proposal, made some amendments, and voted to take the proposal to the membership for a vote.
 - b. Board Fee Proposal (Tami)
 - i. Board made some amendments, and voted to take the proposal to the membership for a vote.
 - c. Technical Stipend (Submitted by Linda)
 - i. Board made some amendments, and voted to take the proposal to the membership for a vote.
 - d. Pom Category (Caysie)
 - i. Voted to take the proposal to the membership for a vote.
3. All-State Debrief (Dodi & Tami)
 - a. Did not have time to discuss. Tabled until next meeting.
4. Platinum Membership Request (Syndie)
 - a. Possible partnership with Cirque de Soule and DDCA. Offering a reduced ticket rate for membership or a fundraising night to sell tickets. Board suggested we go with the reduced ticket rate. Will discuss at the Spring Meeting.
5. Spring Membership Meeting Agenda (Danielle)
 - a. When/Where: April 9th at Milwaukie High School
 - i. 10am: Event Directors Meeting
 - ii. 11-11:30am: Board Meeting
 - iii. 11:30am: DDCA Membership Meeting
 - b. There is a great deal to discuss and vote on at the Spring Meeting – make sure you attend! At least one coach from every team should always attend the membership meetings. If you don't attend the meetings, you won't be up to date on the issues, changes, and progress in the DDCA.