

Dance Drill Coaches' Association
Spring Membership Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2011
11:30am, Milwaukie High School

Board Members Present:

Amanda Wilcox, Caysie Duax, Danielle Cox, Dodi Coreson, Pam Didier, Sherry Summerville, Syndie Rider, Shammra Smith, Tami Smith

Board Members Absent:

Jenny Lunzman

Teams Present:

Amity, Banks, Canby, Centennial, Clackamas, Cleveland, Dallas, David Douglas, Gladstone, Glencoe, Grant, Lake Oswego, Lakeridge, Liberty, Lincoln, Marshfield, Milwaukie, Molalla, Newberg, Parkrose, Philomath, Reynolds, Scappoose, Sheldon, Sherwood, Silverton, South Salem, Sprague, Stayton, Sweet Home, Thurston, Tigard, Valley Catholic, West Albany, West Linn, Wilsonville, Woodburn

1. **Review Minutes** (Tami)

- a. Please make sure everyone is reading the minutes from the DDCA Membership Meetings and the Board Meetings. This is an important form of communication to the membership and reading the minutes will keep you up to date on all the issues and changes in our organization.
 - i. We can track the number of people that are clicking on the links from the DDCA Newsletters, and we usually only have about 5 hits each month. We hope you all are reading the minutes on your own!
 - ii. If you don't know where to find the minutes, they are all on DDCA.org in the Documents section, under "Board Minutes". Here's a current link:
http://ddca.org/page_quick/documents.htm
- b. Concern/Issue: There was an issue with the Show Division proposal at the Winter Membership Meeting and the way it was passed. Not everyone was in the room for the vote.
 - i. Board Response/Answer: We acknowledge that the way things occurred at the Winter Meeting were not ideal. There were several heated issues and topics that came up and de-railed the meeting. We're sorry we didn't get the proposal(s) out to the membership before the Winter Meeting. It was an oversight and we will do our best to make sure that doesn't happen again. But, we need the help and cooperation of the membership to make these things run smoothly.
- c. Concern/Issue: Can we do ballots for every vote?
 - i. Board Response/Answer: Due to the short time we had to get the proposals ready for the membership, we simply didn't have time to make ballots for every proposal, and didn't think it was necessary. (We received & reviewed all the proposals on Wednesday night, adjusted the proposals as needed late Wednesday night/Thursday morning, then emailed them to the membership on Thursday, for the membership to vote on at the Spring Meeting on Saturday). However, if it's something the membership would like to

see happen in the future, then we will need some help from the membership to make that happen.

1. After further discussion regarding cooperation between the Membership and the Board, some individuals said they would be willing to help make ballots in the future, if needed.
 - d. The DDCA Winter Membership Meeting Minutes were approved by the Membership.
- 2. Treasurer's Report (Dodi)**
- a. Scholarship Contributions
 - i. \$1,465 has been received since last report.
 - ii. \$800 up on scholarships from last year
 - iii. ~\$5700 current total for scholarship contributions
 - b. All bills are currently paid
 - c. Total for all the amounts \$55,378
 - d. How many scholarships of dance versus academic scholarships.
 - i. Response/Answer: If we are concerned about the scholarship balance between dance and academic, then perhaps we can discuss that and make things happen as a membership. Revamping the process is a possibility.
 - e. Concern/Issue: There is an issue with certain teams not paying/contributing to the scholarship fund. Four competitions have been issued fines, as this is a violation of the sanctioning rules.
- 3. Judges Affiliation (Michelle Napier)**
- a. Judges Feedback for teams.
 - b. JA Evaluation Show/JA Consultation Survey
 - i. What would be most beneficial for the coaches for the Evaluation Show?
 - ii. Teams could pre-qualify with the current method from 2011.
- 4. COY/Lifetime/Service Award Recipients (Danielle)**
- a. Lifetime Achievement = Peggy Schlegal
 - b. 6A Coach of Year= Hillary McClintock from Sheldon
 - c. 5A = Sherry Summerville from Milwaukie
 - d. 1A-3A = Syndie Rider from Amity
 - e. Service = Syndie Rider from Amity, and Laurie VanAlstyne form Parkrose.

BUSINESS

- 1. All-State Debrief (Dodi & Tami)**
- a. There were 210 dancers registered for All-State; 189 tried out and paid at the door. There are less dancers participating than 10-15 years ago, but team sizes are much smaller now as well.
 - i. Comment: Why did only 189 pay for All-State?
 1. Response/Answer: Money was collected at the door, so we did not receive money from "no-shows". Yes, we will definitely consider changing the money collection process in future years.
 - b. Money Spent for All-State:
 - i. Posted spreadsheet with expenses for All-State for the membership to see (Instructors, judges, more assistants , food for personnel, etc.)

- ii. First, we need to decide if we want to continue to do All-State or not. Washington was in the same situation where WIAA (their version of OSAA) stopped funding their All-State, so they decided just to discontinue All-State.
 - 1. After discussion, it was apparent that the DDCA Membership strongly feels that we should continue All-State.
- iii. We cannot sustain All-State again at the cost we managed this year. We got by with a very bare-bones budget, and it is not wise to expect to use that same budget for future years. While we always are working on cost-saving options, it is likely will never be able to do it for so cheap again. Our costs were just a fraction of what OSAA spent to run All-State in the past.
- c. Membership discussion about All-State:
 - i. Comment/Suggestion (BJ): Wilsonville could host the event if it's a one day event. Cannot host a 2 day event over the holiday weekend.
 - ii. Suggestion: Perhaps we should charge a non-refundable \$20-25 fee. That way we collect all the money from those that register.
 - iii. Comment: Cheer pays about \$30-35 per participant for their All-State.
 - iv. Discussion: One day format versus move to another day?
 - v. Discussion: Move to another weekend? Move it up a weekend?
 - 1. Answer/Response: We will do a survey and get feedback from the membership regarding All-State. Please let us know what format you'd prefer for All-State.
 - vi. Comment/Suggestion: Is it a possibility to find a location for All-State that is not in metro-area?
 - 1. Response/Answer: Tell us a school that's available – let us know and we'll look into it!
 - vii. Question: Where is the money going for All-State?
 - 1. Response/Answer: Those were the numbers that we just posted. We have them available if anyone would like to inquire about the specifics. (Contact Dodi, the DDCA Treasurer and All-State Director)

2. State Debrief (Christine Anderson)

- a. If anyone has specific issues that your team encountered at State, please contact Christine directly with those issues.
- b. Thank you to everyone that commented about how smoothly State was run this year!
- c. OSAA would much rather have rules and regulations
 - i. Change first day of seating to general admission.
 - 1. Is it possible to have one night of general admission versus two nights? First night general admission, and 2nd round reserved seating
 - ii. Number of dancers required on team to participate at State. Rule 123b. That rule has no consequence.
 - iii. Should we consider enacting a time limit with consequences for the set up and take down for the Show Division?
- d. The State Committee acknowledges that we probably placed the Divisions inappropriately for State. The number of teams were balanced in the performance order, but we didn't realize until it was too late that the number of participants were not balanced. Christine explained the decision process made by Mike and the committee.

1. Question: Flash drives for State – can we use those same ones for next year? Or will we need a new one?
 - a. Board Answer: It’s possible, but everyone will need to use that flash drive ONLY for judging comments. It only takes ONE bad drive to contaminate the entire system. We are looking into options and will let the membership know in the Fall. Please note that the Flash drive requirements used during the competition season may not be the same as at State. Teams may need to have a new flash drive once again for State next year. That is entirely up to OSAA.
2. Question: Is it possible to start State earlier in the day?
3. Question: The announcement of All-State took a very long time... can we discuss doing that quicker in the future?

3. Fall Conference Update (Syndie)

- a. Don’t have much to say yet regarding details of conference (because the location and format has yet to be determined). Conference Survey from 2010: many coaches made comments that it was great, and coaches loved the judging classes. 18 people commented on the survey out of the entire membership (would like to see more response from the membership).
 - i. Question for Membership discussion: Do we want to go somewhere else, besides a local high school, every other year? Is the membership interested in a destination conference again?
 1. Suggestion: Wherever we go, there has to be a non-refundable deposit for registration (so we don’t lose the income from “no-shows”).
 2. Question: Can we have an event earlier so it doesn’t conflict with team practices as much?
 - a. The membership seems to like the idea of holding conference earlier (i.e last weekend in September).
 3. Comment/Concern: Some school stipends might not be available next year and budgets may become tighter than they currently are. Should keep cost in mind when planning conference.
 4. Response/Answer: We’ll send out a survey to the membership with options to vote on for conference.

4. New DDCA Membership Discount (Syndie)

- a. Cirque du Soleil is coming to Portland and will be holding shows at the Rose Garden (June 15-19).
 - i. Syndie’s been working with the Rose Garden regarding the Cirque du Soleil show, and they are offering the DDCA discounted tickets!!
 1. If we purchase a combined total of 100 tickets for the Matinee show on Sunday (June 19th at 1pm), then we will get a private behind-the-scenes experience for the membership on that day.
 2. Question: Can the discount be applied to show at the Eugene Mac Court?
 3. Response/Answer: Will ask the vendor.
 - ii. Check your email for an update about the tickets and how to purchase with the DDCA discount.

5. Proposals – Membership Vote

a. Proposal: Dance/Drill Pre-Qualification Timing Rule Change (by Mt. Hood Coaches)

i. Motion from Membership: Motion to vote to approve the proposal. Motion was seconded. Membership voted, by team, as follows:

1. Teams in favor 37
2. Teams Opposed 0
3. Teams Abstaining 0

ii. **Motion passed: Proposal approved by the DDCA Membership.**

b. Proposal: Creation of a Pom Division (by Chase Gourley)

i. Membership Discussion:

1. Question: Does JA care and is there a ramification for making the division?

a. Answer: The JA is prepared to take on judging the Pom Division; there already is a score sheet in use.

2. Question: Time limits for Pom?

a. Answer: Time limit for Pom should be 2-3 minutes.

3. Question: Christine- Timing? Poms allowed in other divisions?

a. Answer: You can have one prop in any division, so that would stay the same.

b. Doing this as a trial is an option.

c. JA: Timing is possible. Can do over the summer.

ii. Motion from Membership: Motion that we move to accept this proposal. Motion was seconded (Peggy/Sherry). Membership Voted, as follows:

1. Teams In Favor: 32
2. Teams Opposed: 3
3. Teams Abstaining: 1

iii. Motion from Membership: Revote and clarify that we are voting JUST to add a Pom division. Motion was seconded. Membership voted, as follows:

1. Teams In Favor: 36
2. Teams Opposed 0
3. Teams Abstaining 0

iv. **Motion passed: Membership approved the addition of a separate Pom Category to the Fall Category Competitions.**

c. Proposal: Music Penalty Change (by Linda Romey, Technical Committee)

i. Clarification: There was a typo in the proposal that went out to the membership. The proposal is to increase to a 5 point music penalty WITH a warning.

ii. Membership Discussion:

1. Comment (Hillary): Concerned about some of the verbiage of inappropriate lyric examples in the proposal, because sometimes music is poetic and very subjective. Used the "hit by a truck" example: being "hit by a truck" is violent, but feeling "as if I was hit by a truck" could be very different.

2. Comment (Pam): The process works.

3. Comment (Dave): need to define the word offensive. Religious? Race? Sexual Orientation? Swear words?

4. Comment: We need to be cautious about what we limit in our music. We don't want to end up with just soundtracks without any lyrics. Feel we've gone overboard and are heading that way.
 5. Comment/Suggestion: Perhaps at conference we should have a class about how to splice their music so they know how to make their music appropriate.
- iii. Motion from Membership: Motion to accept this proposal as written. Motion was seconded. Membership voted, as follows:
1. Teams In Favor: 26
 2. Teams Opposed: 7
 3. Teams Abstaining: 1
- iv. Motion Passed: Proposal was approved, as written, by the DDCA Membership.**
- d. Proposal: Establish Technical Review Committee Stipend (by Linda Romey, Technical Committee)**
- i. Membership Discussion:
 1. Question: Will funding come out of general fund?
 - a. Response/Answer: Yes
 - ii. Proposal from Membership/Board Member: Amend proposal to be retroactive for this past year and then accept proposal as written. Motion seconded. Membership Voted on amended proposal, as follows:
 - a. Teams In Favor: 34
 - b. Teams Opposed: 1
 - c. Teams Abstaining: 0
 - iii. **Motion passed: Amended proposal was approved by the DDCA Membership, to pay the Technical Committee stipends for their services last year and for next year.**
- e. Proposal: Category Timing Rule Change (by Linda Romey, Technical Committee)**
- i. Membership Discussion:
 1. Question: Was there a problem this year when the clarification was issued?
 - a. Response/Answer: Clarification came out at the end of the season, teams haven't even competed since the clarification was issued.
 2. Comment: Don't think category should be timed when you cross the floor.
 3. Comment: Don't want to use team's "creative time" to get onto the floor during short category season.
 4. Comment: Traditionally, Fall season was always seen to be more relaxed and State was serious. Be a little more relaxed about Category. Maybe times have changed – if we don't care about being able to start on the floor anymore, then we should vote in favor of this proposal. But if we do want to be able, then we should not pass this proposal.
 - ii. Motion from the Membership: Motion on the floor to deny the proposal. Motion was seconded. Membership voted on amended proposal, as follows:
 1. Teams In Favor (of the motion): 29
 2. Teams Opposed (to motion): 3
 3. Teams Abstaining: 2
 - iii. **Motion passed: Proposal was denied by the DDCA Membership.**
- f. Proposal: Kick Category Timing Rule Change (by Linda Romey, Technical Committee)**

i. Motion by Thurston: Change timing kick category to 1.5 to 2.5 minutes. Motion was seconded. Membership voted on amended proposal, as follows:

1. Teams In Favor: 31
2. Teams Opposed: 2
3. Teams Abstaining: 0

ii. **Motion passed: Amended proposal was approved by the DDCA Membership.**

g. Proposal: Membership Dues (by DDCA Board)

i. Membership Discussion: A great deal of discussion occurred regarding this lengthy proposal. Details were discussed and explained to the membership. Coaches were concerned about how this would affect sanctioning.

ii. After discussion, the membership requested an amendment to the proposal:

1. Eliminate Part C, under section 2, "If teams do not pay for their DDCA Team Membership when it is due") –which stated that if competitions allowed teams to compete that hadn't paid their fees, that competition would lose its sanctioning. Competitions will lose points on their standing with the DDCA for allowing non-member teams to compete.

iii. Motion from the Membership: Motion on the floor to approve the amended proposal. Motion was seconded. Membership voted on proposal, as follows:

1. Teams In Favor: 31
2. Teams Opposed: 1
3. Teams Abstaining: 1

iv. **Motion passed: Proposal was approved, as amended, by the DDCA Membership.**

h. Proposal: Board of Directors Stipend Increase (by Tami Smith, DDCA Board Member):

i. Membership discussion: A great deal of discussion occurred regarding this proposal.

ii. Motion from the Membership: Motion to approve proposal. Motion seconded. Membership voted, as follows:

1. Members in Favor: 22
2. Members Opposed: 25
3. Members Abstaining: unknown

iii. Motion from Membership: Motion to amend proposal so that it is only the \$100 increase for Board Stipends and remove mileage. Motion seconded. Membership voted on amended proposal, as follows:

1. Members in favor: 35
2. Members opposed: 2
3. Members abstaining: 7

iv. **Motion passed: Amended proposal to increase Board Members stipends base fee to \$200 was approved by the DDCA Membership.**

6. Generic Questions from membership throughout the meeting:

a. What is the current make up of the Board

- i. 1 JA Liaison – current judges affiliation leadership team member (Michele)
- ii. 2 Associate members (Dodi and Tami)
- iii. 6 coaches (Danielle, Sherry Caysie, Amanda, Pam, Syndie)
- iv. 2 open position

b. What positions are open in the Board?

- i. We currently have two open positions on the Board
- c. Where did Tami come from?
 - i. The Board is allowed to appoint members to the Board when there are vacant positions. The Board requested applications from interested parties and appointed Tami to the open positions.
- d. Calendar on website
 - i. Karalee volunteered to help create a DDCA calendar.
- e. Please don't make choreographers purchase a DDCA Membership
 - i. The Membership Fee proposal dealt with this issue.
- f. All-State
 - i. One Day versus Two Day format - Some like didn't like
 - 1. The Board will gather comments from the membership via a survey on this matter.
 - ii. Cost/ Funding
 - 1. The Board will continue to explore the financial needs to run All-State and possible solutions for funding
 - iii. Only 5 dancers from 1A-4A dancers
 - 1. There were 6 dancers selected from 1A-4A schools. Fewer students audition from the 1A-4A schools.
- g. Can we have a social hour for coaches at conference?
 - i. MacKenzie Smith from Thurston volunteered to organize a social hour at conference
- h. Communications from the Board (proposals, Category Championship schedule)
 - i. More advanced notice was requested
- i. State 4A Small/Large – have two divisions:
 - i. Last year OSAA accepted the DDCA's proposal to lower the number of teams need in 4A to create a division from 8 to 5. However, the OSAA decided to not allow 4A to split this year. Concerns regarding a large/small for 4A should be addressed directly to OSAA. The Board has done all they can do on this matter.
- j. Division 5A/6A Combined Division – why were 5A/6A large combined:
 - i. In order to have set division numbers for 5A and 6A large and small OSAA required that we still maintain divisions of eight. If a division failed to reach 8 entries it would be combined with the same size division in the other classification. For example: 5A small had seven teams it would combine with 6A small (regardless if 6A small had more than eight teams). This was included in the proposal that the DDCA membership approved to present to the OSAA for approval effective State 2011.