

DDCA Fall Membership Meeting  
Salem Convention Center, Oct 7, 2007, 12:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by president-elect Cori Mingear. Approximately 90 people in attendance with 36 schools represented.

**Spring Meeting minutes** were approved with no changes.

**A questionnaire** was passed out to the membership and explained by Cori. The board is seeking input on these topics: the current pre-qualifying system, possible need for board reorganization, financial support of the JA, and priorities of the membership. The answers to the questionnaire will direct the board's focus for the upcoming season.

**The Goals and Objectives of the DDCA**, which are found on the inside cover of the DDCA manual, were read to the membership by Linda Romey. It was encouraged to follow these goals when planning any dance team activities. Review them often.

**All-State Report** – Pat reported that the 5A schools and the 6A schools will be separate when those applicants audition. 1A – 4A will remain together because the numbers of applicants do not warrant separate auditions. All-state will be Jan 20-21 (Sun and Mon) at Woodburn High School. Application forms will be on the OSAA website next week.

**Scholarship Report** – Caysie stated the Dance Scholarships will be due 12/5/07. Applications will be on the website shortly. Academic scholarship applications will be due 2/13/08. Look for that application in January.

**Website** – Kurt Jull gave the membership a tour of the new and improved DDCA website. This communication tool as well as your emails will keep members apprised of all DDCA issues and events. Remember to always read the monthly board minutes! It was stressed that it is the coaches' responsibility to know what's in the manual, the minutes, and what's on the website. Kurt is also working with vendors to sell ads to the website thereby lowering DDCA's cost of maintaining it. If you have a team website, email Kurt your link, and he will post it to your name (under the theme section).

**Costume Closet** – Sam Gibeau reported the Costume Closet is up and running on the website. If you have something to sell, rent out, etc. email to Kurt Jull a picture and description of the costume or prop in jpeg form. Instructions are on the website. Sam will facilitate the page, and every three months, it will be refreshed.

**Judges' Affiliation** – Laurel reported that the JA is looking for the 2008-2009 season to be fully digital. (No more cassettes and this will eliminate the need for clerks). 2010 State will be digital. This season the JA will be using digital recorders at select competitions to try out the process. DDCA has purchased 2 laptop computers for the JA to help with this year's competitions.

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Laurel also mentioned that the **judging pool** is down, and JA is stretching to staff competitions. We need to support our JA with recruitment. Usually our judges come from ex-dance team members and/or coaches. Is there someone you know of right now that just needs a nudge in the right direction?

**Category styles** – Modern and lyrical have now been separated. The JA realizes there may be some gray areas, so enter the category that best describes the majority of your dance. The categories can be described in this manner:

Jazz – Think panache

Kick – precision (Number of kicks will be counted this year- need minimum of 50).

Modern – interpretation

Hip hop – isolation

Lyrical – expression

Novelty – entertainment

**Club Teams** – Sue Anne stressed the rules for club teams at DDCA competitions, school and club teams CANNOT compete against each other according to OSAA rules. Club teams must be in their own division and must adhere to JA and tech judging rules. If participating in drilldown, there must be a separate drilldown for club teams.

**Treasurer's Report** – DDCA checking: \$10,719.45; Judges checking: \$2898.37; Business Savings: \$6,123.67; Certificate of Deposit: \$3,162.72; Certificate of Deposit: \$3722.87 for a total of \$26,627.08.

Dodi shared with the membership the 2006-2007 Budget information and the 2007-2008 projected budget. All 23 scholarships given at state this year have been paid. In order to maintain the number of scholarships for this year, we will have to increase our fundraising efforts. Contact your board rep if you have an idea. One idea from the floor was to renegotiate with NW Sports their donation for team picture presales. Another was to sell DDCA t-shirts at local competitions.

**Proposal #16** – Dave discussed this proposal, which changes the sanctioning guidelines to read: All local competitions will be considered sanctioned prior to the event, unless the event coordinators specifically choose not to be a sanctioned event and have advertised their event as such. If a sanctioned event does not follow all sanctioning rules, the host school will be given a \$100.00 penalty and no priority in the scheduling of the next year's event. The schools attending that event will not be penalized.

**Pre-qualification** – Sheets will be on the website. When a team pre-qualifies for State, this sheet, the master tab sheet from the event, and the tech judge timing sheet must be sent to Linda Sheron. She will then have the information posted on the website on a specific page for pre-qualifications. It is the job of the coach to monitor this site for your team's name. Pre-qual will not be given at state. Deadline for pre-quals to Linda is March 7, 2008.

**Eligibility** – Guard your dancers' eligibility by making sure that no one on your team accepts any cash awards at any competitions, festivals, or camps. If this happens, the

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dancer's status would change from amateur to professional and would not be allowed to perform at high school events governed by the OSAA. Check rule 8.4 of awards in the OSAA handbook on the OSAA website.

**Tech judging** – Karalee introduced Ann Leaf who will be the new tech commissioner starting with the 2008-2009 season. Karalee will continue in that capacity for this year. The DDCA website has the updated tech handbook. Karalee went over some changes for the new season:

1. Excessive cleavage and buttocks showing; 1/3 of the team must be in violation to receive a 1 pt. penalty.
2. For costume, music, and choreography violations, the team will be given a warning first. Second offense is a 1 pt penalty.
3. For safety, timing, and stunting there are no warnings. Penalties are 1, 3, and 10 pts respectively.
4. Obtain a 2007-2008 NFHS Stunt Book from your athletic director. It is your responsibility to be current with all these rules.
5. There is no onsite appeals process. Get the form from the website and follow the directions.
6. To send tapes/dvds to pre-approve a stunt, send by regular mail only with the correct form from the website to Karalee.
7. Penalties will be issued for overtime and undertime for category competitions. For local traditionals, it is for overtime only.
8. For all stunts, all dancers involved in the stunt must wear shoes (toes and heels covered), including show division. No hard jewelry for those involved in stunting, as well.
9. In dance-drill all dancers must wear shoes. (Sandals are acceptable).

Complete NFHS rule update will be online soon. Exceptions for dance/drill will be emailed to the membership.

Karalee also mentioned the need for more tech judges. The next training will be 11:00 to 1:00 pm Oct 28 at Woodburn High following a 10-11:00 am committee meeting.

**Submitting proposals** – Cori reviewed the steps to submitting a proposal to the board. See the website instructions page 8 of 9 on DDCA proposals.

**State Sweatshirts** – Flyers for presales of the state sweatshirt will be on the website shortly. Deadline for presales is Dec 15. Sweatshirts can be picked up at the Winter Membership Meeting Jan 20 at Woodburn High. Proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

**State Program Ads** – The OSAA will give DDCA 20% of the proceeds from any ads DDCA generates for the state program. These monies go to our scholarship fund. Encourage any sponsors and/or parent clubs to buy a “good luck” ad for your team to be printed in the state program.

**Board Restructuring** – After looking at comments from the questionnaire, Cori announced that a committee will be formed of interested members to brainstorm plans for restructuring. If you're interested, contact Cori.

**Vote on Board Members** – Four members were running for five board positions. Anne Ellett moved that the membership accept all four members without going through the voting process. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Caysie Duax was reelected to the board, and members Danielle Cox-Liberty H.S., Sherry Summerville-Milwaukie H.S., and Jennifer Lunzman-Banks H.S. will be joining the board for the first time.

**Proposal Voting** – Proposal #16 (described above) passed unanimously. Proposal 13 creates a voting system for the DDCA membership which offers the options of Absentee, Proxy, and On-Line ballots, as well as active voting at all membership meetings. This passed by all except 4 rejections.

**Vendor Etiquette** – Caysie told the membership about the problems some of our vendors have been having with a few teams. Some teams have had a company come to their school to measure teams for shoes, costumes, etc. only to not follow through with that company, and instead order from another where they may have found a better price. It was stressed that if a coach makes a commitment to a vendor (and having them come out to measure is definitely a commitment), then that coach is expected to be professional and honor that commitment. Hopefully in the future we can win back the confidence of these vendors.

**Comments from the Floor** – Robin Meier wanted to know if teams could be notified earlier than February as to which night and venue they would be performing at State because it is getting very difficult to reserve a block of rooms for four days. Pat explained that because we as coaches wanted to know who on our teams would be eligible after semester grades were posted, we actually had asked for the February date to declare what division we were entering. The board will discuss with Mike Wallmark of OSAA the possibility of going back to applying for State earlier in the season. It used to be in November.

Some coaches indicated that they are willing to have a junior division at their competitions. Cori is our junior high liaison on the board. Please notify her that you are including a junior division and she can get the word out.

**The next board meeting** will be November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Woodburn High School.

Submitted by Linda Romey, acting secretary