

Dance Drill Coaches' Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

A Bella Italian Restaurant, Wilsonville, Or.

6:00 – 10:00 pm

Present: Peggy Schlegel, Pat Keaveny, Cori Mingear, Caysie Duax, Linda Sheron, Jenny Lunzman, Danielle Cox, Sue Anne Williams, Dodi Coreson, Laurel McAfee, Sherry Summerville

Absent: Sam Gibeau, Karalee Kylo

Guests: Kristen Meyers, Carie King, Jessica Elliot, Kurt Jull

Treasure's Report:

Account Balances: DDCA Checking-\$6,545.18; JA Checking-\$385.29; Savings-\$6,124.45; CD-\$3,171.69; CD-\$3,732.38.

Thank you to the following schools that have donated money to the scholarship fund from their Fall Competitions: David Douglas - \$264; West Albany - \$531; Gresham - \$210; Clackamas - \$506; Woodburn - \$182; Wilsonville- \$81; Conference Coin Jar: \$53.

Message from Dodi: "For those of you who have hosted or will be hosting a competition, please remember to get your competition fees in as soon as possible. Competition fees should be submitted no later than two weeks after the event."

I. Old Business:

- A. Reports – Officiating fee report – Sam Gibeau absent, no report given.
- B. As of December 5th, 2008 there are 16 confirmed traditional competitions being offered in January, February, and March. Sheldon has cancelled their competition.
- C. Laurel McAfee recapped the status on the following proposals.
 - **Proposal # 8 – Issue: Board Positions by Percentage of schools in each Classification.**
Result: Closed – the board is balanced with 3 reps from 4A, 5A, 6A, and 4 associates. No one from 1A, 2A, or 3A ran for the board.
 - **Proposal #10 – Issue: 1) All teams must pre-qualify to attend championships. 2) Raise the Qualifying Score by 5 pts for each classification.**
Result: Remaining on the table. See I-D below “Danielle / Laurel Proposal”
 - **Proposal #15 – Issue: DDCA Board Restructure**
Result: Closed. No further plans submitted. Poll showed lack of interest or understanding of issue.
 - **Proposal #20 – Issue: Board Election: All board members to be re-elected after two year term.**

Jessica Elliott (Clackamas H.S.) proposed to have the DDCA members vote for the DDCA Chairperson rather than having the DDCA Board members elect the Chairperson. This would give members an avenue to voice and recommend their choices. She feels it would give members more confidence in the board.

Result: The Board members agreed to come up with protocol for DDCA members to approve of the Chair Elect. A new protocol will be proposed at the Winter DDCA member meeting.

- **Proposal # 23 – Issue:**

1.) Qualify for final Round of State with 1st round scores.

2.) Qualify for Prelim Round of State at local sanctioned event.

Result: Taking to the Membership. Remaining on the table. See I-D below “Danielle/ Laurel Proposal”

D. Revamp of Proposals #10 and #23 Qualifying to Perform at State Championships

Danielle Cox and Laurel McAfee Proposals:

Both Danielle and Laurel presented a variety of considerations for Qualifying to Perform at the State Championships. Based on their research and opinions voiced by DDCA members, approximately 4 different strong options have emerged as “common denominators”. Danielle will compile all options and streamline into 3 or 4 options for the DDCA Membership to vote on at the DDCA Winter Meeting.

E. Web Updates: Board members ranked possible new features to the website that could be implemented as early as the beginning of 2008. Sam Gibeau will be presenting possible new features for the DDCA Website at the DDCA Winter Meeting. Possible benefits include: team e-mail accounts, password protection, forums, and video capabilities.

F. Fall Conference Update – Karalee absent, no report given.

G. Competition Report / JA – Laurel reported that the judge fee structure may be increasing to account for mileage/gas prices. They are also looking at eliminating judging clerks and installing an “Information Tech” who is responsible for all electronic/computer reporting and communication to the judges at each competition. The Judges Association would like to remind Competition Directors/Event Coordinators that there is to be no program changes the day of a competition. If an emergency situation exists please communicate the situation to the judges’ director before the coaches meeting. Also, Competition Directors are reminded to bring all registration forms and necessary paper work to the competition, on the day of the event for easy reference.

H. Tech Report – Due to prior commitments, Ann Leaf has resigned as Tech Commissioner Intern.

- Regarding hosting a competition it was clarified that Technical Judges receive \$50/round at competitions.
- The Tech Committee is looking at the timing procedure: only one-tech judge time routines or take the average between both judges’ times. They will present their decision at the winter meeting.

I. Marketing Report – Danielle Cox

A. Danielle would like to see more P.S.A's (Public Service Announcements) be sent to the local media regarding dance teams. She would like to encourage coaches to make sure their local papers/radio stations/ and television stations know about the local H.S. dance teams successes, community outreach, etc.

B. Danielle presented three marketing proposals to increase revenue for the DDCA.

- Sell DDCA T-shirts at DDCA sanctioned events -
- Sell DDCA T-shirts on the website
- Host a Dance Conference or Day Camp for Coaches and Dancers.

Of the three proposals the Board agreed that the Dance Conference / Day Camp would be the project that the board would support. Debbie Kishpaugh (Pendleton) will be heading that event for early fall of 2008.

J. Sanctioning – Linda Sheron

It was mentioned that not all of the intended traditional competitions have their sanctioning protocol completed. If you are hosting a traditional competition, please make sure you do the necessary steps for sanctioning your event. If you have questions please contact Linda Sheron at lindasheron@comcast.net.

II. New Business

- A. OSAA State Reimbursement formula. Sue Anne Williams distributed the OSAA State Reimbursement formula used to determine the amount of money the OSAA approves for meals at state. It is beneficial for coaches to access that information on the OSAA website to determine the maximum amount of meal reimbursement for your team. For information go to: www.OSAA.org - from the home page click on "Handbook / forms" – then click on "forms", lastly click on "Playoff Reimbursement".
- B. Cori Mingear will be contacting Mike Wallmark of OSAA to inquire about having an earlier State entry deadline date. This would hopefully allow for earlier disclosure of information regarding divisions and dates so team can start scheduling for hotels and transportation.
- C. Scholarships – Casie Duax: All Dance Scholarship entries have been received and Casie is reviewing them. She has secured a Jazz and Modern instructor to facilitate the scholarship audition. She has a strong lead for a Ballet instructor as well.
- D. ALL STATE – Peggy Schlegel the 5A/6A team applicants will now be separated for the All State Dance Team auditions. This will, most likely eliminate callbacks.
- E. Robin Hare will be taking recommendations for national anthem singers at the Winter Meeting.
- F. WARNING: There is a man representing himself as a movie executive who has been harassing people who use OREGONLIVE. He calls himself "Paul". Please make sure your dancers are aware of this man who is suspected to be a fraud.
- G. Please mark your calendars for April 7th, 2008 – the NW Junior State Dance Championships. Volunteers are needed to help at this event. Proceeds from this event benefit the DDCA scholarship program.

Next Meetings:

January 9th – Woodburn High School

January 20th – WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Woodburn High School

February 6th – Woodburn High School

Monthly Board Tip: Get involved in your school beyond dance. Make sure your team participates at various school venues such as school sponsored outreach programs, a variety of sports or art events. The school staff and students will become more aware of your program and it will promote school spirit.