

12:20pm Meeting begins

INDOOR:

We had a very successful 2012 Indoor season

26 units travelled and competed in Wildwood at All Chapter Championships

19 units advanced to Finals. This was a great representation of Chapter 8.

Marty Altman has extra patches from Wildwood this year, if you need any more for your performers, please contact Marty.

This was the first season we used the sound system and Lorry Yednak as our announcer.

Membership paid \$805 Chapter paid \$945 for the sound system usage and the announcer, this was a huge success and helped prevent music/cd issues. The board would like to continue the use of the sound system and announcer for the future.

As per the input we received from the show hosts, the use of the passes for the performers and staff/chaperones was a huge success. Most show hosts saw a considerable increase in their profit amounts. Championships alone saw a \$1000 increase in profit.

IMPORTANT: Rosters must show ONLY the performers and student runners. (Student runners MUST be within the age group of the unit performing). Rosters ARE NOT to be submitted every week with different performer names, and such.

Show hosts: Please ensure that the people working the unit check in are aware that there are BOARD MEMBER PASSES and they are not to be counted in any units numbers.

Anyone planning on hosting a show for the 2013 season must contact Marty Altman prior to sending in their NJA contract.

New contact information for Southbrook is southbrookcdm@gmail.com

TOB/TIA Rules congress is scheduled for August 5, 2012. Any rule changes need typed up and sent to Teresa at JATROSS1@aol.com ASAP.. Deadline is 6/28/2012

Mark Despotakis discussed publicity.

- Show hosts will be provided with a from the circuit to put in their program books.

- Membership schools are facing music cuts, we are now affiliates with the support music coalition. WWW.SUPPORTMUSIC.COM
- Many of our pictures from Chapter 8 were featured on the TOB/TIA website this past season.

Teresa Ross spoke regarding a student from Dance FX that was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. Her name is Sara Frey. Kathy Goettler (Dance FX) is requesting that our Chapter 8 family support this young performer and her family as she battles this horrible disease. Kathy will be hosting a benefit show on May 11, 2013 to help Sara's family with the medical costs. Chapter 8 units are asked to come and perform, she is also asking Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, or any other performing units to come out and show Sara and her family their support. Kathy is also asking each unit to donate a Chinese auction basket to be raffled off. Teresa Ross reminded everyone that we are all a family in chapter 8 and need to make sure that we help out as much as possible. The show will be held at Brentwood Middle school and there are many local businesses and the police donating that day.

Kelley Revak informed the membership of Brittney Carlgren (Fast Forward) terrible car accident which left Brittney with a broken pelvis and other minor injuries. According to Sharon Tryc (Fast Forward) Brittney is expected to make a full recovery and is already walking with assistance.

Anyone who is in need of moral support from our Chapter 8 family, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here for anyone, anytime. No problem is too big or small, please feel free to contact any of the board members.

Eric Smith (absent) presented the treasurer's report. The chapter is in the black with \$3062.22

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OFFICERS:

All board positions are open for election. The following members were nominated:

President (2 yr term): Justin Turpin (Elizabeth Forward)

Vice President (1 yr term): Amber Ross (Andromeda), Erin Holsinger (Andromeda)

Treasurer (2yr term): Eric Smith

Secretary (1yr term): Kelley Revak (Andromeda)

Indoor Member at Large (1yr term): Joanne Gerardi (Sensations), Diane Meredith (Baldwin)

Outdoor Member at Large (1yr term): Karen Cole (McKeesport), Mike Sisley (Steele Valley), Stephanie Eney (Elizabeth Forward)

Publicity (2yr term): Mark Despotakis

Anyone else wishing to run for the board positions, please submit via email to Marty Altman.

Election of officers will be held at the next membership meeting.

OUTDOOR

- Justin Turpin is working on recruiting more marching bands to Chapter 8. Two Bands have already committed to come to Ch 8 (Woodland Hills, Deer Lakes)

There will be a new type of scoring/judging method starting 2012 outdoor season. Everything will be done electronically through a router that the tabulator has, all scores and "tapes" will be uploaded and the director will access it through their ipods, or cell phones using a username and password.

More information will be released as it is received from NJA at the judging training and Rules Congress.

Outdoor Schedule is as follows:

9/8 Connellsville tmartin@casdfalcons.org

9/15 Eisenhower napolitanm@wcspace.org

9/22 Steel Valley msisley2893@yahoo.com

10/6 Baldwin gstele@bwschools.net

10/13 McKeesport KaCole@mckasd.net

10/20 Elizabeth Forward JTurpin@efsd.net

10/27 All Chapter Championships Class A Groups 1,2,3,4 Hershey, PA

10/28 All Chapter Championships Groups 4 & 2 Hershey, Pa

11/4 All Chapter Championships Groups 3 & 1 Hershey, Pa

TOB bi-laws indicate that outdoor show hosts reimburse out of chapter bands for their attendance. (Groups 1 & 2 \$400.00 Groups 3&4 \$450.00) Chapter 8 in the past has agreed as a chapter NOT to utilize this reimbursement, as the show host will not profit from them hosting a show.

Motion (M. Sisley of Steel Valley) No reimbursement in Chapter 8. 2nd (Lorry Yednak of Baldwin)
Motion Passed by membership

Unit Show requirements:

Must do two TOB shows to be eligible for Chapter 8 Championships. One of those show MUST be Chapter 8.

New Field Rules discussed by Marty Altman

- Red cones- Extended 15 more feet in favor of the performing unit.(instead of from the 30yd line to the 30yd line it is now the full length of the field)
- Equipment must be within the front boundary lines.
- Speakers can go up to 18 feet from the front line
- No performer can enter the field from the stands
- Non-playing members that sing DO NOT add to group size.
- No pre-recorded sounds or singing (results in a 2pt penalty)
- Mixer/Sound board may not be used by adults or staff. Must be a performer and must be on the field

1:42pm Motion to Adjourn (Lorry Yednak- Baldwin) 2nd (Phil Gilberto- Pgh Percussion)

Meeting Adjourned.