

Ohio Indoor Performance Association
June 2, 2007
Advisory Board Meeting
Hampton Inn West -Trabue Road, Columbus, Ohio

I. Meeting called to order by OIPA President Michael Lentz

- A. Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their interest in the new circuit.
- B. Prior to the meeting Michael passed out the following papers: Spinfest, prior meeting minutes, meeting agenda, constitution & by laws, and tentative contest calendar.
- C. Michael encouraged everyone to read over the minutes from the May 2007 meeting and made a correction in the mission statement. The correction was noted to read: *OIPA is a non-profit youth organization, which cultivates personal growth through competitive opportunities in an organized forum that promotes self-esteem, education, freedom of creativity and positive lift experiences for all participants.*
- D. Another correction was brought to attention in the by laws/constitution: Article IV – Administration: A. *(should read) The administration of the association shall be vested in the President, who shall have a staff of four (4) officers that shall assist him/her in the duties of the President.*
 - The motion was made for approval of minutes with said corrections: motion accepted 1st Brett Stalnaker, 2nd by Barry Canan. All accepted.
- E. A review of the constitution & by laws was done. A motion to accept was made: 1st Chad Clum, 2nd Stephanie Miller. All accepted.
- F. There was discussion to adopt all WGI rules for the 6 recognized WGI classes. A motion to accept said rules was made: 1st Dave Stinson, 2nd Liz Clum. All accepted.
- G. Future endeavors were discussed and one item that came up was to create a committee for line units.

III. New Business

- A. Discussion was on what guard, line, and percussion classes OIPA would offer. It was agreed that further investigation was necessary before a final determination could be reached.
- B. Chad lead the discussion about the contest crew. This would be a crew made up of volunteers to run the contests so that things would be run smoothly at each show. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that this was a good idea due to the past inconsistencies.

- C. Discussion was also had about creating DVD's for each unit at the end of the season.
- D. Some concerns were also brought up about ticket prices. Some feel that shows are too expensive to attend for large families. There was discussion at the initial starting meeting to create a possible "family pass" to be available at a discounted price. Still more discussion and thought needs to be presented before a final decision will be made.
- E. The website is still under construction. There was a suggestion to put the meeting minutes from the prior meetings on the website so viewing is possible by everyone.
- F. Some discussion was brought up about the exhibition units. One of the things perspective members would like to see is: judge's tapes/critique for exhibition units. There was discussion about having a future meeting with exhibition units to see what their needs are. A suggestion was brought up to have a place on the application form to join the circuit for exhibition units to check mark a spot if they want judges tapes/critique. That way if all units don't desire the same thing they have the option to make that decision prior to the season/show(s).
- G. Some concerns were brought up over having hallways to change versus classrooms. Due to security demands on schools they are not allowed to use classrooms anymore. There was a suggestion to provide separate walled off changing "area" for girls and boys.
- H. One thing that has been done in the past with other circuits is a DVD preview of each show site prior to the contest season. This way everyone could view the potential performance site. Chad said he wouldn't mind taking this task on.
- I. One suggestion that was brought up was to use the judge's cassette tapes over and over for each show. This would cut down on cost to the circuit and the instructors would not have multiple sets of tapes to deal with. The suggestion was to drop off your tapes at check in, already set to go, and the judges would use those tapes provided.
- J. Michael brought up the point that all awards should be standardized. We should decide on if we want to use trophies, plaques, M&M's, etc for our awards. There was discussion as to what benefits each unit. Do scholastic units like trophies better and do independent units like plaques better? More discussion will have to happen before a decision is reached. Another thing that was brought up was the use of traveling trophies with a logo. Should we do this or not? Again, more discussion is warranted.
- K. Everyone agreed that they liked the idea of releasing the judging panel prior to the contest. The reason why is the instructors don't know who is judging until they walk in the door the day of the show. A possible solution is to release the judging list at the same time the show schedule is put up.

- L. Michael then turned over the floor to Dave Stinson to discuss the tentative show schedule. Dave spoke on the tentative calendar laid out before the meeting. There was discussion about possibly having the field day at the Nutter Center if Michael could secure the facility. There was also a suggestion to have a possible social event the first weekend after field day. This way the students would get a chance to meet prior to the season starting. February 10th was suggested to be the day of the Toledo area contest to back against the Ferndale WGI Regional. Other locations are TBA.

IV. Announcement of next meeting and motion to adjourn

- A. Michael announced the next meeting, which would be an E-board financial meeting, would be announced on the website. The time and place was TBA.
- B. The next E-board meeting would be held Saturday, June 23, 2007 in Toledo from 1-6pm at Comfort Keepers (Chad's business). This meeting would be prior to the Drum Corps show in Toledo and we would then attend the show.
- C. The motion to adjourn was made: 1st Barry Canan, 2nd Brett Stalnaker. All accepted.

Respectfully submitted by:
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OIPA Secretary