

**Ohio Indoor Performance Association
Finance/E-board Meeting, June 15, 2007
Hampton Inn, Mansfield, OH**

I. Meeting called to order by OIPA President Michael Lentz

- A. Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.
- B. Meeting agenda was passed out.
- C. Motion to approve meeting minutes was made: 1st Barry Canan, 2nd Dave Stinson. All accepted.

II. Roll call

- A. All executive board members were present.

III. New Business

- A. Dave is to handle items involved in show scheduling up until close to the actual date of the show. Any contest questions should be directed toward him. The items will be passed off to Chad and the show sponsor once closer to the show date. July 15th is the date to turn in the application to host a show. There was discussion about having video critiques at only 3 (three) of the shows. These tentative dates are: January 26th, February 23rd, and March 8th.
- B. A system of assigning shows to show sponsors will be tabled until a future meeting.
- C. A discussion was then led by Michael about creating OIJA (Ohio Indoor Judges Association). After talking with Shirley Whitcomb about many items there was discussion if we should even form a judges association. Michael said he would like to still consider OIJA seriously and would warrant some more discussion with appropriate people. He would report back at a later date with more information.
- D. **Awards:** discussion was about whether units would prefer a trophy or a plaque for awards. After much deliberation it was decided to go with plaques for cost factor. Buying in bulk may allow things to cost less. Minimum standards for plaque sizes were adopted. The plaques should be all 8x10 in size with no exception. If anyone chooses to present a larger plaque that would be up to each show sponsor. There was also discussion about the circuit buying the awards in bulk and then selling them to the show sponsor at cost. The show sponsor could then turn around and have they sponsored for more than the given price to try to earn money. Awards will be presented to the top 3 places in each class and possibly Skittles to the rest (incl. top 3). Championship plaques will also be the standard 8x10 size. Awards are as follows for championships: 1st place traveling trophy (provided by circuit), 2nd & 3rd plaque stating placement, 4th & down plaque stating placement. The following season at championships the 1st place unit would then be given a plaque to commemorate their win the prior season. The show sponsor will be responsible for providing all championship plaques (excluding the traveling trophies). Medals will be handed out to the top three units in each class. The circuit will incur the expense for these medals. A championship committee will be appointed by the President to research the items for championships including awards. Discussion was to possibly have one color medal with different color ribbons. Blue=1st, Red=2nd, White=3rd.
- E. Dave will research the sound system through a contact and report back.
- F. **Floor tarp:** discussion was to purchase a black/tan floor tarp for the circuit. The approximate cost would be between \$1800-2000. Other options are still being investigated as far as purchasing a used tarp too. Transportation of the tarp during the season will be as follows: the contest on the next weekend of competition will be responsible for transporting the tarp to the next location. I.e. if the competition is in Dayton and the next weekend is in Akron; it is Akron's responsibility to transport and deliver the tarp to the next contest venue.
- G. **Senior & Age out awards:** there will be no senior awards handed out at championships. Reasoning: it is the senior's individual high school responsibility to recognize them at

graduation time. However, the senior's names will be read at retreat as the units are parading onto the floor. All names must be provided prior to the event. Age outs will be presented with a plaque at championships. This will be an 8x10 plaque provided by the circuit to match in accordance with all other award sizes.

- H. **Judges:** There are going to be 3 (three) levels of pay for judges. They are as follows: Level 1 (3+ years of experience & WGI level judge) \$375; Level 2 (3+ years of experience & non-WGI level judge, this includes T&P judges) \$250; Level 1 (1-2 years experience & non-WGI level judge) \$125. We are adopting WGI standards for hotel accommodations. There was discussion of trying to join up with a hotel chain to provide accommodations. There would be a travel cap on monies allowed. This means: 21 days out from a show if it is cheaper to fly but the judge will earn more from driving in mileage we will only pay the amount it will cost to fly. I.e. if flying costs \$300 but the judge can earn \$450 from driving we will only pay \$300. Dave and Michael will be taking care of travel and lodging for judges. Kristi will then take over making arrangement for transportation from airport to venue/hotel. She will also be responsible for making "care packages" for judges.
- I. There was talk about creating a position for a judge's education director. Michael will talk to Cody to see if he is interested. This would be a paid position. There was also discussion to set aside money for judges training. This will be discussed in the future.
- J. **Unit dues:** The following decisions were made about unit dues:
Lines & Exhibition units: \$350 + surety bond
(6 staff wrist bands)
Non-WGI recognized classes: \$400 + surety bond
(7 staff wrist bands)
WGI recognized classes: \$450 + surety bond
(8 staff wrist bands)
- The surety bond will be in the amount of \$50. Non-OIPA units wishing to perform in a show will pay a fee of \$50 to participate per show up to 2 (two) shows. After 2 (two) shows a unit must join the circuit to participate in any more shows. The unit then will pay the remaining balance of dues plus the surety bond. A motion was made to accept the following dues: 1st Chad Clum; 2nd Dave Stinson. All accepted.
- K. **Dues deadline:** The deadline timeline is as follows:
1st draw: November 15th
Late fee: December 16th (in the amount of \$50)
2nd draw: December 15th (final draw)
- L. **Show scheduling:** A tentative show schedule including tentative judging assignments will be published 3 (three) weeks prior to the event. Full information including judging assignments will be published at 10 (ten) days prior to the event. If any unit wishes to pull out of an event they must do so 2 (two) weeks prior if not they lose their surety bond. The surety bond must be repaid prior to performance and that money would go to the show host. Likewise units have until 2 (two) weeks prior to an event to add themselves to the line up. After that 2 (two) week period no other units will be added. On the Thursday prior to the event by 12:00 (noon) all units must have their spiel sheets updated for print off. A motion was made to accept the following information: 1st Mike Lentz, 2nd Chad Clum. All accepted.
- M. **Ticket prices & Show host fees:**
Ticket prices will be as follows:
Regular shows: Adults: \$8
Students (7-18): \$7
6 & under: free
Seniors (62+): \$6
The fee for hosting a regular season event will be \$2200.
Championships: Adults: \$13
Students (7-18): \$12
6 & under: free
Seniors (62+): \$11

The extra \$5 in ticket prices goes directly to the circuit. The ticket price increase is a one time fee for the whole day's events. The fee for hosting championships will be \$2800.

Staff wrist bands given to units: see entry fees.

The motion was made to accept these prices for tickets: 1st Dave Stinson, 2nd Chad Clum. All accepted.

- N. Future endeavors up for discussion: possible scholarship for units to compete in circuit. Offer an individuals competition at a non-video critique show. The possible fee would be \$10 to enter. The individual must do 1 (one) show during the season to be eligible for championships.
- O. Dave discussed budgeting items. Attached is a copy of the proposed budget. Some specific items discussed in the budget were as follows: laptop/printer provided by E-board member @ each show; tab program Michael got for free; judges tapes are approximately .35ea which will be an approximate cost of \$600; judging sheet will be provided by Onyx & Michael; DVD's for the units will be researched by Barry and he has donated the cost to cover these; DVD recorder-Chad to report back. All other items discussed are contained in above notes.
- P. Barry has been working on recruiting measures. He has run off a list of the high schools in Ohio and is working on getting contact information for all of them. He will update the board as it progresses. Kristi has volunteered to help him in his task.
- Q. Michael then proposed that OIPA possibly join up with TriState to host a show. It would be a joint venture with the circuits splitting the cost of things. All details have yet to be worked out and Michael is going to set up a meeting with Dan Middleworth to discuss this further. He will report back with more information.

IV. Announcement of next meeting and motion to adjourn:

- A. Michael announced that the next meeting would be held in Toledo in conjunction with the drum corps show. Everyone is invited to attend but this will be another E-board meeting. The meeting is to be held at Chad's business: Comfort Keepers, 2451 North Reynolds Rd. Toledo, Ohio 43615. Food will be served at 3:00pm and the meeting will start at 3:30pm. Some of the things to be discussed at the next meeting include: decision to what classes we offer, creating committee's, and recruiting.
- B. A motion to adjourn was made by 1st Barry Canan, 2nd Mike Lentz. All accepted.

Respectfully submitted by:
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