

## **TCGC Spring Meeting 2018**

Sunday May 6

Board Members in attendance: Stephen Howard, Mark Waldon, Kim Booher, Lance Brightwell, Doug Henderson, Amanda Reynolds

Meeting called to order 10:05am

Welcome and Introductions

### Executive Board Reports

Secretary:

- Approval of Fall Meeting 2017 minutes as posted on the website
- Motion: Taylor Landers 2nd: Jessica Torres
  - Minutes approved

VP of Finance:

- Budget Report at a glance (refer to handout)
- Outstanding expenses and income
- Motion: Taylor Landers 2nd: Ray Holland
  - Report approved

VP of Marketing:

- Term Accomplishments
  - Marketing
    - Built Facebook and Instagram following
    - Established and built relationship with Bryan/College Station CVB
    - Established creative flow between marketing pieces
    - Establish parent newsletter
    - Established sponsorship levels to establish consistency
  - Sponsorships
    - \$3200 cash
    - \$45000 in kind donated
      - Award banners
    - Winterguard tarps
      - New floors
    - Reed Arena
      - Saved \$71,075 in kind
      - \$95,000 cash

- Contingent on predicted 2018 championships results
      - Total money raised over the last 6 years
        - \$214,275 both in-kind donations and cash
- Moving forward
  - Build on sponsorship packaging
  - Continue relationship with Bryan/College Station CVB
    - TURN IN YOUR SURVEYS!!!
  - Enhance and build parent communication
- Motion: Taylor Landers      2nd: Jessica Torres
  - Report Approved

Circuit Administrator:

- Host Applications
  - Applications will be updated after EBoard retreat in early June
  - No late applications
  - Due date is August 3rd, Certified Mail
  - Must use the google form which will be on the tentative schedule after the summer Eboard retreat
  - Your show site walk through must be completed prior to August 3rd (only for new show hosts unless there is a change in flow or construction)
- Motion: Taylor Landers                      2nd: Jessica Torres
  - Report approved

VP of Adjudication:

- 2018 Accomplishments
  - Judge development for local judges (this happens yearly)
  - Shirley Dorritie (WGI and TCGC Director of Education) conducted training held in early December at The Woodlands College Park HS.
  - Required for all members of the Judges Association
  - Local judges were also required to participate in a judge training session at the first contest of the season. Consisted of completing commentary files and numbers. Dialogue with working panel throughout the day. Those who did not participate were removed from the judging rotation.
  - Analysis of previous weeks' scoring ranges provided to working panel each week.
  - Weekly directives provided to working panel by Judges Association Board.

- Panels completed and provided to TCGC Board well in advance of the December 15 agreement. Championships panels filled first then work back.
  - Early season shows were WGI panels. Remaining shows were mixed panels- WGI and local judges.
  - Championships panel (double)- mix of WGI and local judges (50/50 split)
  - 2018 Judge Feedback Overview
    - Feedback provided to the judges throughout the season
    - Formal concerns were reported to judges board= 2
    - Number of formal complaints down drastically over the last couple of years
    - Must use the form to file a formal complaint
    - All concerns were addressed/ resolved prior to judges' next scheduled contest
    - Concerns were addressed by Greg Llacer (Chief Judge)
    - Judges removed from rotation
  - 2019 Plans
    - Early invitations sent to national judges (May timeframe)
    - Judges Board transition from Charles Brown to Keith McKeachie as judges coordinator
    - Start planning for symposium
      - Session 1 Judges workshop precursor to training with Shirley
      - Session 2 training with Shirley Dorritie
    - Judge recruitment
- Motion: Taylor Landers      2nd: Jessica Torres
- Report approved

VP of Colorguard:

- We're growing! 2016- 218 units, 2017- 251 units, 2018- 259
- Team Texas TCGC units represented at WGI World Championships. Congrats to all who traveled to Dayton to participate.
- Reclassifications:
  - 5 units promoted to SRA
  - 13 units promoted to SA
  - 3 units promoted to SNA (2 from WGI regional finalist status)
  - 21 units reclassified in 2018 (2 from WGI status)
  - 49 units reclassified in 2017 (9 from WGI status)
  - No post season WGI reclassifications yet (WGI meeting later in May)

- Thanks to the reclassification committee: Michael Cortez, Michelle Jordan, and Beth Young
- Thanks to the scholarship committee: Andy Ayala, Ray Holland, Heather Brown, Tykeem Rainey, Naomi DIngle and family
- Thanks to the Color Guard Task force: Joey Powell, Derek Woods, Justin Sullivan, Joe Cataneo, Jessica Torres, and Brandi Ball
  - Thank you for your 2 year term: Derek Woods, Justin Sullivan, and Brandi Ball.
  - We will have 3 CGTF positions up for elections today: 2 west side and 1 east. This is a 2 year term.
- WGI is still in talks with Disney trying to arrange bringing WGI WOrld Championships to Orlando Florida. Earliest possible date would be 2020.
  - David Duffy suggests partnering with NTCA and TECA as a unified front to bring WGI World Championships to Dallas. Garner support from CA, CO, MO.
- Motion: Taylor Landers      2nd: Jessica Torres
  - Report approved

#### VP of Percussion

- Judges: recruit for more local judges. Send names to Lance Brightwell.
- Task Force: Rob Sullens, Rick Hanf, Emily Patterson, Clay Jasper, Dusty Norris
  - Rob, Emily, and Dusty's terms are up. Will elect 3 positions for the task force.
- Webinar/Educational Opportunities
- Congrats to those units that attended World Championships.
- Motion: Rob Sullens      2nd: Grace Welter
  - Report approved

#### President:

- Area to State model
  - First year incorporating this
  - Circuit too large to fit everyone into Reed arena
  - Judges all agreed this was the best Championships experience they have had at a TCGC Championships event.
  - Feedback from directors were to not see JV and SRA classes advance to Reed
  - Would like to see this model continue

- Worried flomarching would take away revenue, but that was not the case. 8-10% increase in ticket sales this year. Looking to continue relationship with Flomarching.
- Website
  - Lots of director feedback.
  - Board being proactive to fix website issues
  - Looking at using Matt Becker from Competition Suite called Competition Pages. This would merge your account from competition suite and TCGC director account. Cheaper to switch because current website charges for every change we make.
  - More user friendly
  - Should be up in 3-4 weeks once we pull the trigger
  - Initial cost would be \$300 a year if we keep the same face. If we re-design it would be a one time cost of \$1000. Current website cost year to date is much larger.
  - Examples of websites done by Competition Pages are NTCA, CIWA, and Winterguard Arizona
- Ethics and TCGC
  - Steps TCGC is taking to keep students and staff safe at TCGC events
  - All contest staff took ethics course prior to the 2018 season. This will continue each year, and the executive board will also participate starting 2019 season.
  - Marching Roundtable ethics course offered to circuit membership.
  - Background checks for all staff and EBoard members. School background checks are acceptable.
  - An additional resource on website on how to select and train volunteers for show hosts and how to interact with units.
  - Resource guide for schools on how to properly background check their employees
  - Encourage independent groups to follow these background check guidelines
  - When TCGC knows of an issue, TCGC informs show hosts and staff of issues of people who are not allowed to be on school grounds.
  - Judges Association has judges sign an ethics contract.
- Board Change
  - Interested in changing the duties of the marketing position. TCGC plans to continue having Amanda as a marketing consultant.
  - Would like to move that duty from Marketing to VP of Educational Programming

- This position would look for opportunities to further advance the education for judges, directors, and students.
- Looking to see this role grow and develop
- Upcoming financial updates
  - \$21,000 in revenue. Need to update technology. Tablet issues this year. Allocating money for new tablets. Replace aging computers for announcers and new sound systems. Half this revenue will go back into contingency fund (took out \$10,000 a couple of years ago to pay for championships that never got put back in cause we didn't make that money back)
  - How we used to fund shows \$7350 (84.5%) show host \$1350 TCGC (15.5%)
  - How we currently fund shows \$2500 (32.5%) show host \$5200 TCGC (67.5%)
  - How we proposed to fund shows \$2000 (23%) show host \$6700 TCGC (77%)
- Expansion necessary
  - Offering 5 more shows than last year (even one in Houston during TMEA weekend). Could have 4 shows at one time.
  - Need more show host applications
  - Possibility of some Friday night shows (after Basketball season)
  - More shows= more judges= more staff= more equipment
  - Replace and maintain aging technology
- How can we fund these needs?
  - Dues updated
  - Ticket sales updated
  - Contract with exclusive merchandise provider (currently have 3 bids in) We would earn a percentage of those sales. Show hosts would not be able to sell their own stuff at shows if this is the case. Independent groups could still sell THEIR unit merchandise. 2 of the bids would provide year round access to purchase gear.
- Motion: Taylor Landers 2nd: Jessica Torres
  - Report Approved
- Policy proposals
  - Refer to policy proposals document on the website for all proposals and voting results
  - Proposal 1-

- Motion to vote - Ali Martinez      Second- Joey Powell
  - Motion fails 41 to 21, 12 abstain
- Proposal 2-
  - Motion to vote - Joey Powell      Second - Whitney Stone
  - Motion passes
- Proposal 3-
  - Withdrawn
- Proposal 4-
  - Motion to table - Taylor Landers      Second - Heather Stone
    - Task Force will meet to discuss options and survey the membership prior to Fall meeting
- Proposal 5-
  - Motion to approve amendment Chris Josey vote:Amendment approved.
  - Motion to vote: Chris Josey      Second:Joey Powell
  - Motion passes by acclimation as amended
- Proposal 6-
  - Motion to vote: Rob Sullens      Second:Taylor Landers
  - Motion passes by acclamation
- Proposal 7-
  - Motion to vote: Ali Martinez      Second: Richard Hanf
  - Motion passes as written
- Proposal 8-
  - Motion to vote: Chris Josey      Second: Taylor Landers
  - Motion passes by acclamation
    - Consider how this class moves to WGI with mixed sheet/timing
- Proposal 9-
  - Motion to table: Rob Sullens      Second: Taylor Landers
  - Motion tabled

Meeting called back to order at 12:50PM

Percussion Caucus:

- Videos at Championships
  - Units would like to be able to video their own group for educational purposes and not just rely on the videos uploaded to Competition Suite

- Lance says he personally guarantees there will be video allowed or he will shave his head
- Lance wants to blast more stuff on the TCGC Percussion Directors FB page
- Emily to get going on instagram sooner and more info out to parents
- Look into possibilities of utilizing GroupMe as a way to get info to directors
- Educational Budget pays for overview judge and webinars. Try to get EBoard to pay for overview judges to free up money for additional webinars and other educational programs
- Maybe start a TCGC Percussion Directors YouTube channel to post some educational videos for reference
  - Put a list together of what needs to go on there. I.E....how to fold a floor, how to get on and off the floor, how to load a trailer...etc.
- What do we want to spend educational budget from the circuit?
  - Ensure we always have the best judges in the country
- Positive feedback from judges throughout the season about TCGC
- Judges cannot move a group down a class, but a director can petition to move down a class
- Rob Sullens spoke about Concert Class. 10 more units at WGI this year than last. That area of the activity is growing. Addition of Concert A class at WGI Championships has helped.
- Task Force nominations
  - Elected Grace Welter (Hendrickson) At-large
  - Re-elected Rob Sullens (Tomball) Concert Class
  - Richard Hanf (Waller) A Class (term up spring 2019)
  - Re-elected Dusty Norris (Clear Brook)n Open Class
  - Clay Jasper (Northshore) World Class (term up spring 2019)

#### New Business:

- By-laws proposal
  - Article IV, section 7: Voting Rights
  - Current By-Law: Each member is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote to the members. Voting at duly held meetings shall be held by voice vote. Election of officers of the board, however, shall be by ballot or acclimation.
  - Proposed change: Each parent organization is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote to the members. Voting at duly held meetings shall be held by voice vote. Election of officers of the board, however, shall be by written or electronic ballot or acclimation.
    - Motion to vote: Taylor Landers Second: Jessica Torres





- Justification: Allows promotion at any point in the season, not just the first 3 weeks. Simplify wording and aligns TCGC with WGI
- Motion to vote: Richard Hanf second: Dusty Norris
- Proposal passes

Taylor Landers talked about Area process and ordinals. Will take that to the Color Guard task force.

Joey Powell spoke about WGI and proposal submission. Be sure to contact him or others on the WGI advisory board with your opinions and how you would like him to represent you once those proposals are released.

Contact Jaime if you would like a copy of your high cam video from Reed Championships

Update your staff list on Competition Suite. Circuit uses this program and info to make the Championships program.

Look into text message to get out show info in real time

Motion to accept new business: Taylor Landers Second: Jessica Torres  
Motion passes by acclimation

Election of Executive Board Officers:

- President- Stephen Howard
  - Nominations
    - Stephen Howard
    - Motion to vote: Taylor Landers second: Jessica Torres
- Secretary
  - Nominations
    - Mark Waldon
    - Motion to vote: Taylor Landers Second: Jessica Torres
- Marketing VP/ Educational Programming VP
  - Nominations:
    - Joey Powell- As interim till fall meeting
    - Table to Fall meeting for permanent decision
    - Motion by Taylor Landers second Jessica Torres
    - Motion passes by acclimation

Election of Task Force members:

- Colorguard
  - East rep- Beth Young
  - West rep- Chris Josey
  - West rep- Whitney Stone
  - West rep- Chris McCarty
    - Chris McCarthy West
    - Beth Young East
    - Chris Josey West
    - Whitney Stone West
    - Amy Tomsa East
- Percussion
  - Grace Welter At-large member
  - Dusty Norris Open Class
  - Rob Sullens Concert Class

Presentation of proposed show calendar for 2019 season

Fall Meeting date and location: Sunday August 19, Bryan HS

Motion to adjourn: Taylor Landers    Second: Jessica Torres

Meeting Adjourned at 3:29pm