

Dance and Drill Coaches Association
Spring Membership Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2022
11:00am

Teams Present: Albany Gems, Banks, Cleveland, David Douglas, Canby, Centennial, Clackamas, Forest Grove, Gladstone, Glencoe, Grant, Gresham, Lake Oswego, Oregon City, Parkrose, Rex Putnam, Reynolds, Sam Barlow, Sandy, Scappoose, Sheldon, Thurston, Tigard, Tualatin, Valley Catholic, West Salem, North Eugene

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Roll Call - Chantel
- 3) Meeting Minutes - Marlana
 - a) Approval for Winter Membership Meeting Minutes
 - i) Motion: Ally - Scappoose 2nd: Mary - Sandy
(1) All in favor: All Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0
- 4) Treasurer's Report - Jenn
 - a) Balance as of March 31, 2022: \$81,482.20
 - b) All outstanding invoices from competitions have been paid
 - c) The dance, academic and diversity excellence scholarships will be paid in August
 - d) A total of \$3,000 has been distributed to schools for the Opportunity Scholarships
- 5) Year in Review - Dave
 - a) Congratulations to all teams on a successful dance team season!
- 6) DDCA Years of Service Presentation - Hayley
 - a) Congratulations to all of our members on your years of service!
- 7) State Competition: Questions From the Membership
 - a) Blocking teams prior to state: Why does this happen? Can we change it?
 - i) The membership voted on this to happen at state about 10 years ago. If this was to change, a proposal would need to be brought to the membership.
(1) With category state, not sure if there will be a need to submit a proposal due to smaller entries per category.
 - b) Will the state competition remain in March or be moved to February?
 - i) State will still take place in March.
(1) State will be on March 17th and 18th in 2023
 - c) Drill down was a positive thing this year dividing by classification. Can we keep this?
 - i) This is a question we can ask OSAA
 - d) The prop helpers at state were a huge help for show teams. Can we have this again next year?
 - i) Thank you, Canby!
- 8) State 2023 - Dave

- a) The state committee agreed to keep the category entries to 5 per division and not go up to 7
- b) The maximum amount of routines a team will be able to enter is 2. After two years, we can go back to the OSAA and revisit an option for 3 maximum routines for state per team.
- c) Review of category options
 - i) Hip Hop, Kick, Traditional, Show, Pom, Jazz
- d) The 2022-2023 season will be November through March.
 - i) Category Champs will not take place in December. This event will possibly take place later in the season.
- e) Questions from the membership:
 - i) When will the cut off be to let OSAA know what routines we want to compete with at state?
 - (1) The cut off will be the same which is a preliminary registration in February and the final registration usually being the first weekend in March. OSAA sets these dates each year and will communicate to Athletic Directors and Dance Team Coaches of registration deadlines.
 - ii) Is it too late to propose a change to the categories?
 - (1) Yes, OSAA is accepting the proposal as written.
 - (a) The design of the local competition structure will align with the competition structure provided at State.
 - (b) Competitions will be the same: all 6 categories will be offered at every competition throughout the year. They will be divided into classifications instead of possible Large and Small divisions.
 - iii) Are there separate divisions within the Show Division?
 - (1) Yes, but there is the expectation that the division will collapse.
 - iv) If a competition has entries of two 1-4A teams in jazz and one 5A team, will they combine?
 - (1) Yes as far as we know right now. The board will further discuss the format of local competitions and the guidance we will provide at the Event Directors meeting in June.
 - v) Discussion on when a classification will collapse in a category.
 - (1) The board will verify with OSAA on if 6A would collapse down to 1-5A if they don't have 5 entries in a category.
 - vi) The rule about using a prop in a category routine remains the same. If you want to use more than one prop, your team would need to enter in the Show division. A reminder that floors are not a requirement in the Show division.
 - vii) How many routines can a team compete with during the season?
 - (1) A team can compete with as many routines as they would like to throughout the year. Only 2 routines can be entered at State though.

- (a) If DDCA has an event similar to Category Champs next season, we can discuss how many entries and if a limit will be put in place.
 - viii) When would Category Champs take place if not in December?
 - (1) The board is hoping towards the end of the year. Possibly in February or March.
 - ix) When will the membership know about the available dates for competitions next season?
 - (1) There will be an Event Directors Meeting on June 8th.
 - x) Has the requirement for the number of dancers changed?
 - (1) No, this will remain the same for the State competition. The OSAA minimum and maximum number of dancers will be followed by classification.
 - xi) If a category does not have a total of 5 entries, will that division not be allowed to compete at State?
 - (1) Yes. The category would compete that year and then possibly be eliminated the following year if the entries do not reach the minimum of 5 again.
 - xii) OSAA is in talks with the Salem Pavilion about having State 2023 at their facility next year.
 - (1) There is enough room at this facility for teams to watch
 - xiii) Are we keeping the same scoresheet? And if so, what will the qualifying score be for routines?
 - (1) The proposal stated a minimum score of 14 after any deductions will be the required score to qualify a routine for state. As of now, the scoresheet is the same but a proposal has been submitted and that could change.
 - xiv) Music licensing: will that stay the same?
 - (1) Yes you will have to check the box on the OSAA registration form saying you have followed the music licensing rules for State.
 - xv) One routine does not have to qualify for State. Your team must compete at one competition with that routine to enter your 'freebie'. The 2nd routine will need to qualify based on a minimum score of 14 after any deductions.
- 9) Membership Report - Chantel
 - a) The 2022-2023 membership registration is open
 - i) Please register and submit invoices to your bookkeepers as soon as possible.
 - (1) The deadline to compete in fall is October 15, 2022
 - (2) The deadline to compete in winter is January 15, 2023
 - ii) The membership fee has been raised for next year.
 - (1) \$250 will include 3 coaches and stay at \$20 per additional coach.
 - (a) This is up from \$200 to include up to 2 coaches and \$20 per additional coach.

- (b) Middle School Teams registration fees will stay the same.
 - iii) If you know of anyone interested in becoming a business member, please contact Chantel.
 - 10) OSAA Update - Dave
 - a) Discussion on the rule for 8th graders trying out before the OSAA association year is over on May 31st.
 - i) The breakdown of the rule is as follows: As long as your 8th grade students are separated from the high school students, a coach may instruct/teach the 8th grade students.
 - (1) The options are as follows to abide by the rule:
 - (a) Hold a separate try out for 8th graders. Example: High School students try out on May 3rd and 8th grade students try out on May 5th.
 - (b) Have your 8th graders try out on the same day as your high school students but in a separate location. Example: High School students in the gym and 8th grade students in the commons area
 - (c) Hold your tryouts to include all grades after May 31st. Same day and location is allowed after this date.
 - (2) The reasoning comes down to eligibility and when that would start for an 8th grader. Please review the rule on the OSAA website and discuss with your Athletic Directors.
- 11) Board Recognition
 - a) Thank you for your service to the DDCA Annie, Jenn and Marlena!
- 12) Announcement of 2022-2024 DDCA Board
 - a) Congratulations to our new board members:
 - i) Roshny Martuscelli - Associate
 - ii) BriAnne Hollett-Dillard - 6A
 - iii) Erika Myrick - 6A
 - iv) James Healey - 5A
 - v) Coral Burgess - 6A
- 13) June Membership Meeting
 - a) Event Directors Meeting on June 8th
 - i) Time and location to be determined and information will be sent out to the membership.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00pm. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Marlena Nunley; DDCA Secretary