

SOUTH FLORIDA WINTERGUARD ASSOCIATION
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Minutes of the General Meeting
Sunday – May 3, 2009
JP Taravella High School - Coral Springs, Florida

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Porter at 6:00 PM.

1. Opening Remarks – Kathy Porter, President
2. Recap of the season – this summer's caucus will be important for all to participate. We need to discuss options for contests with the increase in the number of units participating in the circuit.
 - We had a great season.
 - Nationally, we had a wonderful showing between medalists and finalists. The audience really responded to our units.
 - The percussion units did well. Brian Travelsted has some suggestions that he will be bringing back to the circuit for percussion.
 - We are experiencing growing pains and that is why the August caucus is so important. Kathy urged everyone to talk this up. The date is August 23 at 2PM at Taravella.
3. WGI Update – Kathy Porter
 - Advisory Board meeting is in Chicago in May. Dean and Jeff will report back and information will be posted on the website as it is received.
4. Financial Report – Nancy Fine
 - Report was prepared showing 2008 actual expenses, 2009 budget and 2009 actual.
 - Overall we did very well in controlling expenses. Some items were beyond our control due to the economy.
 - We ended the season with a profit of \$8643. The money will be used to pay off the debt incurred from the regional 2 years ago between now and the fall.
 - We were able to get through the season not adding to this debt.
5. Discussion of videos – Kathy and Gene gave reasons why we did not pursue a video contract this year. This should be put on the agenda for the caucus as well.
6. Representative and Committee Reports
 - Kathy talked about restructuring these positions to make them more effective
 - Palm Beach County – Milton Joselyn
 - Color Guard – Calvin Smart

7. New Business

- Slate of officers presented by Gene Remillet. Job Descriptions were summarized. These will be revised this summer.
 - i. President -Kathy Porter – unanimously passes
 - ii. First Vice President – Gene Remillet – unanimously passes
 - iii. Second Vice President – Nancy Fine – unanimously passes
 - iv. Third Vice President – Jeanine Mielke – unanimously passes
 - v. Secretary – Diane Hauck – unanimously passes
 - vi. Treasurer – Louise Cannon – unanimously passes
- County rep roles will be redefined at the summer caucus. Possibly create more. The Board proposed that this be deferred. Positions will be defined at the August caucus and will be voted on at the October meeting. Members presented concurred – motion passed.

8. For the good of the order

- Topics discussed
 - i. Quality of judges – Tom Slaughter is judging coordinator. Kathy urged that Tom be emailed with suggestions and requests.
 - ii. Panel for championships should be more WGI judges
 - iii. Quality of instructors
 - iv. Effectiveness of critique – we saw this year instructors taking feedback from the judges and making the suggested changes in their shows
 - v. Ellen Cohn spoke about Special Needs this year
 - vi. Katie O'Connor is moving to Georgia and will still be involved with sound and video editing
 - vii. Katie told everyone that Coral Glades biggest fundraiser will be coming up soon and Gene will post details on our website.
 - viii. Next season's schedule concerns

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Mielke
Secretary, SFWGA