

Dance and Drill Coaches Association of Oregon
DDCA Board Meeting Minutes
April 2nd, 2023
10:00am - 1:00pm
Erika's Studio

Present: Danielle Schneider, Amanda Wilcox, James Healey, Mackenzie Johnson, Chantel Stevens, Coral Burgess, Erika Myrick, David McCall, Roshny Martuscelli, Hayley DuLong

- 1) Welcome and Call Meeting to Order - Danielle
- 2) Consent Agenda:
 - a) March Meeting Minutes - Approved in Band - Hayley
 - b) DDCA CD Profits - Danielle
 - i) The 3-month CD approved was open on January 19, 2023 at Chase Bank for \$40,000.00. The CD will expire on April 19th, 2023. It's estimated that we have made \$245.78 in interest income on the CD.
 - c) SoS 2023 Annual Filing - Danielle
 - i) The DDCA's Annual Report was filed with the Secretary of State on 3/28/23. The \$50, associated fee was paid at the time of filing.
 - d) Motion from Chantel to approve the consent agenda.
 - i) Seconded by: Erika
 - (1) Approved: 9
 - (2) Opposed: 0
 - (3) Abstain: 0
 - ii) Motion Passed.
- 3) **Business:**
 - a) 2023-2024 Competition Schedule - All
 - i) Number of Competitions per Weekend:
 - (1) Usually 2 per weekend.
 - (2) Requirement to have 20 high school performances per competition.
 - (3) Suggested # of Competitions for the 23-24 Season:
 - (a) 11/11/23 - 1 Competition
 - (b) 11/18/23 - 2 Competitions
 - (c) 12/2/23 - 2 Competitions
 - (d) 12/9/23 - 1 Competition (DDCA Invitational)
 - (e) 1/6/24 - 0 Competitions
 - (f) 1/13/24 - 1 Competition
 - (g) 1/20/24 - 1 Competition
 - (h) 1/27/24 - 1 Competition
 - (i) 2/3/24 - 2 Competitions
 - (j) 2/10/24 - 2 Competitions
 - (k) 2/17/24 - 2 Competitions
 - (l) 2/24/24 - 2 Competitions

- (m) 3/2/24 - 3 Competitions
- ii) DDCA Invitational Fees: Needs to increase from \$150.00. Will discuss this topic at the Spring Meeting.
- iii) DDCA Championships Discussion
 - (1) Discussion about who would be able to host the DDCA event, and when it would occur during the season.
 - (a) Discussion about DDCA Category Championships participation dropping over the years.
 - (b) Discussion about having an event in general, but not necessarily a Championship.
 - (c) Discussion about the possibility of holding the event closer to State or hosting an event to kick off the season (Fall Festival).
 - (i) Participation Numbers from the 2022-2023 Season Pre-DDCA Champs and at DDCA Champs:
 1. Contemporary: 20 Teams Pre-Champs, 10 Teams at Champs (2 in Open)
 2. Modern: 7 Teams Pre-Champs, 3 Teams at Champs
 3. Kick: 6 Teams Pre-Champs, 3 Teams at Champs
 4. Novelty: 6 Teams Pre-Champs, 4 Teams at Champs (1 in Open)
 5. 32 Teams attended the DDCA Championships this year.
 - (d) Discussion about calling the event the "DDCA Invitational" - everyone who participates in State AND Non-State Categories can compete. No requirement to qualify. Not a championship.
 - (i) Mention about adding new non-state categories to the DDCA Invitational.
 - (ii) Discussion about when to host it:
 1. Preferred Options: First, Second, or Third Week of December.
 - a. 2nd Weekend of December 2023?
 - i. Yes: 4
 - ii. Abstain: 6
 - iii. No: 0
 2. DDCA Invitational to be held on December 9th, 2023.
 - a. DDCA Invitational Drill/Down participants will be dancers who

have placed in a previous competition.

b. Potential Categories Offered:

- i. Kick
- ii. Novelty
- iii. Contemporary
- iv. Modern
- v. Jazz
- vi. Hip Hop
- vii. Pom
- viii. New Category: Halftime or Field Show, Game Day, Solo/Duo/Trio, Middle School

c. Will poll the Membership at Spring Meeting about which new category they would like to see at the DDCA Invitational.

d. Pull Show and Traditional as categories for DDCA Invitational?

- i. Yes: 4
- ii. No: 2
- iii. Abstain: 4

b) Treasurer Report - Danielle & Roshny

- i) Sue is busy with tax returns, and will have March Financials soon.
- ii) Collected money that was owed. Trending in a positive direction.
- iii) Outstanding Fees:
 - (1) 1 School - Owes for All-State
 - (2) 2 Schools - Owe their Category Championship Fee
 - (3) 1 School - Scholarship Payment + Judges Invoice
- iv) Membership Meeting - Need to remind teams that we cannot accept late payments after State.
- v) CD is coming up for renewal. Projected to make \$200 from the first 3-month renewal. New rate: 2.96% (3 months) or 3.92% (6 months).
 - (1) Motion from Chantel to renew \$40,000.00 in 6-month CD.
Seconded by Amanda.
 - (a) Approved: 9
 - (b) Opposed: 0
 - (c) Abstain: 0
 - (d) Motion Approved.

c) JA Update - Roshny

- i) JA Proposal to Review & Vote: Changes to the Adjudication Process
 - (1) Any changes to the judges' process such as what coaches are wanting to receive post competitions (full score sheets vs

individual score sheets), timing protocols, and scheduling requests (3 judges vs. 6 judges, festival judging, etc...) need to be completed by fall meeting and/or before judges training held in October. Any requests after that time frame will be considered at the discretion of the JALT as long as it doesn't cause major adjustments on our processes and/or scheduling.

- ii) Discussion about defining the specific issue at hand.
- iii) Discussion about the desire from JA to have this proposal added to the manual.
- iv) Discussion about revisiting that topic and having additional conversations as these issues may be the result of miscommunications or changes throughout the past few seasons.
- v) Discussion about the need to have clearer processes in place in the future.
- vi) Roshny & Danielle to meet to review Event Director Resources and Manual next week.
- d) Routine Timing for 2023-2024 Season:
 - i) Keep 1 minute minimum for all locals (no penalties). Will vote on this at the Spring Meeting.
- e) Fall Conference / Fall Coaches Education Opportunity
 - i) NDCA - Coaching Credentialing
 - (1) 25 people - \$55 per person + Travel Expenses
 - ii) Try to apply for the NDCA Coaching Grant.
 - iii) Fall Conference Date & Location TBD
- f) Meeting Agenda - All
 - i) Event Director Meeting - Roshny & Danielle to put together an agenda for the meeting. Coral to talk about Drill/Down.
 - ii) Spring Membership Meeting Agenda:
 - (1) JA Update
 - (2) Competition Etiquette Reminders
 - (a) Changing Areas
 - (3) Drill/Down Reminders & Certification
 - (a) Payment of Drill Down Callers at Competition
 - (4) Fall Conference
 - (5) Treasurer Report
 - (6) Board Elections
 - (a) Need to reopen Board Application deadline to Monday, April 10th to ensure there are at least 5 applicants.
 - (7) Membership Registration Deadlines
 - (8) Competition Calendar
 - (9) State Recap Conversation & Concerns
 - (10) Rose Festival Performance - Thunderbird Camp Dance
 - (11) Building Dance Teams - Debbie
 - (12) DDCA vs OSAA (who governs what)
 - (13) Penalty Value Recap

- g) State Recap - All
 - i) Email from KT/Next Steps
 - (1) Concerned about the number of participating schools: 46 schools attended State this year, 55 schools attended last year.
 - (a) Potential Reasoning for drop in numbers: Coaches leaving, Teams went to locals but not State, number of dancers on teams limit participation.
 - (2) Blocking Strategies: OSAA Manual does indicate that teams will be blocked. Originally, this applied for the Show division, and for Dance/Drill Divisions with over 10 teams. (Since most divisions in the past were over 10 teams, it has been assumed that the Blocking Rule applied to all situations)
 - (a) Discussion about the need for blocking for smaller categories. We need to discuss with Membership on whether we want to get rid of it, keep it, or modify it based on the number of teams in each category.
 - (3) Additional Concerns from OSAA:
 - (a) We allow teams to bring less than the minimum time to local competitions.
 - (b) We allow teams to compete with teams who have less than the minimum team members.
 - (c) Penalty values are different at locals compared to state.
 - (d) We have an appeals process.
 - (e) Danielle, Amanda, and James to meet with KT.
 - ii) State Champions Gear Sale
 - iii) Pros/Improvements from New State format:
 - (1) Discussion about pros and cons of 2023 OSAA State Championships.
- 4) Reminders:
 - a) Connect with your call lists
 - b) Please be saving documents in the DDCA's Google Drive
 - c) OACA Meeting, April 6, 9:45am - 1:15pm, OSAA Office
 - d) Event Director/Spring Meeting - April 15th at 10:30am - Canby High School
 - e) May Board Meeting - Date & Location TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 1:06pm. The next Board Meeting will be held in May based on the new board availability. The DDCA Membership Spring Meeting will take place at Canby High School on April 15th, 2023. The Event Director Meeting will begin at 10:00am. The Membership Meeting will begin at 10:30am.

Respectfully Submitted by Hayley DuLong, DDCA Secretary