



Meeting Minutes - Executive Meeting

July 16, 2007
M.A.C. Office

In attendance:

Patti McNeill
Kristen Thomas
Jeny Beaulieu
Lindsay Sprange

Call to order

Patti McNeill called to order the MAC Executive meeting at 5:30 pm on July 16, 2007 at the M.A.C. office.

NEW BUSINESS

M.A.C. Meetings

M.A.C. will no longer hold seasonal meetings. Instead, a meeting will be held on the morning of each competition (approx. 8:30 a.m.). During this time, coaches will be provided with any new information and will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The Executive does not feel that the pre/post season meetings are the most effective use of time and more could be accomplished by meeting individually with coaches who wish to discuss issues/concerns.

Those who have ideas, concerns, or items they would like to discuss are welcome to send the information to the M.A.C. office for discussion at the next Executive meeting. If you have any cheerleading questions M.A.C. staff will be happy to assist you at anytime.

Message Board

The M.A.C. Message Board, found on our website, continues to be a problem. It is not possible for M.A.C. staff to monitor the board 24/7 and with anonymous postings that sometimes border on harassment and advertising posts from unknown sources, it consistently causing more problems than good. For this reason, we will be locking up the board and providing coaches, who are member of M.A.C. with a password so they may use the board in a responsible manner and they must use their name/team. In addition, any messages posted anonymously will be deleted by M.A.C.staff.

Score Sheets

Based on a request by our judges, M.A.C. will be allowing judges to award half marks (.5) while scoring. This will allow judges to be a little more specific and should decrease the chances of a tie occurring between teams. We also see no other changes that need to be made to the score sheets at this time.

First-Aid

M.A.C. now requires at least one coach be certified with Standard First-Aid and has arranged for training to be held for anyone who requires it. The current Emergency First Aid training does not provide coaches with first-aid knowledge required to treat the types of injuries most likely to occur in the sport of cheerleading. For that reason, M.A.C. has changed the course required. One person who is always at practice and any M.A.C. event will be required to have the Standard First-Aid, Emergency First aid is no longer acceptable. Details on this training are forthcoming.

Admission Fees

During the March 2007 M.A.C. meeting, competition admission fees were brought up and tabled to be discussed by the M.A.C. Executive before the next meeting. The Executive has decided that M.A.C. competition admission fees will remain the same for the 2007-2008 season. Also, as with other school sport tournaments/events, school administrators who are not on the team roster will be charged the admission fee paid by all spectators. Now four coaches/school personnel/club personnel will be allowed in free. Passes will be provided for those four named on the team roster and will be picked up at the 7:30 am registration at the athlete entrance on the main floor.

Mark Standard

In past seasons, in situations where only one team is entered into a category, their score competed against a pre-determined mark standard. M.A.C. will no longer be using the mark standard. If there is only one team in a category, they will place first in that category.

Teams Arriving Late

In past seasons, teams have been coming later if they do not compete first thing in the morning. They have been going up to the spectator entrance. **TEAMS WILL NOT BE LET IN THERE ANYMORE.** Teams are required to go to the athlete entrance on the main floor and request a M.A.C. staff member to let them in. They are not to bring their teams into the gym without doing this. U of M Staff and door staff will be instructed to get a M.A.C. staff member and not allow teams in.

Teams are required to register at 7:30 with their full team to be let in; therefore, if team arriving later must follow the same rules.