

June 30, 2011

Welcome to Summer! Time for all teams to re-group, work on basics, welcome new members, go to camp, and get pumped up for the coming new season. Below is a bit of summer update and information for you.

**DIRECTORS' AND JUDGES' MEETING----MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The meeting this year, will be held on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 in Columbus, Ohio at the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio.

Directors and judges will meet for the first part of the day (8:00 to 11:00 a.m. ) for a rules clarification meeting and discussion concerning the rules changes that will take place in the 2012-13 school year. We have some major items to discuss and prepare for in the coming year before they are implemented. Lunch will be served for all judges and for directors who would like to stay.

Judges will then stay on for special training from 12:00-3:30 p.m. Training will focus on agreement and reliability of scores. We will get the opportunity to view shows, independently score and then calibrate our scores and comments together. It is especially crucial that all judges attend in order to be able to judge this coming year.

Because of the detail of this training session, I'm not sure whether we will be able to have any makeup sessions that will cover the same material and provide the discussions on scoring that we will have that day.

**Please RSVP to Nancy Turner ([traveler2fun@yahoo.com](mailto:traveler2fun@yahoo.com)) by September 1st .** Please tell Nancy whether you are.....

A judge (so we count you for lunch)

A director who will be staying for lunch

OR A director who will be leaving at lunch and will not need lunch ordered.

**2011-2012 CONTEST SCHEDULE**

**Attached is the 2011-12 competition schedule as confirmed by most directors prior to Nationals. NOTE THAT A FEW CONTESTS ARE NOT CONFIRMED BECAUSE THE DIRECTOR DID NOT RESPOND. ALSO NOTE THAT NATIONALS' DATES OF APRIL 13, 14, 15 ARE NOW CONFIRMED WITH THE BOKC.**

**HELP US WITH A DECISION, PLEASE!**

As is the case with everything these days, the costs at the BOKC will be going up next year from \$15,000 to \$20,000. They have held the \$15,000 cost for three years without an increase, even though they charge similar groups much more. Much of the increase in cost is because the hourly rate has increased for their employees.

Tracey Burgoon met with the BOKC this month. Officials there had several suggestions, but we want your input on their suggestions as well as some other alternatives we have discussed:

OPTION 1: Raise Nationals entry fees for member teams (we are showing a \$6000 loss last year without this increase)

OPTION 2: Charge an admission fee of \$5 per day to spectators

OPTION 3: Reduce the weekend down to 2 long days on Saturday and Sunday. We have already talked about moving the officer championships to another weekend or to another venue on Friday of Nationals weeks. If we didn't need the BOKC on Friday, our fee would return to the \$15,000 one we have paid for the past 3 years.

If you are a director, please let us know which of the three options you would favor. Send these opinions to Tracey Burgoon at [tracey@miracledance.com](mailto:tracey@miracledance.com) by July 31st so that the Board can make a decision after viewing your comments/concerns/ wishes.

I'm off to the beach for a few weeks! Hope your holiday is firework-exciting, but relaxing as well. See you in September.

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