

July 22, 2009

## **MYCCA MEETING ~ OOB Recreation Department**

### **5 Voting Members**

Board Attendance: Beth Cyr, Chris Lawrence, Melissa Merritt, Jo-Ellen Larkin, Alana Oliver.

Attendance from: LAYCL, OOB, Cumberland, Gardiner, River Valley as well as a few High School Coaches.

Main Topic (s): Mega Star Division

Discussions were on the pros and cons of starting a Mega Star Division for girls/boys from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Deb Lebel**, Vice President from MCCA and Biddeford HS started the conversation by expressing her concerns of not being notified of the proposal of the Mega Stars Division, in a timelier manner. Deb's feelings are that it will that the high schools that have a current Junior Varsity cheering program will be effected by lower turn outs to their tryouts. She is also concerned that there is no accountability for grades, drugs etc on a recreation team whereas there is in a school environment. She stated that she thinks that if the MYCCA approves the Mega Star team as 9-12grds that it should also be approved by the MCA. Chris Lawrence confirmed that it did not need to be approved by the MCA since it is not attached to the school, strictly a recreation program.

**Tiffany Canton**, Coach for LAYCL: She has originally thought the Mega Stars were proposed as 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 10<sup>th</sup> grade, not 9-12 gr. Tiffany's stated that she feels that by having the Mega Star Division it would be a place for the girls/boys that are not able to cheer currently due to their age, but can not afford an all star gym program. Tiffany also stated that some of the small towns do not have any type of Junior Varsity programs in their schools and this would help those girls/boys to be able to cheer.

**River Valley** Stated that when the first proposal was brought about for the Mega Star Division that she found out that there was recruiting being done with her team to join this new division. She feels that it is not proper to "recruit" girls from one team to another team in another town.

**Lynette Morency**, Head Coach for Lewiston HS: She wanted it to be known that her AD at the high school had told her she could have a JV team if she could show him the numbers, (of girls that would be involved). She stated that by having a Mega Star Division for the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12 grade girls it would undercut her program at the high school. She stated that the MYCCA was started as a support and learning step for the girls/boys to move on to the high school cheering program, not to take away from the high school program.

**Chris Lawrence:** Brought up that each recreation team should make sure that the at least one coach on each team be NCA certified. Chris also mentioned that it is a great idea that the high school coaches get involved with these youth recreation teams.

**Brought to a vote as worded:**

**To form a Mega Star Division team the child must be between the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 12 grade. The child has to be enrolled in your area high school and that high school does not have a competing high school team.**

**The vote was:**

- 3 For the Mega Star Division as stated**
- 1 Against the Mega Star Division as stated**
- 1 Abstained from voting**

Mega Star division was approved as stated.

Adjourned the meeting @ 8:30???

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jo-Ellen Larkin  
MYCCA Secretary