A Brief History of MCCA!!!

May 1987

Nancy Allen, Steve Ferguson and Suzy Thompson first discussed forming the Missouri Cheerleading Coaches Association (MCCA) at a Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Cheerleading Advisory meeting. It was decided at that time to send out a flyer asking cheer coaches to send $1.00 to help with postage expenses if they would like to see the organization started.

June 1987

First newsletter mailed by Nancy Allen and Suzy Thompson, organization was formed.

March 1988

First convention held in Columbia, MO. Suzy Thompson and Nancy Allen were elected Co-Presidents, Steve Ferguson Secretary/Treasurer.

Dues were $20.00.

MCCA constitution was approved by membership and application made to receive incorporation as a Not-For-Profit group in the state of Missouri.

May 1988

Received certification of Incorporation as a Not-For-Profit organization with the State of Missouri.

Received Tax Exempt status at the same time.

June 1988

Suzy, Nancy and Steve appear in front of the MSHSAA Board asking for a special election to be held to reinstate Basket Tosses.

October 1988

Special election was sent to member MSHSAA schools, resulting in the reinstatement of Basket Tosses.

August 1988

First Regional Cheer Competitions held.

February 1989

First State cheer competition held at West Junior High in Columbia.

March 1989

Suzy Thompson elected President, Nancy Allen Vice President, Steve Ferguson Treasurer, and Jan Butler Riepe Secretary at the spring convention in Columbia.

November 1989

State Competition moved to the Hearnes Center in Columbia.

March 1990

Nancy Knipfel elected to position of Treasurer at Spring Convention.

First MCCA Scholarships awarded in the amount of 1 - $500, and 2 - $250.

June 1992

MCCA and MSHSAA entered into agreement to have the MCCA State Competition sanctioned by MSHSAA and recognized as the only competition for cheerleaders in the state of Missouri. This was by a vote of MSHSAA member schools, which in turn eliminated Missouri cheerleaders from entering into any future national or outside competition.

March 1995

Membership voted to add an At-Large position to the MCCA Board.

June 1997

MCCA Leadership Workshops began.

November 1997

Mascot Competition introduced at MCCA State Competition.

March 1998

First Administrator of the Year Award given at Spring Convention.

Membership voted to eliminate Junior High and Junior Varsity squads from advancing to State level competition.

March 1999

Membership voted to eliminate the Open Division from competition and have just one category, that of Show.

November 2000

Largest State competition for Missouri Cheerleaders recorded….8000 in total attendance.

March 2001

Spring convention moved from Columbia to the Lodge of Four Seasons Resort, Lake Ozark.

First Sportsmanship Award and first Service Awards given at Spring Convention.

Scholarship amount increased to $7000.

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