

Minutes of the Coaches Meeting at Junior Nationals 2009  
Saturday May 23, 2009

In Attendance (\*voting delegate):

Kara Helms, Saskatchewan	* Brendan Lea, Ontario
* Lorelie DeRoose, Saskatchewan (Secretary)	* Josh Judah, Nova Scotia (Chair)
* Linda Martin, Manitoba	* Chris George, Quebec
* Heather Tandy, British Columbia	Hamish Guthrie, Ontario
* David Ball, Alberta	Aija Zommers, Ontario
Greg Loudon, Quebec	Tracey Lee, British Columbia

**1. Call to Order**

Josh Judah called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**2. Acceptance of the Minutes**

Correction: 5b) should read "A short discussion was held regarding conferral judging. It was quickly agreed to continue to leave the choice to the host's discretion for now.

Chris/Linda moved to accept the minutes as amended.

5 in favour/2 abstentions. Carried.

**3. Upcoming Hosts**

David Ball, co-chair for the 2010 Junior Nationals in Calgary, AB is looking forward to hosting in mid to late May.

There were discussions on a number of topics: about reducing costs by scheduling the event to reduce sub costs and/or to take advantage of cheaper flying periods; about expectations for the event; about what activities to schedule (Banff? Drumheller?), about timing of co-ordinate rounds; about issues around prep time; about team limits, billeting and judging; about including French & Bilingual debates.

**4. Confirming hosting list**

The attending delegates confirmed the following hosting commitments:

2010	Alberta	2014	Ontario
2011	Saskatchewan	2015	Manitoba
2012	British Columbia	2016	Nova Scotia
2013	Quebec		

**5. Liability Forms**

There was a discussion about the value of and need for liability forms. Some provinces use an "Acknowledgement of Risk" form that shows what precautions have been taken. Most schools have forms they need teachers to fill out beforehand. If anyone has any special requirements, they should contact the hosts. Also at issue was billeting. Some provinces do not allow students to stay in homes unless there has been criminal background checks conducted. Again, if there is an issue, individual provinces should contact the hosts to let them know.

**6. English Speaking Union**

John Wright of the ESU has been assisting this education event with funding for the past few years. The ESU is committed to providing \$500 to Alberta next year for Junior Nationals and \$500 to British Columbia for Senior Nationals. However, these funds will likely run out within the next couple of years. The debate community could look into helping the ESU with membership drives. Chris George is the person to contact if anyone is interested.

**7. Thank you**

Linda/Kara moved to Thank Josh Judah and his committee for the all event, which has been a fun time enjoyed by all, especially the debaters. Carried.

Josh thanked Chris George for help with the tabs and workshops.

**8. Adjournment**

Linda moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.