

Junior High National Debating Championships

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2014

I. Call to order

On behalf of Aija, John Robinson called to order the regular meeting of the Junior High National Debating Championships at 7:05 pm on May 10th, 2014 at University Toronto Schools in Toronto, Ontario.

II. Roll call

Attendance was taken and voting members identified as listed below:

Voting Members:

Lindsay Spencer – BC; Debra Miko – Alberta; Melissa Ong – Saskatchewan; John Robinson – Manitoba; Hamish Guthrie – Ontario; Chris George – Quebec; Brian Casey – Nova Scotia;

Also in attendance:

Jon Bracewell – QC; Angela Bosscha - AB; Deirdre Casey – ON; Josh Judah – NS; Frankie Cena – BC; Neil Bryant – BC; Melissa Mah – SK; Santino Bellisario – ON; Zachary Fanni –ON; Aija Zommers – ON; Rhonda Smith – MB; Andrew Kaplan – MB; Carla King – MB; Chantal Drolet – ON; Hamish Guthrie – ON;

Adoption of the Agenda

Brian Casey moved adoption of the Agenda. Carried.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were distributed to members. Andrew Kaplan moved that the minutes be approved as read. Lindsay Spencer second it. Carried.

IV. Organizer's Announcement about the tournament:

Deirdre Casey gave us details on Sunday's events.

V. Host Thank You

John Robinson moved to officially thank Aija Zommers and Deirdre Casey on behalf of all those attending for hosting an amazing event. Carried with unanimous enthusiasm.

VI. Future Hosts: We reviewed our scheduled plan and a few changes were made. **Provinces should expect to host one National Tournament every 2 years just based on rotation.**

Future Years Host Plans

Spring of each year – Junior High Nationals

- Manitoba 2015 –Mother's Day weekend

- Grey Academy – Friday morning; afternoon free; Saturday full day; and then Sunday morning to fly home on Sunday late afternoon/evening
- Nova Scotia 2016
- Alberta 2017
- Quebec 2018
- BC 2019

National Seminar

- New Brunswick - October 1 – 6th, 2014
- BC – 2015
- Ontario – Port Hope – 2016
- Nova Scotia – 2017
- Alberta - 2018

VII. New business

- a) Please put a blurb in your invitation regarding Professional Development when attending National Tournament, it will assist teachers in finding funds and perhaps time off support.
- b) **Times:** we thought it was 8 minutes as per last year. **Motion:** Times will be the same as SH Nationals, Chris proposed; Brian second. Moved for discussion. Frankie felt we need to choose one and stick to it; Lindsay said flexibility is important; Jon said understandable but if being flexible let us know at an earlier stage, we understand flexibility is important. It was decided to leave it as it currently exists in our constitution.
- c) If possible invitations should come out to provinces by January 31st when hosting JH National Events and should include specific speaking times – moved by Debra; second by John, carried with 2/3 majority.

Aija felt this may not be possible, Carla thinks having the extra time is necessary

- d) Constitution Guidelines:

Guidelines 6 (E & F) – motion to remove these from the Constitution. Moved by Brian, second by Debra. Carried!

- e) Judging pool: Hamish talked about judging, it makes sense to have a panel with at least one coach to offer comments. Panels set up so a coach doesn't capsize a round.

Guidelines 6 (i) – motion to remove and replace with. "The tournament organizer is encouraged to draw on the visiting coaches as part of the judging pool" – moved by Hamish; second by Brian.

- f) CSDF – Seminar update – Scheduled in New Brunswick for October 1 – 6th, 2014.

VIII. Adjournment

Frankie motioned to adjourn the meeting, Lindsay second! Carried! Adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes submitted by: Debra Miko

Minutes approved by: John Robinson