



Senior High National Debating Championships

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2014

I. Call to order

John Robinson called to order the regular meeting of the Senior High National Debating Championships at 8:05 pm on April 12, 2014 at the Granite Curling Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba

II. Roll call

Attendance was taken and voting members identified as listed below:

In Attendance:

Board of Governors:

John Robinson – Manitoba (Chair); Debra Miko – Alberta; Tracey Lee – BC; Brian Casey – Nova Scotia; Steven Penner – Ontario;

Regrets – Josh Judah – Nova Scotia and Liana Palko - Quebec

Voting Members:

Tracey Lee – BC; Debra Miko – Alberta; Lorelie DeRoose – Saskatchewan; John Robinson – Manitoba; Hamish Guthrie – Ontario; Chris George – Quebec; Brian Casey – Nova Scotia; Joseph Ross – New Brunswick;

Also in attendance:

Jordan Burg – Manitoba; John Baty – BC; Thomas Slivinski - BC; Laurie Alisat – Alberta; Ramona Boyle – Alberta; Veenu Goswami – Team Canada Coach; Janessa Weir – Saskatchewan; Michael Fahie – Saskatchewan; Andrew Kaplan – Manitoba; Carissa Nikhel – Manitoba; Steve Penner – Ontario; Emmanuelle Deaton – Ontario; David Vallier – Ontario; Michael Chung – Quebec; Jonathan Bracewell – Quebec; Cori Goldberger – Ontario; Christine Orlando – Quebec;

Note: number of votes held - provincial/territorial members hold two, Board of Governors each hold one

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Brian Casey/John Baty moved adoption of the Agenda. Carried.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were distributed earlier in the day and read by members. John moved that the minutes be approved as read. Brian seconded it. Carried.

V. Host Thank You

Debra Miko moved to officially thank John Robinson and Andrew Kaplan 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 for our 3 National Tournaments

Fall of each year – Oxford Cup

- Quebec 2014
- Alberta 2015
- Manitoba 2016
- Ontario 2017

Spring of each year – Senior High Nationals

- British Columbia 2015 may be Ontario (need to have confirmed)
- Saskatchewan 2016
- Ontario 2017 or may be BC if switch occurs for 2015

Spring of each year – Junior High Nationals

- Ontario 2014
- Manitoba 2015
- Nova Scotia 2016
- Alberta 2017

National Seminar

- New Brunswick 2014
- BC – 2015
- Ontario – Port Hope – 2016
- Nova Scotia – 2017
- Alberta - 2018

VII. New business

a) Standard for “invitation information” sent out for National Tournaments – Lorelie has graciously volunteered to assist us in putting together a standard for information needed for National Tournaments. If you have any questions/suggestions please do contact her directly.

b) The following updates were also made to the By-Laws of the CNDC:

Resolution # 22 – should now read: “The Tournament Chair shall consult with the board about the resolutions.” Moved by Brian Casey; 2nd by Debra Miko, carried unanimously.

Board Responsibility #25 – should now read: “The Board shall assist the host in running a smooth tournament, this may include approving a tabs director.” Moved by Brian Casey, 2nd by Joseph Ross, carried unanimously.

c) New Business:

- Hamish wanted to address the judging at National Tournaments. He felt that we needed collaborative judging. The judges briefing should be the same for

debaters and judges. There was a strong plea for open adjudication so debaters can grow from the feedback and pick up extra points for future rounds while at the tournament.

- John Robinson responded that he had placed experienced judges in higher ranked rooms and local judges in groups of three. Most visiting judges with experience were placed in rooms on their own.
- It is difficult to provide judges to National Tournaments when University students are not available.

VIII. Election of Board of Governors – The following were nominated; accepted and acclaimed to the Board of Governors:

- Steve Penner, Nationals Chair (if in Ontario for 2015)
- Tracey Lee, Nationals Chair (if in BC for 2015)
- Brian Casey
- John Robinson
- Debra Miko
- Josh Judah
- Jon Bracewell

John Robinson/Brian Casey moved to close nominations. Carried.

IX. Adjournment

John Robinson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Debra Miko

Minutes approved by: John Robinson