Minutes of the Coaches Meeting at Junior Nationals 2007  
Friday, May 11, 2007  
Montreal, QC

In Attendance:
Tim Bonnar, British Columbia  
Gaia Marsden, Alberta  
Lorelie DeRoose, Saskatchewan  
Leslie Carignan, Manitoba  
Linda Martin, Manitoba (non-voting)  
Michael Podgorski, Ontario  
Chris George, Quebec (Chair)  
Erin Russette, Quebec (non-voting)  
Josh Judah, Nova Scotia  
Simon Lono, Newfoundland

1. Call to Order  
Chris George called the meeting to order at 9:00 pm

2. Acceptance of the Minutes  
Corrections: Correct the spelling of Josh Judah and Selwyn House throughout.

   Simon/Tim moved to adopt the minutes. Carried.

3. Business arising from the Minutes  
   a) Trophies

      The clause regarding Tracey and Lorelie taking the trophy suggestion to the CSDF Committee was questioned. Lorelie explained that at the 2007 Spring National Seminar in Ottawa, the CSDF, upon recommendation of the Awards Review Committee, voted to discontinue and re-purpose certain trophies.

      Chris George attended the final banquet and selected a trophy to be used as the first place team trophy. The “John Robinson Award” does not currently have a trophy associated with it, but the winner will be announced as the “John Robinson Award” winner for Top Speaker.

   b) The 2006 revisions to Clause 6 e) of the Constitution were discussed.

      To that point, Linda mentioned the history of the Junior Nationals: they were first hosted by herself and John Robinson at Lower Fort Garry, Manitoba in 1986. The three styles, Discussion (SK/AB), Cross-Examination (BC) and Parliamentary (MB) were selected so debaters from each province would be experienced in at least one of their usual styles. As the eastern provinces joined this event, the regional differences of each style became more pronounced. The Canadian National Debate Format was added in the last couple of years.

      At issue was the addition of “students should have equal speaking times in all rounds”, as some of the formats do not lend themselves to that. Ensuring compliance of this is a logistical issue, leaving the responsibility of speaking in each position to the teams.
Tim/Michael moved the following addition to clause 6. e) Tournament hosts shall ensure that all debaters speak in all four speaking roles over the course of the preliminary rounds.

Carried

4. **New Business**
   
   a) Past minutes

   In the absence of minutes from the 2005 Halifax Junior Nationals meeting, the issue of attendance at both Junior Nationals and National Seminar, as well as the attendance of Grade 7 debaters at Junior nationals were revisited.

   At issue was the potential of unfair advantage. The change to a fall Seminar may change the composition of delegations. The impact will be monitored.

   No motion was made to add a rule to limit attendance at Junior National if they have attended the National Seminar.

   The maturity level of Grade 7 debaters were discussed. As each province has different selection criteria, the inclusion of Grade 7 debaters is at the discretion of the individual provincial associations.

   No motion was made to limit the attendance of Grade 7 debaters at Junior Nationals.

   b) Future Host

   The following list of future hosts was confirmed:
   
   Newfoundland 2008
   Nova Scotia 2009
   Alberta 2010
   Saskatchewan 2011
   British Columbia 2012
   Quebec 2013
   Ontario 2014
   Manitoba 2015
   Nova Scotia 2016

   c) Congratulations

   All in attendance congratulated Chris on an excellent event.

5. **Adjournment**

   Tim moved to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Carried