

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