

Minutes for WSO
Nov. 9, 2005

Attendance: Scott Rockey, Lee Nilson, April Takashima, Heather McKean, Priscila Martins-Read, Brett Thomsen, Tom Schultz, Jean Cavanaugh

Absent: Izi Loveluck

Meeting began at 5:05

Minutes: Approved for the Oct 5th meeting with no corrections.

Director/Budget Report

Jean gave the Director and Treasurer report. (See reports for details)

The good news is that we are 10 teams ahead of last year's registration numbers for the same date which includes 3 new teams.

We voted on a second choice for a state trial event. The slate for trial events is now:

B Division

Junkyard Challenge

Balloon Launch Glider

C Division

Junkyard Challenge

Quantum Quandries

Priscila asked what new teams were registered. A rotary club in the Vancouver area has donated 4 scholarships for new teams. Jean will let her know when registration is over.

There were no questions on the budget.

Regional Board Reports:

NW – Tom said that the B division of his regional was full at 24 teams. (The option is still available for these teams to go to SW or Eastern regionals.) Tom responded to Jean's suggestion that he try to find a co-director to offset the workload. One suggestion was to approach Izi.

Brian Plog has been doing scoring for Everett and has developed a spreadsheet that he is interested in selling to the organization for \$1. According to Tom, Izi thinks that this may not be legal. Jean will follow up with Izy to find out more about it.

Tom mentioned that they have raised over \$4500 for their tournament and plan to purchase shirts for the event supervisors. They also will consider using some funds towards a coaches clinic or money towards team sponsorship to nationals.

Everett CC. Foundation office has put up one student scholarship for their tournament. It has been proposed that the winner be the person with the most medals in the competition.

Tom asked the board for some ideas regarding running a coaches clinic for the first time. Priscila and Jean offered up some ideas. One point of discussion was the possibility of running a coaches clinic in conjunction with Brett's invitational on January 19th. Scott suggested that might be kind of late in the game. Other ideas were to get Robin Ringland involved in putting on something.

SW – Priscila talked about the coaches clinic that they held on the 5th of Nov. She said it was surprisingly well attended (32 people) given the short notice. They concentrated on about 14 events and had a number of event supervisors from their tournament there. They offered 7 clock hours.

Eastern – Heather reported that the regional board had met and made plans for the upcoming coaches clinic on the 19th. She said that a goal of the group was to increase their membership on the regional board.

Old Business:

Home school Issue: Scott has been gathering information from other states regarding home school policies. This is in response to April bringing forth a question from a member regarding the WSO current policy. It was agreed that this would be the focus of the January meeting. Members are to review the home school statements in the Coaches Manual as well as review the current policy on the WSO website. (Any changes regarding the policy would have to be done in the summer.)

New Business:

1. **Funds for WSTA presenters:** Brett proposed that the board reserve funds each year for paying for 1 day lodging for members who present information for WSO at the WSTA. Jean said that currently funds are set aside for the director to travel to the NSO tournament to represent Washington. She said that money would be available if it was not used up for that purpose. (Last year she traveled on her professional development from EWU instead of using WSO funds.) Discussion ensued regarding the limit on funds. This will be a discussion item for summer when the annual budget is set.
2. **Another west side regional tournament site:** Discussion ensued regarding the need for another west-side site for a tournament with the suggestion that it may be only a B team tournament to accommodate teams that did not get registered at NW. Brett said that if he is awarded being a TOSA next year, that he would take some time to try to find another site and tournament director.
3. **Only one team advancement:** Brett proposed that only one team advance from the regional to state. The argument is that if the goal is to have as many teams play as possible, then limiting advancement to one team would encourage more schools to play. Reference was made to how this would align with policy with sport tournaments. A motion was made and seconded. The motion was tabled until the summer meeting when policy changes can be voted upon.
4. **Vote by proxy:** Heather proposed that we change voting on policy to proxy rather than in person to ensure better representation of the general assembly. Any team that played during the year, would get one vote. A motion was made and tabled until summer. This will be discussed at another meeting.