

Minutes of January 15, 2006

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

Meeting began at 1:07

Minutes passed with changes.

Director report:

- We are currently at 94 teams. This puts us one above last year's total of 93. There are a few teams that have not registered who played last year (ie: Pleasant Valley, Enumclaw). New teams include Aviation, North Whidbey, Clear Lake, North Pines and an all 6th grade team. Everett is full at 25 teams in the B division and won't increase.
- Jean had taxes prepared by Terry Gear and they have been filed.
- Jean didn't order extra medals but has enough to cover Corvallis teams at Spokane. If we find another site for a B division next year, we will have to get more medals which is about \$625 per regional tournament.
- She is having a student work on a state mailing list.

Budget report:

- Jean has not yet paid Nationals and not all teams have paid. Some schools do not pay until after the tournament. We will have to decide how much will go to the winning teams for expenses to Nationals later when we see how much surplus we have.

Regional Reports:

Eastern: Heather reported that both she and John Whitmer with the regional tournament at SFCC. were busy lining up judges (and funds.)

Northwest: Tom reported that they were starting to get funds which included a \$1000 scholarship from the ECC Foundation for a member of the winning teams that plan to attend ECC. (They would come up with a way to choose the awardee) Also they received a Boeing grant and one from the PUD for \$500. They have determined that they will be able to give t-shirts this year. They have lined up most of their event supervisors and got a lot of names at Brett's invitational.

Southwest: Priscilla said they hadn't done a lot since their coaches clinic but were going to have a meeting soon. They have the fourteen event supervisors who gave their time at the coaches clinic committed to their tournament.

Old Business:

Change in voting procedure on by-laws and board member elections. Discussion ensued regarding how to propose and implement a change in the by-laws regarding voting

procedures. Lee read the current language in the by-laws. We determined that we would craft the language for the proposed change in Article II, Section 4 in this meeting. This information would go on the website and we would provide a forum on this topic at the time of the State Tournament and vote on the changes at that meeting. All members would be notified in advance of this opportunity to attend the meeting though we recognize that only about 40% of the membership would be at the State tournament. The board voted on the following proposed change to Article II, Section 4: (changes in italics)

Section 4. Voting Rights.

All members shall have voting rights at the annual meeting. These voting rights shall pertain to election of the Board of Directors, any proposed change to the bylaws, *and any other business as presented by the Board of Directors to the membership for a vote*. Each membership fee entitles a member to one vote which is not transferable. *Voting shall be conducted by mail.*

***4.1 Voting Procedures:** Ballots will be mailed out 25 days prior to the meeting and must be postmarked no later than 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting. Ballots may also be presented in person at the meeting.*

New Business:

- Where or how are we going to find another site for at least another B tournament on the west side. Tom said he would contact his president to see if he would consider contacting the president of one of the community colleges such as the U of W Bothell site or Cascadia CC or Green River.
- Brett raised problems with the scheduling for Aquifer, Circuit Lab and Balloon Race. It was suggested that we switch Balloon Race to the E/F position and open the other two events to a longer sign – in time. (Each tournament may choose to increase the play time for sign in events.)

Announcement:

Izi announced her intention of resigning the board at the time that she moves to Canada sometime this spring. She will help out as long as she can and will also seek an individual to replace her. We will miss the unique set of skills and the enthusiasm that Izi has brought to board!

Meeting Adjourned:

Submitted by H.McKean