

WSO Board Meeting
September 27, 2014
Teleconference

Members present: Sheila Guard (Treasurer), Jay Louterback, Judy Manning, Scott McComb (Vice-Chair), Sue Murphy (State Director), Diana Rhodes, Clarene Ricarte (Secretary), Jack Stump (Chair).

Student Advisors present: Christine Phan, Chemay Shola

Members absent: Scott Evoy, Michele Moore

Student Advisors absent: Jonas LaPier, Ashley Rochlitzer

- I. 9:00 a.m. Meeting called to order by Chair, Jack Stump.
- II. Roll call (see above).
- III. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Minutes from Annual Meeting 6/28/14 were not available for review, so will be tabled until Winter meeting. Sue will formalize Scott M's notes into minute format and send prior to meeting.
- IV. Reports

Treasurer (Sheila): Sheila reported checking account balance of \$228.95 (\$210 revenue and \$2097 in expenses to date). Savings account balance of \$10,291.68 (with \$11 earmarked for eastern Washington regional tournaments; \$5.27 in donations to date).

State Director (Sue): (1) **Registration.** Currently 46 teams have registered – same as last year at this time (although 65 were registered at this time two years ago). (2) **Tournament Host Name Changes.** Seattle Central and Highline have dropped “Community” from their names. (3) **BoD 2014-15 List.** Let Sue know if any changes to recently-distributed list.

Regional Reports

- (1) **Eastern (Jay/Michele/Sue):** The regional tournament will be March 7 at Spokane Community College.
- (2) **Northwest (/Scott E/Sheila/Judy/Scott M/Clarene):** Regionals at Seattle Central College will be February 28 and Highline College will be March 7. It was identified that this is Tom Schultz' last year at Seattle Central. There was discussion about only having one NW regional site in order to free Highline to host the state tournament. Consensus was that we would lose quite a few teams, especially at C division. Three invitationals are planned: B-January 24 at Canyon Park JHS; C-December 6 at Interlake HS and February 7 at Raisbeck Aviation HS.
- (3) **South Central (Diana):** Regional tournament at Yakima Valley Community College is February 7. They still have grant funds available which could be used for recruiting more teams.
- (4) **Southwest (Jack):** The elementary coaches clinic is September 27; tournament is November 8. C division invitational at Camas HS is January 17. Clark College decided to no longer host the state tournament due to a coach threatening an event supervisor, a hacking event, Saturday labs, and budget issues. There was a suggestion that the coaches should have a stronger code of ethics.

Committees

(1) **Funding (Sue)**: (a) Updates on donations/grants. \$5.27 received from Washington Combined Fund Drive for 2014 2nd qtr. Sue submitted SPEEA grant application in August. Should receive word soon whether received a grant. (b) Fundraising – especially to cover state tournament. Follow up to sending coaches donation request letter (which Jay sent a sample copy to members previously). Question as to when it should go out so it does not get lost at the beginning of school. Suggestion that the letter asks each school and/or team try to help with WSO fundraising. Additional suggestions for fundraising:

- 1) Pay-for-build competition for parents/others
- 2) Fishbowl for donations at regional competitions
- 3) At state tournament WSO BoD Chair to make special plea
- 4) Student options: Car wash, carnival, etc.

V. Old Business

State Tournament (Sue/Judy): University of Washington is interested, but will not host until they have attended a tournament and understand more. Perhaps the Tacoma or Bothell branches may be interested, but no word yet. Need WSO alumni to reach out to the school to show support for UW hosting. NW tournaments were encouraged to reach out to UW to involve them in preparing for a tournament.

Highline could host a regional and the state tournaments, but would need to have the costs of one tournament covered since only have budget for one tournament. It would cost approximately \$7,000. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to fund Highline for up to \$7,000 to host both a regional and the state tournament. The date for the state tournament is April 18. There is a possibility expenses may run more than \$7,000; if that occurs, the board can revisit funding amount.

It was identified that this must be a one-time fix and by 2017 when the west side is due to host the state tournament next, that a more permanent solution needs to be in place.

Unified Schedule (Sheila/Scott M): The draft has been posted to web site for approximately 1 month. A minor change was identified, which Sheila will correct to the draft version and send to Sue to repost to web site.

WSO Policy Regarding # of Teams Advancing to State (Sue): Tabled until Winter meeting.

Test Bank Update (Judy): There are about 200 tests on Google Drive. These are not current events or current rules, but provide good examples (although have not been checked for appropriateness). Any tests tournament directors have should be sent to Judy to post to the test bank.

Event Supervisor Preparation (Scott): Scott sent a sample of event preparation for Bungee Drop to board members to review. The idea is to have pictures and video, as well as preparation, calibration, scoring, etc. Scott is open to feedback and suggestions.

Electronic Balloting (Sue): Sue did not put the electronic balloting item on registration form (no room without substantial reformatting and needed to post 2015 form). It was suggested that paper ballots be available to coaches at team check-in at each regional tournament.

Plaque Recognition: (no discussion; tabled for Winter meeting regarding Rick Grote nomination)

VI. New Business

3-year Board of Director Terms: Based on membership vote to change BoD terms to 3 years, wording of ByLaws needs to be changed. We started this earlier this year, but couldn't arrive at consensus. Sue will send e-mail to resume discussion. Plan for implementation tabled until Winter meeting.

VII. Adjournment & Annual Meeting. The date for the Winter meeting is January 10, 2015, 9-11AM via teleconference. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Clarene Ricarte, Secretary