

## TFL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 11, 2019 – 8:00 PM

Online via Go To Meeting

### **Present:**

Keith Pittman -- Asheville -- Chair

Shannon Jarman -- Cumberland International -- Vice Chair

Jeff Welty -- Durham Academy -- Secretary

Jonathan Peele -- Charlotte Latin -- Historian

Chris Harrow -- Ardrey Kell

Deb Henderson -- Jack Britt

Deb Brown -- Research Triangle

Michelle Boswell -- Cumberland Polytechnic

Leneise Stackley -- Cumberland Polytechnic -- non-member Treasurer

Lauren Burdt -- NSDA -- non-member tournament manager

**I. Call to order.** Keith called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

**II. Approval of December minutes.** There was a motion to approve the minutes. There was a second. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Treasurer's report.** Leneise Stackley reported that we have \$6,907.56 in the bank. There was a motion to approve the report. There was a second. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Webmaster's report.** Keith reported that John Walker was not present, but communicated in advance of the meeting that he had nothing to report.

**V. Event insurance for state tournament.** Jonathan stated that he obtained a quote for \$192 for a \$1 million per occurrence/\$3 million aggregate policy, similar to what ISD uses for camp. It may help protect board members from personal liability should anything go wrong. There was a motion to purchase the policy. There was a second. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Tournament Manual revision update.** Keith advised that the task force led by Jonathan was not able to tackle a full-scale revision this year. Thus, the plan is to use last year's manual with the addition of the qualification procedures as this year's manual.

**VII. Trophy procurement.** Jeff is willing to do this again. There was a motion that he do so. There was a second. The motion passed unanimously.

### **VIII. TFL Tournament Planning with Tournament Manager.**

- Lauren Burdt was present. Lauren McCool is not able to assist us, but Lauren Burdt works with her at the NSDA and would be happy to be our tournament manager. She runs Big Questions at NSDA Nationals and is very familiar with tournament procedures. There was a motion to hire her on the same terms as we planned to offer to Lauren McCool. There was a second. The motion carried unanimously.
- Keith stated that he has started working on the Tabroom website and will make much more progress this coming weekend while at Harvard.
- There was some discussion about how the site will handle listing entries' bids, legs, or at large status. Lauren noted several options and will send the committee some

screenshots illustrating each. Generally, we will put all varsity entries on a waitlist until their eligibility is confirmed by Chris and Jonathan in their role as bidkeepers.

- We will use online ballots. Myers Park has excellent internet access across campus. There will be Chromebooks available for people who need devices.
- The LD and PF judge pools will be separate, but JV and varsity judge pools will be combined.
- We will continue to allow teams to prepay next year's membership with their entry fee for this year, and will continue the same system for judge bonds.

**IX. Jackie Foote Award voting – Tabroom compatibility.** Lauren was not sure that Tabroom can accommodate a preferential student vote like the one that is used for this award, but she will think about ways to do a work-around. Keith believes that this may have been done on paper last year. The group agreed to have this award only in finals as tabbing it for each preliminary chamber could be burdensome. There was a motion that it be based on finals only, on paper ballots, and that the students will rank their top eight choices. There was a second. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. Sweepstakes awards – Tabroom compatibility.** Lauren will look into configuring this in Tabroom, but if not, Jonathan will take the lead on calculating it manually.

**XI. Extemp/Impromptu question procurement.** Based on Chris's recommendation, there was a motion that we hire Yatesh Singh to write extemp topics for \$50 per round, alternating US and international. There was a second. The motion passed unanimously. The topics will go to Shannon to be stuffed into envelopes. Deb Henderson volunteered to run extemp prep, perhaps with Megan Smith.

**XII. Interp source usage and citation rules.** Shannon reminded the group that last year there was a protest based on a source used in POI not being approved, and the student's coach called someone at the NSDA and got the source approved in the middle of the tournament, which was not fair to other competitors. She suggested that we require students to submit a Table of Contents in advance, and that only pieces on the NSDA approved list 7 days in advance of the tournament be allowed. Jonathan suggested that we allow all published works, not just those on the approved list, more in keeping with NCFL rules. This would apply to all interp events. The definition of "published" would encompass virtually anything on the internet, so this would be very permissive, but enforcement of anything narrower appears to be impossible. There was a motion to proceed as Jonathan suggested, there was a second, and the motion passed unanimously. This item appears on page 12 of the current TFL manual.

**XIII. Other business.**

- Jonathan stated that he nominated Jackie Foote for the NSDA Hall of Fame, and asked that eligible voters consider voting for her.
- Keith stated that Chris and Jonathan will need administrative access to the Tabroom site to clear the wait list, and Leniese will to handle financial matters. He asked whether anyone else on the committee does, and no one did.
- Keith noted that we need to put someone in charge of Congress. Scott Bennett has done it for years and the sense of the group was to ask him to do so again. It will be a North Carolina General Assembly chamber.

**XIV. Next meeting time/date.** None was set.

**XV. Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.