

TFL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2020

7:06 PM Call-to-Order

In Attendance

1. Keith Pittman - Asheville
2. Crawford Leavoy - Durham
3. RJ Pellicioti - Cary
4. Ben Denton - Pinecrest
5. Bilal Butt - Charlotte Latin
6. Michelle Boswell - Cumberland Polytechnic
7. Chris Harrow - Ardrey Kell
8. Mike Bischoff - North Meck

Non-Committee Member Attendees

1. Thomas Surber - Mountain Heritage
2. Allyson Heidenfelder - Mountain Heritage
3. Carmen Kohn - Charlotte Catholic
4. Liz Meine - Cape Fear
5. Kavita Persaud - Cape Fear
6. John Aragona - Cardinal Gibbons
7. Josh Herring - Thales Rolesville
8. Lydia Stewart - Cumberland Schools
9. Scott Bennett - NW Guilford
10. Jonathan Peele - Charlotte Latin

Approval of June 2020 Minutes

- Motion by Ben, 2nd by Crawford - approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance \$4906.54 - no further business to report
- Motion to accept by RJ, 2nd by Michelle - approved unanimously

Virtual Platform Subcommittee Report

- Subcommittee met several weeks ago via email
- Files delivered to TFL included platform outreach report and comparisons
- Metrics reviewed included Price, Privacy, Reliability of Network
- Several platforms can be ruled out including Canvas, Discord, Ziggy, and classrooms.cloud. The classrooms.cloud platform can handle tournaments but is cost-prohibitive
 - Google Meets works for inter-team scrimmages

- NSDA Campus works for tournament competition (integrates with Tabroom, somewhat with Speechwire)
- Several other smaller platforms from prior competitions were looked at, with more information forthcoming
- Issues for consideration: tournament size, tournament schedule in-regard to screentime hours, efficacy of Duo Interp
- Subcommittee would recommend cutting Duo in favor of CFL-style OI in current climate
- Discussion on recommending a virtual state tournament - subcommittee would recommend action soon on this issue.
- Some elaboration on the features of NSDA Campus - this is the currently preferred platform

2021 TFL Tournament

- Opened discussion with talk of voting on an online state tournament - input from RJ, Keith, Lydia Stewart
- Motion to move online for 2020-2021 from Ben, 2nd by RJ - motion passes unanimously (8-0)
- Tournament staffing discussed - Lauren Burdt from NSDA will be tournament manager
- Recommendation from RJ to form subcommittee about online tournament norms and rules, Keith solicited volunteers.
 - Subcommittee adopted - chaired by Crawford, staffed by Keith, RJ, Bilal, Chris

TFL Bid Process

- Keith asked about re-affirming the bid process discussion from the June meeting. Discussion did not prompt any substantive changes.
- Typo correction to autoqual language prompted and fixed.
- Crawford suggested adding additional questions to the TFL bid form to gather data
- Keith asked several questions relating to making changes to the tournament - he urged fast action on 2021 tournament decisions. Several committee members asked to wait to gather data from fall tournaments before acting on these decisions.

Policy Debate

- An anonymous member school requested the adoption of Policy Debate
- Discussion of issues with Policy included creating a brightline for the event to be "legit," needed support for coaches, questions of levels of competition, evidence/argument restrictions
- Motion to adopt policy debate as a provisional, non-sweeps event with a restriction on evidence and argumentation made by Crawford, 2nd by RJ - accepted unanimously
- Discussion on how to begin professional development of Policy.
 - Motion by RJ, 2nd by Bilal to empower Jonathan Peele to begin soliciting help in this area.

Forward-Looking Actions

- Discussion of helping with PD opportunities in the state. Discussion included support for new coaches, state-wide PD being more doable in an online environment, a need for more encouragement in light of potentially increased participation in online competition.
- New program outreach need raised by RJ - suggestions for how to monitor new participation. RJ volunteered to track this data and lead outreach.
- Motion to create position of outreach coordinator and appoint RJ made by Crawford, 2nd by Bilal, accepted unanimously.

Comments from Member Schools

- None at present

Next Meeting

- The new Norms and Rules Subcommittee will meet prior to next TFL meeting
- Committee expressed desire to pick a date in mid-October after several early-season tournaments.

Motion to adjourn by RJ, 2nd by Bilal

Adjourned at 8:14 PM