

TFL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, April 24, 2016 – 10:00 AM
Northwest Guilford High School

2015-16 COMMITTEE MEETING

- I. Call to order (10:14 AM)- Attendance (o=15-16 committee, n=16-17 committee):
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| Scott Bennett (SB)- o, n | Mary Morales (MM)- n |
| Brigitte Cain (BC)- non-member treasurer | Jonathan Peele (JP)- n |
| Chris Harrow (CH)- n | Keith Pittman (KP)- o, n |
| Shannon Jarman (SJ)- o, n | Bob Wieckowski (BW)- o, n |
| Shellie Kingaby (SK)- n | John Walker (JW)- n |
| | Jeff Welty (JWD)- n |
- Old committee members absent: Jessee, Moss, Rocca, and Warren.
- II. Move V to XVII on the 16-17 agenda- no objection
- III. Treasurer's report- \$11,984.95 balance. 39 schools joined this year. Motion to approve report along with Ch Latin stipend (CH), 2nd (SJ), approved.
- IV. Charlotte Latin host stipend of \$2540.00 approved in previous motion (see II).
- V. Sam Ervin Award presentation- JW will contact recipient of the Sam Ervin Award to inquire about charity preference. JP suggested no plaque but a letter recognizing the award.
- VI. Debrief 2015 State Championship- discussion to follow
- VII. Tournament concern from North Mecklenburg regarding specific observer incident in round- BW- if we continue observer policy, we make sure to put communication in place to avoid the action taking place and to include a clearly articulated set of potential actions.
- VIII. Final Committee Actions- none noted
- IX. Recognition of outgoing members (Jessee, Moss, Rocca, Warren)- The chair extended thanks for their service, concurrence by all members present. Biodegradable balloons released.
- X. Adjourn- 10:32 AM.

2016-17 COMMITTEE MEETING

- I. Call to order (10:35 AM)- Attendance (o=15-16 committee, n=16-17 committee):
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|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Scott Bennett (SB)- o, n | Jonathan Peele (JP)- n |
| Brigitte Cain (BC)- non-member treasurer | Keith Pittman (KP)- o, n |
| Chris Harrow (CH)- n | Bob Wieckowski (BW)- o, n |
| Shannon Jarman (SJ)- o, n | John Walker (JW)- n |
| Shellie Kingaby (SK)- n | Jeff Welty (JWD)- n |
| Mary Morales (MM)- n | |
- II. Officer Elections
- BW nominates Keith Pittman for chair, 2nd (MM). Unam approval.
 - CH nominates SJ, MM nominates BW as Vice Chair. Both accept. Secret ballot- Shannon Jarman chosen Vice Chair.
 - Shannon Jarman nominates SB as secretary. Unam approval.
 - SJ nominates BC as non-member treasurer. Unam approval. Committee expressed appreciation for BC's continued service.
 - SJ nominates JP as historian. Unam approval.
- III. TFL Logo/merchandise update: SB, MM, and SK formed committee to look into merchandising. Prelim report by next meeting.
- IV. 2016-17 TFL Calendar: KP has forwarded dates to JW. A reminder that the TFL does not sanction tournaments, is just a source of information for the region. Brief discussion about tournaments posted.
- V. TFL liability policy for 2016-17: Patrick Jessee has taken care of this in the past. BC can handle the

- annual policy. Motion- The TFL will renew its annual liability policy which only applies to days on which the state tournament is held- JP, 2nd CH. Approved.
- VI. TFL Purpose and mission (see Statement of Purpose in Constitution)- To change purpose will require constitutional change. A lot of language in the constit to be cleaned up. A constit. committee would spend time studying the doc. To change constit- 30 day notice and a 2/3 vote. Committee formed to study the constitution. Committee members CH (Chair), SJ, CH, JP, BW, and KP. Others will be invited to join via email. Report to be presented at next meeting.
- VII. Greater statewide participation in TFL- conversation about more open league with community norms, stronger state tournament with qualifying contestants, regulatory group. TFL should be an advocacy group to help start programs in schools. What are we doing to increase connections with other schools? Committee formed to study growth and the role of the state committee. Strategic Planning Committee: SJ will organize, committee members to include MM and JP. KP will send out an email to invite participation from any stakeholders not just committee members. All are invited. Additional Motion to approve Gotomeeting membership (CH), 2nd (BW) for use throughout the season. Cost is approximately \$450 but saves money every time a live meeting is not held. Approved.
- VIII. TFL Constitution Subcommittee proposal- see VI. JP suggested we hold regional meetings of the whole TFL committee at Fayetteville. The purpose of the meetings would be about participation and constitutional changes. JWD added two thoughts about strategic planning- the need for continued feedback- the more ways to solicit feedback the better including small meetings held at various tournaments.
- IX. Disability accommodations—JW proposed that we need a statement that the committee be able to make exceptions as requests are made in advance. Motion to approve this request with the following adjustments (and without provided examples)- "...will provide legally required accommodations and at its discretion may provide additional accommodations...Additionally, the principal of the student's school must provide a signed letter requesting the accommodation. The tournament director, after consultation with the executive committee, will decide on such requests." JW will inquire about potential legal responsibilities related to exceptionalities and accommodations.
- X. Speed in debate- brief discussion about debate spreading. General agreement that judges determine the tolerance level of speed at local tournaments.
- XI. TFL Website
 - a. Discussion of purpose/suggestions for improvement
 - b. Website host- no additional cost.
 - c. Appointment of webmaster for 2016-17- SJ motion to nominate JW, 2nd by BW; approved. JW has asked for wording on each page of the site. SB will send new logo to JW and BC. SJ asked about the target audience- Discussion on the wide audience. Need for a "new to speech and debate?" page. Other ideas: links to other teams, club manuals/handbooks, FAQ page to include a glossary of all the acronyms and organizations, permanent summer camps, alumni registry, directory of membership with contact information and notification of dues paid.
- XII. TFL Dues
 - a. Tiered dues/membership level structure- tiered dues discussion to come out of the strategic planning committee.
 - b. 2016-2017 dues and deadline- \$50 by January 21st, \$25 additional penalty after January 21st. Motion (BW), 2nd (SJ), approved. Motion- (JP), 2nd (MM) to be eligible for a member to run for state committee and to be nominated as TFL coach of the year, his/her school must have paid dues by January 21st.
- XIII. Judge training- MM shared her observations and suggestions for training. Judge shadowing is important. Information on website is also important. Perhaps regional judge training will be possible. CH agreed that coaches must appropriately train. JP added that judge quality is sometimes tough depending on availability of college students. Perhaps someone can produce a set of judge training videos especially for our state.
- XIV. TFL Events: By December, will want to make clear to membership what events will be offered. TABLED, BW, 2nd SJ. Approved.
- XV. Event descriptions in manual (Walker)- use NSDA rules in events and where there are differences, just note them. TABLED BW, 2nd SJ, Approved.
- XVI. State tournament improvements/changes from C Rocca- TABLED BW, 2nd SJ, Approved.
- XVII. State Tournament venue selection process- Motion (JP) that the committee will actively seek a Fayetteville school to host and will prioritize a Fayetteville school's bid-2nd SJ; Approved.
- XVIII. State Tournament days (Fri/Sat vs. Sat/Sun) and 2017 date. Motion to Saturday/Sunday model (SB), 2nd by CH, Approved. Motion (CH), 2nd (SJ) for the tournament to take place on April 1-2, 2017. The TFL will use the March topic at its tournament.

Motion to table remaining items (CH), 2nd SJ- XX to XXIV, XXVI. Approved.

- XIX. State tournament fees,
 XX. State tournament staffing,
 XXI. State Tournament Registration and Tabulation Software

- XXII. Judge commitment – hosts and competing teams; Motion (SB), 2nd (MM) to increase base payment to host school from \$1000 to \$2000 and leave per participant stipend at \$5.
- XXIII. Opening & closing ceremony
- XXIV. Trophies- Jeff Welty will procure.
- XXV. Obtaining Extemp/Impromptu/Radio questions
- XXVI. Virginia Sutherland Circle of Honor- SJ made a nomination. Seconded and approved.
- XXVII. Other business- none noted.
- XXVIII. Set next meeting time/date- Sunday, June 5th at 6:30 to 8:30 PM on Gotomeeting.
- XXIX. Adjourned at 2:20 PM.