

TFL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, December 9, 2018 – 8:00 PM

Online via Go To Meeting

Present:

Keith Pittman -- Asheville -- Chair
Shannon Jarman -- Cumberland International -- Vice Chair
Jonathan Peele -- Charlotte Latin -- Historian
Jeff Welty -- Durham Academy -- Secretary
Michelle Boswell -- Cumberland Polytechnic
Chris Harrow -- Ardrey Kell

I. Call to order. Keith called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

II. Approval of May minutes. Jonathan **moved** to approve the minutes, there was a second and the motion **passed** unanimously.

III. Treasurer's report. Leneise was not present but had emailed a report to Keith. Our current bank balance is \$7,040.56. Jeff **moved** to accept the report, there was a second and the motion **passed** unanimously.

IV. Webmaster's report. John Walker was not present but had emailed the committee regarding the need to approve the cost of \$48 per year to host the site on Weebly. Chris **moved** to approve the \$48 per year, there was a second, and the motion **passed** unanimously. Chris noted that John has given him the power to edit the website.

V. Membership recruitment update. Shannon reported that she and Deb Brown presented to an English teachers' conference in October. Based on that and other outreach efforts, a number of schools expressed interested in joining, but the hurricane threw some of them off track. Three schools in Johnston County remain in touch, and Shannon will try to re-contact some off the schools that dropped off the radar after the storm. She suggested inviting interested schools to attend the state tournament as observers. Keith suggested that we present at the NCASA conference, which we are invited to do in the spring of each year. Chris reported that CMS has an interim leader for its humanities office, allowing speech and debate funding to be released to schools. There are about five new schools getting started there. Keith said that he is working with Carolina Day in Asheville to get a team going.

VI. Event insurance for state tournament. Jonathan contacted an insurance vendor but did not receive a specific price quote. He noted that coverage for 4 weeks of ISD camp is \$2100 so he suspects coverage for a two-day tournament would be just \$200-\$300. Keith said that is what it cost in the past. Jonathan will get a quote before our next meeting.

VII. Tournament Manual revision update. Jonathan, Keith, Chris, and Shannon are planning to get a small group together at the Durham Academy tournament to work on this.

VIII. 2020 TFL Tournament date. There was extensive discussion of various schools' and systems' spring breaks, potential district tournament conflicts, religious holidays, etc. The leading contenders that emerged were March 29-29 and April 4-5. In the end, Jonathan **moved** to set the dates as March 28-29, 2020. There was a second and the motion **passed** unanimously.

IX. Bid process for 2020 tournament. The committee discussed when applications should be due. Historically it has been October 1. The sense of the group was that until fall 2019 it will be impossible for many potential applicants to know whether their facilities are available, whether their coach is still there, whether their program is able to support the state tournament, etc.

Chris **moved** that the deadline be October 1, 2019. There was a second and the motion **passed** unanimously. The committee then discussed when to open the application process. Jeff **moved** to do so after the May post-tournament debrief meeting, in case we want to make any changes to the application requirements or form. There was a second and the motion **passed** unanimously.

X. 2019 State Tournament Manager and staffing. Several members suggested inviting Lauren back as manager, for her Tabroom.com competence, her connections with NSDA, and the good job she did last year. Chris **moved** that we invite Lauren back on the same terms as last year (based on the minutes from last year, we offered her \$350 plus all expenses). There was a second and the motion **passed** unanimously. Keith will contact her. Regarding staffing other than the manager, the committee is large enough to handle the tabbing without asking anyone not on the committee to help tab. Specific assignments will be addressed at a later meeting.

XI. Interp source usage and citation rules. Shannon stated that she had done some work on this but it is on her school computer, so she asked to table it until our next meeting and it was tabled by consensus.

XII. Extemp/Impromptu question procurement. Chris noted that last year's source is no longer available. He reached out to some coaches in other states, and it sounds like the going rate is \$250 for eight rounds of extemp questions. Shannon said that she would write the impromptu questions for free and she never has any entries in that event so there would be no conflict. There was a **motion** to let Chris explore extemp options and report back at the next meeting, and to let Shannon write the impromptu questions. There was a second and the motion **passed** unanimously.

XIII. Jackie Foote Award. As noted at our last meeting, the kids have turned the nomination speeches into "roasts" and the process isn't what was originally intended. Jonathan **moved** that we model the procedure off NSDA's leadership bowl (the award itself is a bowl) meaning that there are no nomination speeches and the kids vote for the participant who best exemplifies leadership in the chamber. It would not be limited to seniors; there could be votes, and maybe even awards, in prelims as well as finals; and there could even be awards in JV. The details will be worked out later. There was a second and the motion **passed** unanimously.

XIV. Other business.

- Keith wondered how the Randy Shaver small school award will work with the new bid system -- will the truly small schools even qualify for and attend states? The sense of the group was that they will given the number of free entries available.
- In recent years, we have made provisions for Catholic Mass early Sunday morning at the state tournament. Do we want to continue doing that? Keith will send an email to the TFL coaches asking whether that is important to anyone.
- Chris will remind the Myers Park coaches to secure a tournament hotel.

XV. Next meeting time/date. Keith will do a Doodle poll for our next meeting, which needs to be after the Durham Academy manual revision meeting, so likely sometime in February but not too close to the Harvard tournament.

XVI. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.