TFL COMMITTEE MINUTES – JUNE 23, 2020 (Virtual)

7:03 PM Call-to-Order

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

Non-Committee Member Attendees
1. Leniese Stackley - Cumberland Polytechnic
2. Jonathan Peele - Charlotte Latin
3. Thomas Surber - Mountain Heritage
4. Carmen Kohn - Charlotte Catholic
5. Liz Meine - Cape Fear
6. Kavita Persaud - Cape Fear

TFL Officer Elections
- **TFL Chair:** Keith Pittman by unanimous consent, nominated by RJ, 2nd by Shannon
- **Vice Chair:** Crawford Leavoy by unanimous consent, nominated by Michelle, 2nd by RJ
- **Secretary:** Chris Harrow by unanimous consent, nominated by Bilal, 2nd by RJ
- **Treasurer:** Leniese Stackley by unanimous consent, nominated by Crawford, 2nd by RJ
- **Historian:** Thomas Surber by unanimous consent, volunteered
- **Webmaster:** JR Walker by unanimous consent, nominated by RJ, 2nd by Crawford

Treasurer's Report
- TFL is all paid out from the 19-20 school year, expenses were less because of the cancellation of state tournament, with less money collected as well
- TFL has approximately the same amount of money at this time as in a normal school year.
- **Report accepted,** moved by Crawford, 2nd by RJ

Calendar Discussion and COVID Effects on Planning
- Calendar is more scarce right now compared to previous years, most tournaments are in a “pending” mode waiting on updates w/ COVID-19 situation
- Durham Academy will hold an online tournament
Dogwood plans to hold same number of events, with remaining 2020 tournaments online for now
Early tournaments: Pinecrest may hold online tournament or may move to later date, North Meck plans to keep a date in the fall, Charlotte Catholic flexible depending on field trip regulations
Charlotte Latin will not hold an online tournament
Asheville has not decided in-person vs online
Cary Academy will do an online tournament 12/19
Scheduling for teams is not as easy this year, but many are waiting for more information from schools

TFL State Tournament Bid Process
Discussion on whether bid process should be modified to accommodate changes for online competition and attendance
One criteria no longer applies - breaking at previous year’s state tournament (no tournament held in 2020)
Potential of more online tournaments being held can allow for more bids being awarded this year
Discussion of tournament sizes, will tournaments be larger because of out-of-state participation? Some tournaments (ex: DA) will provide preferential entry to in-state schools
Schools who are able to attend online tournaments will be able to attend the requisite number of events
Discussion of many social distancing issues unique to tournaments (ex: buses)
Discussion of online tournament sizes - largely the same due to schedule overlap, perhaps smaller due to small recruitment numbers
Discussion of purpose of the bid process - enacted to give TFL State Tournament legitimacy, can limit entries to make hosting TFL more reasonable
Discussion of holding final revisions on bid process until more concrete data on number of tournaments, events, attendance, etc. are known
Consensus decision to publish current bid process with disclaimer to re-evaluate the process based on COVID situation - with adjustment made for eliminating language about auto-qualification based on “previous year’s TFL tournament”
Bidkeepers: Chris Harrow and Bilal Butt by unanimous consent, moved by RJ, 2nd by Crawford

2021 TFL Tournament
Discussion of various spring break dates, and start dates
Discussion of commitment to holding a tournament regardless of online/in-person format
  Costs lower for online, teams save on travel
  Costs for awards rise if online
Motion accepted to set date for next-to-last weekend in March (3/20-3/21) w/ goal for in-person: moved by RJ, 2nd by Shannon
• Discussion on target date for a decision of online vs. in-person, need for training, set-up, etc. based on many factors w/ online hosting - Crawford noted need for 60 days notice, RJ questions ability to re-adjust within 60 days if COVID flares back up in spring 2021.
• Keith notes need for continual feedback and outreach to all NC schools
• Keith gives thanks to Lauren Burdt for managing - Motion by Crawford, 2nd by Shannon to ask Lauren Burdt - motion accepted by unanimous consent
• Side discussion about future possibility to have central location for tab
• Motion accepted to offer Lauren Burdt $350 + expenses, made by RJ, 2nd by Crawford

TFL Host Bid Process
• Motion to give Pinecrest right of 1st-refusal by RJ, 2nd by Bilal - accepted by unanimous consent
• Suggestion to have an answer from Pinecrest by October, with understanding that TFL could make a decision about online at a later date
• Motion by Michelle, 2nd by RJ to form a sub-committee to look at options for online hosting - Keith, Crawford, Shannon, and Ben will form sub-committee - Crawford will chair

TFL Dues
• Previous dues $50 w/ $25 late fee
• Motion for same dues and timeline for membership (Feb 28 2021 deadline) moved by RJ, 2nd by Ben - accepted by unanimous consent
• Keith ask Leniese to upload invoice ASAP

Forward-Looking Actions
• None at present

Comments from Member Schools
• Carmen Kohn - concern about Zoom use, notes a need for NSDA Campus platform
• Discussion of differences between various online tournament platforms

Next Meeting
• Motion to meet in August made by Crawford, 2nd by Shannon
• Keith to send Doodle poll

Motion to adjourn by RJ, 2nd by Shannon

Adjourned at 8:53 PM