

## 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 Pellicioti - 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
7. Kick Gardner - Charlotte Country Day

### 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