

TFL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING
October 14, 2020

6:35 PM Call-to-Order

In Attendance

1. Keith Pittman - Asheville
2. Crawford Leavoy - Durham
3. Ben Denton - Pinecrest
4. Michelle Boswell - Cumberland Polytechnic
5. Chris Harrow - Ardrey Kell
6. Mike Bischoff - North Meck
7. Shannon Jarman - Cumberland International

Non-Committee Member Attendees

1. Thomas Surber - Mountain Heritage
2. Carmen Kohn - Charlotte Catholic
3. Liz Meine - Cape Fear

Approval of August 2020 Minutes

- Motion by Shannon, 2nd by Michelle - approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance \$5496.54
- Updated member report included
- Motion to accept by RJ, 2nd by Michelle - approved unanimously

Outreach Report

- RJ absent - report tabled

TFL Social Media

- Discussion of need to replace the lead person for TFL facebook account
- Discussion of what items should be publicized on fb (ex: tournament registration, results)
- Shannon volunteered to monitor regular posting

NC Tabroom Circuit Administration

- Discussion re-visited the idea of whether or not the TFL can or should moderate which tournaments show up as "North Carolina" tournaments
- Several members (Chris & Crawford) expressed that Tabroom administration is not TFL business

- Keith raised several questions about whether TFL should create a circuit, use any “powers,” etc.
- Discussion settled on leaving Tabroom administration alone

Tournament Sanctioning

- Review of sanctioning process in light of remote competitions
- Proposal from Keith: grant extension to tournaments that have happened this season to fill out sanctioning form
- Crawford opened discussion on revamping the tournament sanctioning process by making it a committee process, but also keeping the form for information/transparency purposes
- Michelle agreed with Crawford’s points about being able to sanction by review
- Keith suggested adding a standing agenda item to TFL approve bids
- Chris explained the process for approving entries to the state tournament based on bids w/ respect to the current system
- Discussion about the previous process for reviewing the sanctioning form
- Discussion about possible practices for what TFL review could/should look like with sanctioning
- Keith proposed that tournaments must have completed sanctioning form no later than the February membership deadline for TFL - proposal was met with unanimous support
- Crawford proposed eliminating the clause tying sanctioning to a specific host school - particularly given the realities of remote tournaments
- Michelle agreed with the proposal
- The issue of non-member schools being able to award bids under a no-school proposal was discussed
- Motion by Crawford:
 - A) Edit the qualifying procedures to remove language concerning conditions to award bids, and to replace the language with new wording pertaining to all tournaments geographically in NC
 - B) Add a standing agenda item to future meetings to review the sanctioning of bids
 - Seconded by Michelle - approved unanimously

Sanction Review

- Motion to approve North Meck - moved by Crawford, 2nd by Michelle - passed unanimously
- Motion to deny Coolidge Debate from Thales - moved by Crawford, 2nd by Michelle - passed unanimously

Policy Debate

- Jonathan Peele not present - item tabled

Virtual Norms and Rules Subcommittee

- Subcommittee has met twice since last TFL meeting - currently in review process but with several recommendations
 - Recommendation 1: Hold a “round 0” on Friday night for the purposes of checking access to Tabroom and NSDA Campus
 - Recommendation 2: Formalize room-checking process, and include member coaches in the process
 - Recommendation 3: Create a TFL slack for use in tournament administration
- There have been some discussions about possible tech support needs
- TBD items include: synch vs. asynch speech, coin-flip mechanics, student accommodations
- Current review of the TFL tournament manual is in-progress
- Question from Ben about a backup plan for NSDA Campus - this is under discussion by the subcommittee
- Classrooms.cloud is off the table
- Question from Thomas about how asynch speech works

TFL Tournament Planning

- Brief discussion of future meetings with Lauren Burdt as we move closer to the spring
- Keith noted the need for a TFL tournament manual overhaul

Future Initiatives

- No current discussion

Member School Questions

- Carmen asked several questions pertaining to Tabroom.com, which were addressed by Keith, Chris, and Crawford

No nominations for the TFL Hall of Fame

Keith will send a poll for a December meeting date

Motion to adjourn - 8:09 PM