

**TFL Executive Committee
Virtual Meeting
March 14, 2022**

Call to Order at 6:10

Members In Attendance

1. Keith Pittman- Asheville
2. Crawford Leavoy- Durham Academy
3. Michelle Boswell- Cumberland Polytechnic
4. Mike Bischoff- North Mecklenburg
5. Bilal Butt- Charlotte Latin
6. Ben Denton- Pinecrest
7. Carmen Kohn- Charlotte Catholic
8. RJ Pellicciotta- Cary Academy

Members not in Attendance

- Shannon Jarman- Cumberland International

Non-Committee Members in Attendance

- Jordan Stone

Approval of January and February Minutes

- Motion to approve by Ben, Seconded by Bilal. Approved by unanimous consent

Treasurer's Report

- Updated balance read by Keith
- Approved by unanimous consent

TFL Facebook

- The page is currently outdated and needs to be updated with new information
- Tabled until next meeting

Judge Database

- Crawford has put together a system that is ready to launch soon

TFL Bid Update

- DSDL 6 will be updated, Ardrey Kell is the only tournament missing
- Michelle will be updating this week
- DSDL JV/Novice tournament bids discussed. **The Committee determined that this tournament will not receive bids. TFL manual needs to be updated to clarify the rules for 2022-2023.**

TFL Elections

- Nine people have accepted nominations to serve on the committee for 2022-2023. These nominations cover East, West and At-large members so no election will be held.
- Ballots for Coach of the Year, Assistant Coach of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Free Speech Award and Student of the Year have been sent to member coaches. Nominations must be received by 5pm on Monday, May 21.

TFL Constitution update

- Amendment that was voted on previously needs to be added to the Constitution. Crawford will update by the end of the week.

TFL student/school eligibility issue

- Question posed by member school: "Can a student who attends Early College without academic extracurricular options be eligible to compete in Speech and Debate with their home school?"
- **Motion:** Providence Duo Team currently attending the Middle College Program would be allowed to compete at the 2022 TFL State Tournament, they will not be eligible to earn Sweepstakes points. This decision would not be used as a justification for other organizations to also allow them to compete. This is also not a blanket statement for all students in this situation and will be considered on a case by case basis in the future.
- Motion passed by unanimous consent

TFL State Tournament sponsorship proposal

- Motion to approve the proposal made by RJ, Seconded by Bilal. Passed unanimously.
- Proposal is currently for the in-person tournament, however the committee votes in favor if ISD also wants to do the virtual tournament.

TFL State Tournament

- a. Awards procurement
 - i. Budget concerns for trophies for both tournaments based on cost in previous years.
 - ii. Proposal for the virtual tournament to give a NC shaped plaque for the champion in each event.
 - iii. **Motion:** 1st place trophies will be the same as previous years. Trophies for second place down will be up to Michelle's discretion. They may be trophies, plaques or medals. Total budget for in-person tournament awards will be \$6,000. Decision on budget for virtual tournament awards deferred until after the in-person tournament and is contingent on money earned from the tournament.
 - iv. Motion passed unanimously
- b. Host update
 - i. Parent and student volunteers will be on site to assist
 - ii. Rooms will be determined based on total numbers after registration closes
- c. Covid protocols
 - i. Previously approved protocols stand (masks, social distancing, etc.)
 - ii. Hand sanitizer will be available for judges and competitors in every room
 - iii. Masks should be provided by coaches but back ups will be available
 - iv. Outdoor areas will be utilized
- d. Staffing
 - i. Preference survey sent out by Crawford, roles will be assigned based on needs and preferences.
- e. Hired judges
 - i. The tournament will not be hiring judges for attending schools.
- f. Insurance

- i. Motion for Leneise to obtain liability insurance for the tournament at similar cost to previous years. Passed unanimously.
- g. Schedule
 - i. Lauren and Keith will finalize the schedule this week and committee will approve via email.

Member school concerns (Comment/question period for schools in attendance at meeting and those who submitted issues)

- None at this time

Next meeting

- The committee will meet the morning of April 2, prior to the start of the tournament

Motion to Adjourn at 7:56pm