

3/13/2005 NCCFA Business Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Spring 2004 minutes passes.

Michael reports on state of tournament. States his views on collapsing novice events into open. Basically, our principle has been to collapse if there are less than 6 novice; if 6 or more, we keep novice a separate division. This year, that happened in two events (CA, Inform).

District One 2 Yr. Representative Report—Skip Rutledge of Pt. Loma welcomes all to Southern California.

District Two 2 Yr. Representative Report—Daniel Chabot of William Carey College reported on his efforts to recruit local schools.

Tournament Host Report—John Pate of California Baptist University welcomes everyone to campus and says that he is "happy."

President Renea Gernant of Concordia University thanks John.

NCCFA Secretary-Treasurer Report—Erick Roebuck of Biola University reported that trophies were successfully shipped from Coffman's Trophy in Kentucky. The shipping fees were over \$500. This could be an issue in a tight year.

Renea states that the organization should delegate trophy responsibilities to the secretary in the future.

Jason Hough of John Brown states that trophies could possibly reflect the host site.

Dan states that staying with Coffman's will minimize the expense of digitizing engraving.

Renea states that she will be transferring the spreadsheet to Erick and that we broke even with left over money from Kevin and profit from Cedarville on this year's gifts and subscription to Joy of Tournament Software.

Regent University is not giving us money, as they did not send anyone to the tournament as a recruiter. They may reconsider in the future. Regent's financial help has allowed us to pay for tournament gift in the past. This year's gift, Polos and tshirts, will arrive Monday, March 14, 2005.

Renea reports that opening an NCCFI store would mean sales tax and other weirdness.

Future Host Report: John Brown University—Jason talks about the benefits of lodging at the New Life Ranch. It will provide a unique opportunity for fellowship and fun. Students will need to bring bedding to the tournament as it is a cabin sleeping environment, but that it offers the basic necessities for staying at a tournament. The meal

package will be reasonable—\$45 per person for 3 meals for 3 days. Newliferanch.com is the website for the location.

The campus will have plenty of rooms for competition that are centrally located.

Teams will need to into either Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA) or Tulsa, OK (TUL). They need to rent vans.

The tournament would be ideally held Mar. 24-26, 2006.

Webmaster's note: This is now tentatively scheduled for March 17-19, 2006 due to NPDA moving to the 4th weekend.

Renea offers her thanks to Jason. NCCFI at JBU will be good for students and cost efficient.

Jason offers up that perhaps the NCCFI could offer the presentation of children's literature as an experimental event...this could include props and such.

Announcements

Matt Moore of Cedarville sends greetings and states Cedarville will not able to attend because of budget issues. They plan to attend future NCCFI's.

Erick states that Biola would be interesting in bidding for the 2007 NCCFI. The date would have to be in late January due to campus constraints.

Skip raises the concern that there could be possible conflict with NPDA and NCCFI in 2006.

Novice Issues

Novices who shouldn't be novice

Skips said perhaps limiting number of slots per division exacerbates problem

Topic Committee

Bylaws conflict. Debate coordinator should be in charge of committee.

We need procedures and criteria for topics to avoid divisive topics.

Mike Marse of California Baptist University states that the topics have been better for education now.

Brooke expressed concern about topics not being posted earlier

Renea states that we have the committee set up and that things are in accord so we don't need to make decisions on the fly at the tournament.

Skip comments that a topic committee would be constrained to uphold the bylaws and the committee would not be able to coach.

Renea offers thanks to committee. Comments on the good topics. Offers thanks to the body for opinions and dialogue.

Scheduling AND FEES

No announcements.

Elections

Posted in the next draft on NCCFI.com

Fees

Proposal brought up by Michael to raise fees by \$1 per IE slot, \$2 per LD, and \$5 for RT and debate.

Rationale: the extra money could help to pay for Joy of Tournaments and possibly a tournament gift.

With this year's tournament, \$700 extra would be raised.

Motion is amended to simply reflect increased fees and not the rationale.

Motion passes.

Drop FEE

Motion is made to include a drop fee at the tournament

Name changes okay. At tournament director discretion, the fee is charged. A friendly amendment is offered to include a late add fee. Motion passes.

Individual Sweeps

Michael makes a proposal to combine debate and RT sweeps points into the individual sweeps award. The motion is tabled and referred to committee.

Meeting time elapses and all additional motions are tabled by Renea and referred to committees.