

Call to Order at 9:36

PRESENT: Kevin Berlat- president
Beth Clarke – Vice President
Ronda Mc Whortor-treasurer
Brian Gruman- 5A rep
Cassie Alber-5A rep and graciously taking minutes
Paul Lanphear-4A Rep
Lauren Colombo-4A Rep
Matt Guthrie-1-3A Rep
John Wolnisty 1-3A Rep
Meg Howell-NFL Chair
Steve Abaroa-AZ Thespian Rep
Adam Symonds – Head Coach, ASU Forensics – ex officio
Susan Seep-outgoing 5A rep –

ABSENT: Tim Cornwell-5A rep-sick.

Erik Dominquez –Secretary- in the classroom because of his paternity leave

Lelayna Hunsaker-4A Rep unable due to district conflict,

Tony Rosenberger- 1-3A rep-distance concerns.

I. Introductions

II. Protest-

- Steve asked clarification questions about the protest.
- Adam also asked clarification questions.
- Discussion re: protest and decisions
- Student A was brought in to defend his position at 9:58.
 - Not here to protest the original decision
 - Takes full responsibility
 - Not entirely fair that both get same penalty
 - Surprised to know that evidence was in backpack
 - Wrote the letter to apologize to Brophy
 - Yesterday was 1st time he heard about “impartial judge”
 - Not that kind of person
 - Policy important to him
 - Respect for event & integrity of debate & would never engage in such an action
 - No problem going on probationary status for tournaments to question his ability to judge
- Brian asked about getting evidence from other schools-“Are you aware of taking evidence from other schools?” Student A said that neither he nor his partner had ever taken tournaments. Brian follows up, “At the pre-national Dobson tournament...”. Student A says he did not & would not take evidence.

- Matt asks about card clipping. Student A says that he was reading from laptop he was in read view mode and so the card could not be seen. Promise he was not actually card clipping. The physical evidence printed shows where he was stopping.
- Brian is troubled by the cloud over them. Student A says he doesn't want to be viewed that way. Unfortunate thing that happened at State...but he did not take evidence...Novice did and doesn't know why he kept it. He thought they were Camp files...Student B claims to read it but no team at state was running that case...it was to learn how to go against it. The file was not for a team competing at State, rather CPA.
- Student A is coaching at Dobson now.
- Student A asking for permission to judge. Policy is highly specialized; you need a history with it.
- Discussion followed on clarification of terms, and sanctions.
- The committee report:
 - After reading the letters of appeal, listening to Student A's statements and answers to questions, and discussing the matter, the FLA Executive board has unanimously decided the following:

1) There will be no change in sanction until a letter of apology is received by the coach of Brophy College Prep, with a copy to Kevin Berlat. Despite statements to the contrary, Brophy has never received an official apology for the incident. Student A says that an apology was e-mailed the night before the meeting, but it was never received. When given a chance to use a computer to pull up the e-mail, he could not produce the sent e-mail from his outbox.

2) Once the letter of apology is received, the following conditions go into effect:

a) Student A will be eligible to attend and judge at tournaments starting in January 2012.

b) He will be allowed to judge Novice Division Policy Debate.

c) As per his own suggestion, he will be on a probationary status. We expect a well written, educational reason for decision on each ballot. In addition, board members may sit in on rounds that he judges, to monitor his behavior.

d) The probationary status will be reviewed at the April FLA Board Meeting.

- 10-0 vote

FLA Convention/Tournament Debrief

- Thanks to Susan, applause all around

- Survey at end—feedback received—novices complained about too much walking...just wait until they get to college-hosted tournaments—The spontaneous new coaches workshop will be held by Meg Howell earlier next year before convention---separate and before is necessary---the convention shouldn't be the first time meet us
- Practice tournament too early—some teams can't get ready in time
- Workshops were good
- Erik brought his squad which helped learn how to judge & compete
- Winslow & other out of towns brought huge squads to observe
- Experienced kids enjoyed the comedy improv-successful
- Susan says willing to host again next year and to let her know the date
- January 25th meeting, a date will be set so that Horizon can plan.

I. MINUTES-Steve accepts, Meg 2nds-all adopt-will post on website

II. Conference Representative Reports-

- 5A Winter Trophy- Tim was going to confirm McClintock & price, Concern about Gilbert
- Adam ASU is back up to host
- Kevin will get with Timmy to get decision
- Meg asked Adam about advertising for judges in ASU paper
- 4A Report-Site for Trophy confirmed & AJ will take State
- 1-3A Report-Sites were determined but RV is hosting Trophy and so there is a concern. He assured he would host WT.
- River Valley and Salpointe are asking to be moved out of the 3A conference.
- Kevin said conference alignments exist because of legislative council. Appeals go to the council.

III. Organizational

Thespian- Had conference on Saturday as well & had more participation.

-North, Central & South alignment. Holbrook & Payson are the only north schools. Lake Havasu etc will go to Greenway.

-1 Acts can have 5-8 minutes of music/song.

-State 1 Acts at Sabino HS, Tucson

NFL- waiting til Spring, no minutes yet, meeting of NFL just occurred,

-Meg got email from Candy, next fall will be doing another district committee conference & our committee will go

-site is still up in air with Central/Brophy

-Congress...completely unaffiliated judges for NFL quals

FLA- nothing

NFHS- committee meeting a couple of weeks ago

-booklets all online for NFHS member coaches

-million dollars liability for \$20 – strongly recommended for all coaches, even the volunteer assistants.

-*Forensic Quarterlies* will be online for a price this year

- Fundamentals of Coaching-All AZ coaches have to take (not S&D currently)
- Creating a course for S&D down the road, curriculum for judges-this might be something we can use for judge certification
- Kevin Berlat attended the Speech, Debate, and Theater committee meeting, and the State Directors meetings in Indianapolis. Many topics of interest were discussed.

IV. Calendar Updates

- Calendar Updates- On FLA website
- PCDS tournament-raised \$1200 for K2 Foundation

V. FLA Website

FLA Website-over 3000 hits so far. Information is being updated more regularly.

VI. Adding the Rotating Event for State

- Rotating Event for AIA State-possibly get a sponsorship for trophies and scholarships – That discussion must be handled by Brian at the AIA.

VII. Public Relations Officer-

- Approved at meeting, will be submitted to AIA legislative council in March

VIII. Pins for Tournament ID

- Cassie showed pin, discussed concerns, crisis plan
- Matt feels not necessary with variety of people at any school
- Paul mentioned buying them and selling as fundraiser
- Dean Visser suggested wristbands or lanyards as judge and official identification.

IX. Computer Use in Debate Events

- Convention voted to adopt NFL rules and aligning all events with NFL rules for computer use
- Discussion about what is “downloadable” in a round occurred & no clear-cut standard
- Moved by Steve, 2nd by Beth
- Cassie called question, Meg seconded
- 11-1-0

X. AIA Divisional Alignments starting in 2012-13

- Eventual will of body to remain in current alignment, John’s plan was 2nd

XI. Hall of Fame Election

- Congrats to Meg
- Kevin has plaque, hammer, and nail but Dean has to ask higher up
- AIA might be moving offices
- Meg suggests that we put our history of our state champions to put up on website & suggests we look at the Ohio State website for guidance
- Submissions for Hall of Fame-Sue Norris & Barb Williams were nominated
- Kevin liked online vote

XII. Tournament Host Rotation Proposal

- 4A and 1-3A takes care of their own house
- 5A needs to set something up
- Meg says send an email to see if they can be on rotation basis

- Need some sort of signed agreement that the administration agrees to rotation
- Need 80 rooms
- Adam Symonds said the 2nd week of April would be viable option for NFL.

XIII. From the floor: Matt talking- win/loss/binary

- Degrees of winning – from close round to blowout.
- Clarke owned Guthrie because she pointed out his plan is making debate more like speech
- Adam says research says no more than 5 categories

XIV. English Speaking Union Shakespeare competition

- End of February-last Saturday
- Steve supposed to be new chairman
- Location TBD

XV. Poetry Outloud

- Meg spoke about how Mtn View did it
- The participation of our students would help make the event even better.

Adjournment