

## **CVFL End of Year Coaches Meeting Minutes 6/19/2021**

Present: Josh Stinson, Eric Larsen, Brock Dyer, Luca Moretti, Marianne Platt, Hugh Corkery, Bob Pritchard, Stephen Goldberg, Megan Shakespeare, Christine Gruhn

Welcome! Next year, hoping tournaments to be in person, but currently planning for both. Josh hates online with a capital H.

**Treasurers Report** – we usually bring in and spend about \$16,000 per year. Eric keeps \$2,500 on hand to pay for upcoming expenses/insurance etc. Speech brings in more but costs less (trophies), debate brings in less, but costs more. This year we save \$1,000 on custodial costs and spent \$7,000 on rooms on classrooms.cloud. We spent \$4000 on state quals trophies (we usually spend \$8000 on trophies). Josh acknowledged that several coaches were unhappy about the lack of league trophies. We have \$1,569.00 remaining from this year. Luca – what about using NSDA campus instead of classrooms.cloud as it is cheaper (6 per room instead of 25). Its very similar to classrooms but processing power for Zoom is less. Luca and Josh will investigate this. Eric – if we must go online, raising fees to \$8 per entry will cover our expenses if we must use classrooms. Brock moves to increase fees to \$8.00. Eric seconds. Motion passes.

**Remaining funds** - Most popular use of funds based on coach survey was purchasing NSDA resource packages for smaller schools who don't have students who can help train others. Luca – league has done better in recent past showing that smaller/new schools do better with support from league. Christine – evidence is that Waldorf doing well in Congress b/c of one former competitor who trained others, resources package would really help train students in other events - could give this to humanities teachers. Shakespeare – package would help her as new coach. Motion passed to spend remaining funds of \$1569.00 for resources packages. Stinson will see how much we can get from NSDA with this amount – will report back to us in August. Hugh – Oakridge is not a smaller school anymore so they don't need help with the resource package but would like to be flexible as to

what small teams need (if they don't need the resource package, what do they need)?

**CHSSA** – Josh went to meeting about a month ago – allocations same as this year - 4 spots for everything and 5 for Expos. Numbers stayed strong in our league, but other leagues had issues. Discussion at that meeting – moving away from script audit. The idea is that you play through unless caught, and if you are caught, you are disqualified. The fear seemed to be greater than the reality. Message to students is that they **MUST** have the rights to use a script – free domain library or pay for. Mira Loma HI/DI captains starting a budget for students to spend on scripts. They sell snacks at their own meetings to cover this.

**Elections** – all unanimously approved – Josh – President (Josh said he only promises one more year, then may wish to hand over scepter) , Brock/Luca – Co-Vice Presidents, Eric - Treasurer, Melissa – Secretary.

**Kudos to Tab staff** – Luca and Brock got plaudits from parents and others for their professionalism, competency, and calm under fire, and our judge's lounge was so respectful and well organized compared to that of other tournaments.

**IF online next year**, then we will have a room for all students to interact together as the cross-school interactions were missed by students – perhaps with guided activities like meme contests between rounds.

**Plans for Fall** – everyone reported that as of this point, their school is scheduled to be live in person in the Fall, 5 days per week (Waldorf in outdoor classrooms), but most coaches are unsure as to if schools/districts/parents will allow students to travel to tournaments and compete at other schools

Christine would like to see guidelines for in person tournaments to help get approval from admin and buy in from parents to travel (spacing, masks if inside) – Josh says he will draft something for August meeting because of the level of uncertainty at this point.

**Tentative Schedule** (Host School if in Person)

Sept 25 Woodcreek Speech

October 16 Mira Loma Debate

November 13 Antelope Speech

December TBD Davis Debate

Jan 22/23 Waldorf NCFL Quals.

Josh says most invitationals will be online in the Fall, but he plans that even if league tournaments are online, his students will be at their site for tournaments to heal some of the social/emotional issues experienced this year.

### **CVFL Website**

Josh liked Quest's brag sheet for NSDA qual – so would like something similar on CVFL website for States and Nationals. Luca willing to do this and he is our new NSDA representative (yes!). Send photos for website if you have them. Stephen wants to make sure that we have photo releases for all photos of minors posted on our website.

### **Camps/Judges/Student Training**

Christine recommends that coaches have teams look at the CVFL website to see all the resources available for judges so that students reduce complaints about poor quality judge training.

We will discuss with students how to reengage with each other in person (body language etc.) at first tournaments.

Mira Loma free speech and debate camp (with **really good** snacks according to Josh) first week in August – emphasis is on speech events with a social justice emphasis. If you hear of a camp in our area, please share it so Josh can put it on the website. Stephen HS policy camp still in process, middle school going forward – will waive costs for anyone in need.

Mira Loma will have its own live judges training to rebuild community and they will also have an online one.

Davis had a lecture series from alums, and these are available online in their youtube data base. Luca provided link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZWhGeRyzrN3lHeCQ6lqvHg/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf\\_id=0](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZWhGeRyzrN3lHeCQ6lqvHg/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf_id=0)

Stephen hosting expert lecture series on the water topic. Will send info

**Finally,**

Submit rules/bylaw changes to Josh over the summer. The only one he has is that if we are online – good practices from NSDA to solve internet glitch issues. Wants to add an act of God clause.

**The End**