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Annual General Meeting
Lower Canada College – Wednesday, June 4, 2014

1. Call to Order

Chris George called the meeting to order at 4:41 P.M.

2. Roll Call, Introduce QSDA Executive and all Coaches, Identify Voting members (1 per member school in 2013-14)

Present:

Chris George	Lower Canada College, President, (Proxy for St. George's)
Jonathan Bracwell	Selwyn House, Vice-President
Denis Brault	Loyola
Katie Rochford	Trafalgar, QSDA Director
Christina Orlando	ECS
Michael Chung	Kells Academy, Secretary
Catherine Holloway	Royal West Academy

Regrets:

Isabelle Fahmy	Treasurer, QSDA
Christina Grivas	WIC
Donna Gold	St. George's
Emerson Thomas	Bialik
Sandy Cross	St. Thomas
Erika Rath	Sacred Heart
Sarah Campbell	Kells Academy
Audrey Langlois	Stanstead
Greg Loudon	Vincent Massey

Voting members are indicated in bold above. The chair determined that quorum was established.

3. Adopt minutes from June 20, 2013

Motion to adopt by Christina, seconded by Michael. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Business Arising from Minutes of June 20, 2013

No business arising.

5. Membership Update

16 members in total this year. Lost 2 members (John Rennie and Westwood). All contacts available on QSDA website.

6. Financial Update

- financial statements for 2012-13

Chris has resigned from ESU board of directors, so no ESU money will flow through the QSDA in the future. This year showed a surplus due to an un-cashed ESU sponsorship cheque that will be used next year. Tournament costs hosted by schools listed as charitable activities. CSDF McLeese grant pays for web hosting or debate workshops. Fiscal year closed with \$5820.82.

Motion to adopt the financial statement made by Jon, seconded by Katie.

Motion carried unanimously.

- financial statements for 2013-14

All expenses essentially the same. The ESU grant from last year which was not spent by the hosting school last year was disbursed this year, and we showed a deficit which was larger than it really was. We project to end the year with a loss of ~\$250.

- set registration fee for 2014-15

Motion made by Jon to raise the registration fee from \$125 to \$150 per school. Seconded by Christina. Motion carried unanimously.

- Budget for 2014-15

Proposed budget assuming 15 school memberships.

Motion by Catherine to adopt the budget, seconded by Katie. Motion carried unanimously.

- auditor

Left for next year's board members.

- signing officers

Left for next year's board members.

7. QSDA Provincials Report

Received \$783 from "Your Constitution, Your Canada". Looking to receive that again, perhaps up to \$1000; will have to do the same next year, picking a topic along the same lines as last year.

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Discussion: Did we like the format of a combined Junior/Senior provincials with 6 rounds. It was good to miss no school time, good for having lots of quality judging. Should we have the provincial championships to maintain the same format for next year? Last year we had a proposal for a 6 round, 2 day event and the motion was passed.

Jon moves to confirm that provincials in the 2014-2015 school year, must be at least 6 rounds, 2 day combined junior/senior event. Seconded by Katie. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Report on recent Senior National Championships

British Columbia won, Selwyn made it to quarter finals. Next year, senior nationals will be held in Ontario. Supernats will be held in 2018 in Quebec! Look forward to it!

9. Report on recent Junior National Championships

Ontario won, one Quebec team made it to quarter-finals. There was an issue with the 8 minute speaking times for Junior Nationals and despite the times being set as 8 minutes last year, it was reverted to 6 minutes. The motion to fix the times was defeated and it was left up to the host. The guess for next year is that it will be 6 minutes. Next year Junior Nationals will be held in Winnipeg, tentatively from May 7 to 10th, 2015.

10. CSDF Report

- We received two grants as outlined in the report.
- National Seminar was held in Saskatoon, nobody went. National seminar will be held Oct 1-6 in Saint John, NB. We are invited to send delegates. Debaters can't have been to a national event. Details posted on QSDA site. Cost is \$400 per student/adult delegate. Travel grant from government may pay 100% of travel costs.

11. Review calendar of events and hosting schedule

- determine Oxford Cup Qualifier – McGill again(?)

Motion made by Jon to have McGill be the qualifier for Oxford Cup. Seconded by Katie. Carried unanimously.

- Queen's hosting BP Tournament in Sep 19-21
- Oxford Cup – Selwyn House (Nov. 15 weekend)
- other QSDA junior and senior events, and provincials, needed
- ECS will host a Senior Tournament on January 21st, 2015.
- WIC has offered to host a junior tournament in the fall.
- VMC may host a junior tournament
- Bialik and St. Georges are scheduled to host. Stanstead also may host.
- Trafalgar would like to host something this year.

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- LCC willing to host the Saturday for Provincials again if someone were to host the Friday. Trafalgar may tentatively be able to host the Friday portion.

12. Election of Board of Directors

If there are vacant positions, then that position must be filled by members of the board. Ex: Treasurer is vacant, then the spot would remain vacant if no one is elected, however the remaining board members must decide amongst themselves to take on the duties of the treasurer and also of finding a treasurer. The by-laws allow the board to appoint a director if need be.

Chris George has decided not to return as a director as he has worked on it for 10 years. He would like to meet with the new board to pass along any useful information and transfer signing authority. We need to elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and a final spot, currently deemed as director of debates.

Michael nominates Jon Bracewell for President. Jon Bracewell acclaimed as President. Michael nominates Katie Rochford for Vice-President. Katie Rochford acclaimed as Vice-President.

No one has been nominated for Treasurer. The current director Isabelle is retiring, therefore at this point, the Treasurer position is vacant.

Michael nominates Christina Orlando for Secretary. Christina Orlando acclaimed as Secretary.

Jon nominates Greg Loudon to be a director, title to be decided. Greg Loudon acclaimed as director.

The New board:

President: Jon Bracewell

Vice-President: Katie Rochford

Treasurer: Vacant

Secretary: Christina Orlando

Director: Greg Loudon

Michael moves to remove the current signing officers (Chris George and Isabelle Fahmy) and that Jon Bracewell and Katie Rochford become the new signing officers until we find a treasurer. Seconded by Catherine. Motion unanimously passes.

Jon nominates Chris George as auditor. Seconded by Katie. Motion passes unanimously.

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13. Other Business

Jon would like to thank Chris George for all of his hard work in the past 10 years on the QSDA. Seconded by everyone. Motion passes unanimously.

14. Adjournment

Michael moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Carried.

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