

Quebec Student Debating Association
Coaches' Meeting – Wednesday, December 12, 2007
Lower Canada College

1. Welcome /Call to order/Introductions (at 4:11 p.m.)

Present:

Ryan Abrams	Centennial Academy (Treasurer/Proxy for Loyola)
Chris George	Lower Canada College (President/ Proxy for the Study)
Elizabeth Cohene	Lower Canada College
David Rudin	Royal West Academy
Sandy Cross	Westwood H.S. (Vice-President)
Mary-Kate Jackson	Queen of Angels

Regrets:

Isabelle Fahmy	The Study
Noah Kochman	Herzliah (St. Laurent)
Padriac Scanlan	Secretary
Graeme Philips	Trafalgar
Richard Fortier	St. Thomas
Denis Brault	Loyola High School
Myriam Cobo	ECS
Jeff Deepprose	St. George's
Donna Gold	St. George's
Liana Palko	Selwyn House
Erin Russett	Selwyn House
Louise Chalmers	John Rennie
Tracy Smith	Queen of Angels

Chair: Chris George

Minutes: Ryan Abrams

2. Roll Call, Introduce Coaches, Identify Voting members (1 per member school)

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

3. Adopt minutes from June 12, 2007

Motion to adopt minutes from June 12, 2007.

Moved by David, seconded by Sandy. CARRIED Unanimously.

4. Business Arising from Minutes of June 12, 2007

None.

5. Membership Report – Ryan

- 14 paid members plus St Thomas with waived fees
- 3 more members expected to pay fees

6. Financial Report– Ryan

- Ryan presented report which shows us on a break even pace for the year.

Motion to adopt the financial report for 2007-2008.

Moved by Liz, seconded by Sandy. CARRIED Unanimously.

7. Report on QSDA Incorporation

- Paperwork cost \$229 with expediting fee – one time expense
- Insurance was cheaper through “Volunteer Canada”
- Annual fee approximately \$1100 per year plus \$100 membership
- Needed to pay extra time this year, so expense will be less next year
- Total cost was less then projected.
- Covered for
 - Executive liability
 - Chaperone’s liability

8. Report on recent North Americans Championships – Chris

- 7 teams went
- two chaperones – we paid for one and the other covered by own schools

9. Report on recent National Seminar – Mary Kate

- See attached report by Mary Kate
- Should we change how we select kids for the seminar?
 - David: More criteria from the QSDA would be appreciated

10. Report on Upcoming Provincial Championships and National Championships - Chris

- Championships have moved to April 24th – 28th – Passover
- Chris will notify Martin about the conflict
- Should be able to send 10 teams
- MK: Can a parent chaperone? As a worst case ...
- Provincial champs on January 14th
- Resolution: TH supports term limits for politicians.
- 3 teams per school

11. Review calendar of events for the new year

- Herzliah St. Laurent Junior Tournament still unconfirmed.
- Junior provincials – April 3 at Selwyn House
- Dawson?
- Junior Nationals – first week of May in Newfoundland

12. Willis S. McLeese Award for “outstanding service to student debating”

- Nominations open – will be e-mailed soon

13. Debate coaching jobs – university students for hire

- Some students at McGill would like to be hired – contact Chris

14. Other Business

- Good food
- Discussion on timing of tournaments
 - Low on senior events because not enough hosts, but there are other events to fill the void (i.e. Marianopolis, Dawson, McGill)

15. Adjournment at 5:16 p.m.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Ryan and Seconded by David. CARRIED unanimously.