



Quebec Student Debating Association

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Quebec Student Debating Association – General Meeting Lower Canada College - Thursday, December 16, 2010

1. Welcome - Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

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

Present:

Chris George	Lower Canada College / proxy for Selwyn / proxy for The Study
Denis Brault	Loyola
Greg Louden	Vincent Massey (President) / proxy for St. George's

Regrets:

Donna Gold	St. George's
Liana Palko	Selwyn House
Edward Bechard-Torres	Treasurer
Lauren Shadley	Director
Mia Valerianos	The Study
Graeme Phillips	Trafalgar
James Roy	Westwood
Jeff Pinsky	Beaconsfield
Melissa Leiter	Bialik

Chair: Greg Louden

Minutes: Chris George

The Chair established that quorum had been attained.

Motion to adopt agenda.

Moved: Denis

Seconded: Chris

Carried unanimously.

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3. Adopt minutes from June 3, 2010

Motion to adopt the minutes from June 3, 2010.

Moved: Denis

Seconded: Chris

Carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising from Minutes of June 3, 2010

- Denis enquired about Loyola hosting a tournament for the year 2011-12. He is willing to run a junior tournament in the fall term on a Ped.. Day, to be determined when Loyola's schedule is available.
- the code of conduct which was passed has been developed and is in use for all national events.

5. Membership Update

- the list of members was presented.
- there are 14 current members – 2 had their fee waived as they are new schools.
- Villa Maria paid, but were not required to.

Motion: Since Villa Maria paid, their fee shall applied to the school year 2011-2012.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Greg

Carried unanimously.

- three schools that participated but have not paid are Bialik, Westwood, and Stanstead.
- John Rennie and WIC have not renewed.
- Denis notes that Centennial Regional competed at the public speaking tournaments and qualified for National, therefore they must join the QSDA.

6. Financial Update

- the financial statement audited for 2009-10 was presented
 - Chris presented the audited statement for the year and is included. Last year we lost \$310.17, and still have over \$3000 in the bank
 - the new QSDA executive opened a new bank account at TD over the summer.

Motion to accept the audited statement.

Moved by: Denis

Seconded: Greg

Carried unanimously.

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- Budget for 2010-11
 - Ed was not present to present a detailed budget, but we have taken in \$2400 in membership fees with some outstanding.
 - budget on track for close to break-even, keeping mind \$1000 is dedicated to the 2012 National Championships which the QSDA is hosting.

7. Report from Oxford Cup Championships

- see attached report.
- world qualifier also took place in Toronto that weekend.
- next year's Oxford Cup will again be at UCC in Toronto.

8. Review calendar of tournaments

- Marianopolis on Sat. Jan. 15.
- Provincials at VMC on Fri. Feb. 4- invite online – 2 teams per school
- Junior Provincials on April 8 at Selwyn.
- Queen's, U of O, and York tournaments listed on the QSDA website (all in Feb.)
- Hart House tournament in March.
- Dawson in March (info on website).
- Senior Nationals in Halifax in April.
- Junior Nationals in Estevan in May.
- CSDF National Seminar in Hay River in March. No one from Quebec has officially come forward. Students are invited to apply to the board of directors who will select students to go. The President will send out more information soon.
- all tournament dates and contact info is on the website.

Junior Tournaments

- there are supposed to be 4 per year. Royal West was scheduled for Nov. 12 and cancelled. Both Bialik and Trafalgar have been informed of their requirement and commitment to host a junior tournament this school year.

9. Proposed By-Law Amendments

The following changes were circulated with due notice:

- To replace by-law #66 regarding the CNDC with the following:
"66. No member school may send more than two teams to the CNDC, unless the QSDA is invited to send more than six teams. This restriction may also be relaxed, at the discretion of the board of directors, should any of the six initial teams drop out, or if there be a need a need to

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invite a team which is placed 10th place or lower, or should there be a need to invite a team which is not in the top 50% of the standings.

- To replace the last sentence of by-law #73, regarding the The Junior High National Debating Championships with the following:

"73. No member school may send more than one team to the Junior High Nationals, unless the QSDA is invited to send more than four teams. This restriction may also be relaxed, at the discretion of the board of directors, should any of the initial four teams drop out, or should there be a need to invite a team which is placed 10th place or lower, or should there be a need to invite a team which is not in the top 50% of the standings.

- Replace by-law #77 regarding the Oxford Cup with the following:

77. The top five teams, such that no more than two are from the same school, without other restrictions, are eligible to advance to the Oxford Cup, unless the QSDA is invited to send more than five teams. This restriction may also be relaxed, at the discretion of the board of directors, should any of the initial five teams drop out, or should there be a need a need to invite a team which is placed 10th place or lower, or should there be a need to invite a team which is not in the top 50% of the standings.

- reword By-law #78 to say "Oxford Cup".

Motion to adopt the changes to the QSDA By-laws.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Denis

Carried unanimously.

10. Other Business

- There have been certain schools and students who have shown up to tournaments, both local and at the Oxford Cup, wearing jeans and not professional business attire. Many provincial representatives and debaters commented on the lack of professionalism, and it reflected very poorly on the QSDA as an organization that we would allow our students to be dressed as such.

Motion: All debaters are required to wear professional business attire, at all local QSDA tournaments and all national events for which the QSDA sanctions the selection for. Specifically, demin jeans and casual clothes are not allowed.

Moved: Greg

Seconded: Denis

Carried unanimously.

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Motion: The QSDA Agreement / Code of conduct for students representing the QSDA shall be updated to reflect this change.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Greg

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Students, judges and coaches are reminded that Points of Information in debating are mandatory to accept during all speeches. Students and teams that blatantly refuse to accept POIs in a round of debate, shall lose the round as a result. Constant “badgering” of the other team with asking POIs, is also not allowed, and at the discretion of the judge(s), a serious violation of this rule may result in a loss.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Denis

Carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment at 5:41 p.m.

Moved by Denis.

Carried unanimously.

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