

Quebec Student Debating Association
Annual General Meeting
Lower Canada College - Thursday, June 5, 2008

1. Welcome / Call to order/ Introductions (at 4:35 p.m.)

Present:

Chris George	Lower Canada College (President / Proxy for St. George's / Proxy for The Study / Proxy for QAA)
Louise Chalmers	John Rennie
Gloria Koyounian	Royal West
Anniké Flomen	Royal West
Sandy Cross	Vice-President / Westwood
Liz Cohene	Lower Canada College
Denis Brault	Loyola
Erin Russett	Selwyn House
Lauren Shadley	Dawson
Edward Bechard-Torres	Dawson
Michael Stepner	Marianopolis

Regrets:

Isabelle Fahmy	The Study
Ryan Abrams	Treasurer
Judy Stein	Bialik
James Rioux	Stanstead
Mark Olsson	Centennial
Padriac Scanlan	Secretary
Graeme Philips	Trafalgar
Myriam Cobo	ECS
Jeff Deeprise	St. George's
Donna Gold	St. George's
Liana Palko	Selwyn House
Mary Kate Jackson	Queen of Angels
Tracy Smith	Queen of Angels
Tina Grivas	West Island College

Chair: Chris George
Minutes: Lauren Shadley

2. Roll Call, Introduce QSDA Executive and all Coaches, Identify Voting Members

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

3. Adopt minutes from December 12, 2007

Motion to adopt minutes from December 12, 2007.
Moved by Sandy, seconded by Chris. CARRIED Unanimously.

4. Business Arising from Minutes of December, 2007

- Herzliah St. Laurent did not host a junior tournament as expected.
- Willis McLeese award given to Sandra Siggins, who is currently in Hong Kong.

5. Chaperoning Issue

- Chris outlined the letter sent to schools and discussed the issues.
- several schools will not send students without rep from their own school.
- had some discipline issues this year.
- costly for each school to send a rep (and bad idea!)
- groups have been large and difficult to deal with many schools.
- schools can assume liability with respect to taking on other students amongst themselves.
- chaperons could be parents.
- concerns about money.
- QSDA can provide some money as a subsidy for schools in need.
- options discussed about raising or lowering registration fee to achieve more or less money for subsidies.

6. Membership Update

- 17 members this year (lost both Herzliah schools).

7. Financial Update

- expenses for this year presented – on pace for break even.
- insurance was more last year because of timing.
- \$1000 from CSDF.

Motion to accept the financial report for 2007-08.

Moved by Gloria, seconded by Sandy. CARRIED Unanimously.

- possible budget for 2008-09 presented and issues discussed.

Motion to keep the membership fee at \$250 with a minimum of \$50 reserved for expenses for chaperons.

Moved by Gloria, seconded by Liz. CARRIED Unanimously.

- discussion about needing to appoint an auditor

Motion to authorize the board of directors to appoint someone at later date.

Moved by Denis, seconded by Gloria. CARRIED Unanimously.

8. Report on recent National Championships

- written report from Graeme.
- weak judging but tournament was very well run.

9. Report on recent Junior High Nationals

- written report from Isabelle.
- well run event, LCC won.

10. Report from CSDF – Chris

- information to be sent out soon for applying for National Seminar and World Qualifier, deadline proposed of Sept. 19.
- may or may not get the \$1000 next year from CSDF.

11. Review calendar of events for next year

- 4 junior tournaments and 3 seniors expected.
- many other events already on the calendar.
- ideas floated to host either a grade 7 only or a Pro-Am (no volunteers).
- National Seminar in November, back to back with North Americans and Asper.

12. Proposed Amendments to By-Laws

Motion to amend the by-laws as follows:

- Item 45 on funding adult chaperons – delete.
- Item 42: change “member’s” to “director’s”.
- Change the following clauses, which currently provide for a distinction between chaperons and voting delegate to the following:
Item 65: The board of directors shall appoint a voting delegate.
Item 69: The board of directors shall appoint a voting delegate.
Item 73: The board of directors shall appoint a voting delegate.
Item 77: The board of directors shall appoint a voting delegate.
- Item 105 - regarding timing of deciding McLeese Award – strike “by December 31 of each year”.
- Move the current item 32 under the heading of “Meetings of Directors”.
- Item 47 b, to correct a typo by removing the word “governor” which does not apply to QSDA.

Moved by Gloria, seconded by Sandy. CARRIED Unanimously.

13. Election of Executive / Board of Directors

Gloria nominate Chris George for President. Acclaimed.
Gloria nominates Alexander Cross for Vice-President. Acclaimed
Erin nominates Ryan Abrams for Treasurer. Acclaimed.
Erin nominate Mary Kate Jackson for Secretary. Acclaimed.
Gloria nominates Isabelle Fahmy to be a director. Acclaimed.

14. Other Business

None.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:35.

Moved by Erin, seconded by Sandy. CARRIED Unanimously.