

QSDA Meeting
Wednesday, September 17, 2003
St. George's School of Montreal

Present: Riley McMullen, President QSDA (St. George's), Rachel McCabe, Treasurer QSDA (Trafalgar), Kozo Ota, Acting Secretary (St. George's & Marianopolis), Jill Rollins (LCC), Chris George (LCC), Catherine Grimanis (E.C.S.), Isabelle Fahmy (The Study), Brandon Uditsky (Herzliah Snowdon), Judith Kaplan-Charbonneau (Marianopolis)

1. Welcome/Call to order (4:15 p.m.) Riley warmly welcomed all new and returning members.
2. Approving minutes from A.G.M. on May 29, 2003
 - Jane Danek's name is misspelt.
 - Chris questioned the wording of section 4.1, regarding the selection of teams for various national level tournaments. It was determined that the wording was vague and required clarification. The relevant sections of section 4.1 should now read:

4.1 Selection Process for National Events:

Senior National Championships: No single school shall send more than two teams.

Junior National Championships: No school shall send more than two debaters.

National Seminar: The QSDA does not need to determine a selection process, as the CSDF already has strict regulations regarding student selection.

Moved by Jill, seconded by Rachel, that the minutes of the AGM be approved. Passed unanimously.

3. Scheduling of Tournaments

- The following tentative schedule of events were compiled during the meeting:
<INSERT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE HERE>

- In addition to these dates, Tim Maly and Josh Judas may schedule workshops for debaters after the McGill High School Tournament.

- More tournaments need to be scheduled to fill out the schedule.

- In keeping with QSDA policy, that a member school host a tournament once every two years, the following schools are due to host a tournament: (in no particular order) Loyola, WIC, Selwyn House, Lake of Two Mountains, Stanstead & Villa Maria.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Membership fee will remain \$150.00. As a first year school, Herzliah will have the fee waived.
- QSDA budget was distributed to all present.
- There is only one outstanding membership fee, which should be resolved shortly.
- The CSDF might have reimbursed part of Tim's flight from last year. Which has not been factored into the balance.

- The question of obtaining a QSDA credit card remains unresolved.
- Moved by Chris, seconded by Isabelle, that the QSDA will subsidize up to \$500.00 for flights of the primary chaperone for national level events (i.e. National Seminar & Junior/Senior National Championships). Passed unanimously.

Isabelle and Brandon leave.

5. QSDA Website

- The current QSDA website is lacking in content. This year more content should be added to the website. Content (as presented by Riley) could include:

Introducing the QSDA, who we are, our purpose etc.

Schedule of Events

Tournament Results

Qualifying Guidelines

Rules, Scripts, and Ballots

Minutes and Reports

Resources (books / links for students and coaches)

How to Join the QSDA

Contacts

- Aaron Stamboulieh (St George's) has agreed to maintain the QSDA website. Wages to be determined later.

6. QSDA Policy

- Riley reminds coaches that tournament dates/resolutions must be approved by the QSDA executive before being formally announced.
- Riley also reminds coaches that if chaperones cannot be found for national tournaments, kids simply will not go. Chaperones will not have to organize flights. Riley will arrange flights, but will NOT go ahead and pay for them like last year. If this prevents us from getting the cheapest flights so be it.
- Chris brought OSDU ballots (adapted from CSDF ballots) and proposed that they be used en lieu of the current QSDA ballots. The only major difference is that the new ballots are scored out of 100, and have different categories. Using holistic scoring should be encouraged with these ballots. A motion to use a modified version of the CSDF ballots, en lieu of the old QSDA ballots passed unanimously.

7. Miscellaneous

- Riley will update the QSDA mailing list.
- Chris brought up the merit of using W/L instead of speaker points to determine winners at tournaments. It was decided that this issue should be discussed when more coaches are present.

8. Meeting adjourned (6:15 PM)