

Quebec Student Debating Association
Coaches' Meeting – Monday, December 11, 2006
Lower Canada College

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

Present:

Ryan Abrams	Centennial Academy (Secretary)
Chris George	Lower Canada College (President/St. George's Proxy)
Elizabeth Cohene	Lower Canada College
Liana Palko	Selwyn House
David Rudin	Royal West Academy
Rachel McCabe	Trafalgar (Treasurer)
Denis Brault	Loyola High School
Sandy Cross	Westwood H.S. (Vice-President)
Mary-Kate Jackson	Queen of Angels
Tracy Smith	Queen of Angels

Regrets:

Judy Stein	Bialik
Shawna Katz	John Rennie
Isabelle Fahmy	The Study
James Rioux	Stanstead College
Noah Kochman	Herzliah (St. Laurent)
James Roy	Westwood
Catherine Grimanis	ECS
Tina Grivas	West Island College
Jeff Deeprise	St. George's
Donna Gold	St. George's
John Commins	Royal West Academy
Allan Tabatchnik	Herzliah (St. Laurent)

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 6, 2006

Motion to adopt minutes from June 6, 2006. Moved by Liana, seconded by Sandy. CARRIED Unanimously.

4. Business Arising from Minutes of June 6, 2006

- The actual excess of funds in 2006 was \$478 and not \$512.

5. Membership Report - Rachel

- Rachel reads list of paid and unpaid members.
- Total paid members expected: 17 paid, 18 total (Massey fee waived for this year).
- Liana: should a private list of home phone numbers be circulated amongst members in case of emergency?
- Chris: Will compile the list for private use.

Motion that tournament hosts must confirm tournament registration with all member schools, regardless of whether they have registered, the day after registration ends. Moved by Liana and seconded by Mary Kate. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Financial Report– Rachel

- Report presented which shows a break-even projection this year.
- Report is attached to minutes and indicates \$1000 is to be spent on hosting Junior Nationals this year (approved at last year's AGM).
- We made \$260 on North Ams and anticipate \$2550 in fees this year.

7. 2007 Junior Nationals Report - Chris

- May 10 – 12, at Selwyn, John Rennie and LCC.
- Prepared topics are to be announced shortly.
- We need judges: senior students (grade 11 and up).
- Most rounds will be done in Canadian National Format with two rounds of discussion style.
- No more Cross-ex!!!!
- Registration fee will be \$175.

8. Provincial and National Championships Report - Chris

- 26 teams attended, top 6 expected to go to the National Championships.
- No formal information available on National Championships (March 1 – 4).
- Championships hosted at UCC, therefore costs to get there are small.
- Thank you to Royal West for hosting a great event.

9. North American Championships Report – Chris

- Held at Trafalgar for second year in a row.
- 3 of 7 Quebec teams made semi finals, LCC qualified for Oxford.
- All top 5 speakers were from Quebec.
- Next year they are to be held in Calgary.

10. Calendar of Upcoming Events

- English Speaking Union – Thursday February 8th at LCC, top two students go to England. One five minute speech delivered twice.
- April 2nd tentative date for junior provincial qualifier.
- World Qualifying Tournament for Worlds 2008 to held in Ottawa this April – possibility of grade 11's not being eligible due to dates.
- Next Worlds postponed from February, 2007, in South Korea, to July 2007
- Events and invites posted online.

11. Westwood Tournament - Sandy

- Schedule handed out and to be posted on website.
- School wants spectators, so schedule will be tight.
- Straight parliamentary style with CUSID times.
- 2 teams per school for now.
- Needs judges.

- School bus to be arranged, leaving from LCC – Reservations taken and leaves at 7:00

12. Conferral Judging

- Conferral judging used at all events so far this year.
- Everyone seemed to like it.
- Briefings should encourage head judges to consider views of others and be a resource to others.
- Choose chairs that will not bully parents!

Motion to adopt conferral judging at all QSDA events. Moved by Liana and Seconded by Liz. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Willis S. McLeese Award

- Nomination deadline December 31st, 2006.

14. Willis S. McLeese– Chair in Canadian Debating

- Vacant spot open at UCC to promote debating.

15. QSDA – possibility of exploring incorporation / insurance

- QSDA is not presently incorporated.
- Cannot issue tax receipts.
- We also do not have any insurance for decisions that we make or liability insurance for chaperones.
- Two ways to solve problem: use chaperones from schools of debaters or incorporate and obtain insurance.
- Liana: Corporation may costs several thousand dollars and requires work from auditors.
- Liz: Charge surcharge to debaters attending national tournaments .
- Chris: maybe we can split between raising fees and charging students.
- Ryan: QSDA should explore the possibility of fundraising to cover costs.

Motion to allow the executive to explore the possibility of incorporating the QSDA. Moved by Mary Kate and seconded by David. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Other Business

- Liana: should delete the bottom 20% from tournament score sheets.

Motion to delete the bottom 20% from QSDA public score sheets. Moved by Liana and seconded by Ryan. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. Adjournment at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Liz. Moved by and Seconded by Sandy . CARRIED unanimously.