

**Quebec Student Debating Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Selwyn House School- Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**1. Call to order**

Jon Bracewell called the meeting to order at

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Jonathan Bracewell (Selwyn House)  
Catherine Holloway (Royal West)  
Christina Orlando (ECS)  
Chris George by proxy (LCC)  
Greg Loudon (Vincent Massey)  
David Smith (AVH)  
Jessica Marrone (The Study)  
Sean Ryan by proxy (Loyola)  
Donna Gold by proxy (St. Georges)

**Regrets:**

All other members

**3. Adopt minutes from June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Motion to adopt by Catherine, seconded by Christina. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Business arising from Minutes of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

No business arising.

**5. Membership Update**

There were 16 active members this year.

**6. Financial Update**

- Proposed budget for 2017-2018 presented by Jon Bracewell.
- The YCYC grant has stopped (\$1000). We did not receive the funding this year. Many provinces did not meet the conditions to receive the money, so the funding was pulled nation-wide.
- Excess of Income over Expenses is \$500.87
- Projected closing bank balance of \$11, 536.75

-Amounts pertaining to the Provincial Debating Championships and the National Seminar are still to be resolved by Jon Bracewell. The finalized budget will be resubmitted to the members once the above issues have been resolved.

Motion to adopt the financial statement by David, seconded by Catherine.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **7. QSDA Provincials Report**

-We went over budget on provincials.

-Good year for provincials, similar numbers to last year.

-More seniors than juniors present.

-Provincials will be held at Loyola.

-Discussion about petition to CNDP to amend its bylaws to allow first year Cegep students to participate.

-All members have two weeks to fill sign the petition if they so choose.

-If the petition does not go through, this will be conveyed to the Universities who host high school tournaments. It will also be recommended that going forward, they clarify whether or not Cegep students will be allowed to register for their tournament, so that individual coaches can decide whether they would like to send debaters to those tournaments.

## **8. Report on recent National Championships**

-Senior Nats was in St. John's Newfoundland.

-No teams broke.

-Two Quebec debaters were chosen for the World's team (tryouts also took place in Newfoundland).

-Just a reminder that there is an alternative application process for the tryout, if a student did not make it in the top 3 at Senior Provincials.

-We discussed potential funding for kids who qualify for the World's Team tryout, but cannot afford the registration fees.

## **9. Report on the Oxford Cup**

-It used to be the Canadian qualifier for the Oxford Cup in Britain.

-The Oxford Cup will now be a qualifier for 3 different tournaments (The Oxford Cup in Britain, the Junior ICYD, the Cambridge tournament)

-It will now be divided into Junior and Senior categories

-Junior will be students aged 16 and under (according to a given date).

-Currently we qualify teams from Quebec using the McGill BP tournament.

-Discussion about whether we should have a separate tournament (not McGill) to qualify students for the Oxford Cup.

## **10. Review calendar of events and hosting schedule**

(see attached schedule)

The date of provincials will be changed if possible.

## **11. Election of Board of Directors**

- David nominates Jon Bracewell for President. Jon Bracewell acclaimed as President.
- Christina nominates Catherine Holloway for Vice-President. Catherine Holloway acclaimed as Vice-President.
- Jon nominates Dan Ebling for Treasurer. Dan Ebling acclaimed as Treasurer.
- Catherine nominates Christina Orlando for Secretary. Christina Orlando acclaimed as Secretary.
- Christina nominates David Smith as Director of Debates, seconded by Catherine. David Smith acclaimed as Director of Debates.

## **New Board for 2018-2019**

President: Jon Bracewell

Vice President: Catherine Holloway

Treasurer: Dan Ebling

Secretary: Christina Orlando

Director of Debates: David Smith

## **12. Other Business**

-Once we have a better idea of the financials of the public schools, the board will discuss how we could possibly subsidize reg fees of public schools.

## **13. Adjournment**

Catherine Holloway motions to adjourn. Motion passes unanimously.