

TO: Members of the PSCFA

FROM: Stephanie Fleming, Executive Secretary

RE: Minutes from the Fall Coaches Conference Business Meeting, September 9, 2012

- I. Introductions: The meeting was held at Rancho Las Palmas Resort in Rancho Mirage, CA. PSCFA President Heidi Ochoa called the meeting to order and introductions were made.
- II. The report from the Finance and Administrations Committee:
 - A. The Financial Report was presented and approved. The organization is bringing in more money and reducing expenditures but the organization is still in debt. Several reasons were discussed about cost including paying hired judges and the two additional NFA-LD rounds. The primary cost for the organizations is trophies. While the cost has decreased over the last 4 years, the organization still pays over \$12,000 annually for the awards. Stephanie Fleming will look into future cost saving measures that could include replacing plaques with medals.
 - B. Stephanie Fleming presented one proposal:
Allow for the use of plaques with older emblem to be recycled during the 2012-2013 tournament cycle. **Passed**
 - C. Stephanie Fleming explained that a new roster needs to be created and that the request for information will be emailed and made at Fall Champs.
- III. Liana Koeppel presented proposals from the New Ideas Committee:
 - A. Make Parli-LD a permanent event at Fall Champs, Spring Champs and the Cool Off. Rolland Petrello proposed and the group voted to use the CCCFA event description. It is:
Times:
 1. Government Constructive – Seven (7) minutes.
 2. Opposition Constructive – Nine (9) minutes.
 3. Government Rebuttal – Five (5) minutes.
 4. Opposition Rebuttal – Six (6) minutes
 5. Government Rebuttal – Three (3) minutes.**Passed**
 - B. For Friday schedule of Fall and Spring Champs, Topic Announce for Rookie Parli/Parli LD (Rd 3 and 4) will be 15 minutes before the start of all debate rounds. **Passed**

- C. The 2013 Spring Champs schedule will include three rounds of IE's. **Passed**

A possible schedule will be:

8:00 Extemp draw
8:30 A1
10:00 B1
11:15 Extemp draw
11:30 A2
1:00 B2
2:15 Extemp draw
2:30 A3
4:00 B3
5:15 Extemp draw
5:30 A Finals
6:45 B Finals
8:30 Awards

The vote was close and an extended discussion discussed how to balance pedagogy with wellness and financial cost. **Passed**

- D. Libby Curiel made a proposal from the floor to address the additional cost of the new schedule for 2013 Spring Champs:
Fees for 2013 spring Champs for individual events will be \$8 and duo will be \$16. **Passed**
- E. PSCFA makes the recommendation to local tournaments that in the event there is no junior division available, the tournament should offer less stringent guidelines for defining novice (allow for two finals; advanced twice in novice regardless of placement in the final as opposed to counting top three trophies). **Passed**
- F. Rolland Petrello made a proposal from the floor :
- Sweepstakes points will not be awarded for "top novice" when novice compete in a collapsed division. **Passed**

IV. Elections

A. Stephanie Fleming announced that she will no longer be able to serve as Executive Secretary beyond the 2012-2013 year. Cindy Phu was nominated to be the Executive Secretary starting in 2013-2014 and will receiving training during this academic year.

V. Announcements/Discussion

- A. Rolland Petrello announced LA Valley is scheduled to host this year's Phi Rho Pi tournament in Woodland Hills. LA Valley has suffered from severe budget cuts and is in need of financial assistance to effectively host this year's national tournament. Petrello explained that PRP teams donated money to Moorpark College when Moorpark hosted PRP locally. Petrello suggested that teams could do the same this year because of the cost savings we see from not purchasing airplane tickets. A system for donations will be set up for Fall and Spring Champs so that teams can receive a receipt for their donations.
- B. Liana Koeppel expressed the need for an additional novice tournament at the end of the Spring semester for schools that have a late start date for Spring. Ken Sherwood from LACC would be willing to use the Peace Tournament for this purpose if enough schools were interested. If you are interested, please contact Ken Sherwood at LACC.
- C. Gary Rybold discussed the trip to China. While the cities that the group will visit are still being chosen, a departure date of May 25 has been set.