

11:05 Meeting Called to Session (McDonald)

23 Members Present

1. Section Reports

- Section I (Mike Priem) tournament report was submitted.
- Section II (Dave Pritschet) trying to find a date of the tournament.
- Section III (Cort Sylvester) wants to coordinate the entire section tournament for metro's schools at one location.
- Section IV (Sheila Peterson) looking at hosting at SPA with no dates set yet.
- Section V (Gail Saarf) additional meeting to occur after this meeting and will report back to the MDTA.
- Section VI (DJ Brynteson) desires to have one tournament for all sites.

2. Treasurer Report (Gail Saarf)

- 790.86 is currently available at this time in the MDTA Checking Account. Gail recounted the experience of a student who received the scholarship for summer camp.

3. Foundation Funds (Cort Sylvester)

- The MDTA has a fund setup from the Minnesota Community Foundation. There are several changes upcoming tax implications that will occur that will impact the money currently held at the foundation. The tax change requires that the funds be collapsed into one fund. In order for this change to occur the MDTA must become a Non-Profit 501(c) Organization.
- In order for the MDTA to change to a 501(c) Organization a constitutional change must occur and a 2/3 vote is required from the MDTA General Membership.
- See attachment for additional detailed information.
- Moved by Robyn (sec. Gail) to accept constitutional changes. This passes on a 23 to 0 vote.

4. Outreach Efforts (Joe Schmitt)

- Joe outlined some of the outreach efforts he has started and what the direction of the MDTA should take.
- Need to do a better job of coordinating the sharing of promotional letters/information for coaches.
- Need to find a way to transition teachers who teach debate curriculum and how to get them into a debate activity.

- Tournaments directors should encourage inviting community and school leaders to tournaments to increase community support and knowledge of the activity.
- See attachment for additional detailed information.
- Research Sites / ease the barrier to information for teams

5. MSHSL Rules (McDonald)

- An upcoming meeting with the MSHSL Debate Advisory Committee in regards to upcoming changes to the MSHSL State Debate Tournament.

6. MDTA Calendar Questions (McDonald)

- Any questions to send them to Mike Priem, Mankato West.
- Tournament Directors need to be clear about which topic you are using for the tournament.
- The Apple Valley Tournament will host Public Forum on Saturday at the Apple Valley Tournament.

7. MDTA Web Site (DJ Brynteson)

- Many changes have occurred to the web site and several features are coming.
- See attachment for additional details.
- Possible suggestions include a listing of all members by school (order by school) option to the membership page.

8. Resection of Policy & LD (McDonald)

- The league is not currently concerned about the numbers in both LD and Policy.
- Changes are occurring for both the 2007-08 school year with the change of three schools in LD being moved for the purposes balancing section strength.
- Changes are occurring for both the 2008-09 school year with the change to four sections with 5 qualifying in Policy and 6 qualifying the LD Results.
- The Debate Advisory Committee will bring up the idea of increasing the numbers in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.
- The MSHSL is requiring a change to the sectioning to due to the declining numbers of Policy numbers.

9. Public Forum (McDonald)

- There will be a season ending tournament in Public Forum Debate. The MSHSL is open to the idea of adding Public Forum as a festival status event.

10. Awards (McDonald)

- The 2007 James Graupner Outstanding Service Award was presented to Joe & Lynn Schmitt
- The 2007 Coach of the Year Service Award was presented to Chris McDonald, Eagan High School

11. MSHSL State Judge (McDonald)

- Judges/Coaches may have received a MSHSL Entry Form need to submit that prior to October 1st.

12. Ballots (McDonald)

- The MDTA will continue to print MDTA Ballots. The cost is \$0.15 per ballot. Chris will continue to take care of the ballots.

13. Information about NFL & LD Changes (Pam Wycoff)

- The ballot will be available to the NFL via PDF Ballot Online
- Access of new Novice Instructional Materials
- Lessons on topics and some additional videos for free
- Working on getting online training for teacher CEU's
- Online recruiting efforts & recognition of new coaches and new programs

14. MSHSL Hall of Fame (McDonald)

- The MDTA is looking for nominations for the MSHSL Hall of Fame. The name of John Fisher was suggested as a possible nomination to the MSHSL Hall of Fame.

15. MDTA Membership & Dues

- The increase of dues was increased to \$20.00 per year.

16. Novice Policy Topic Limits

- Novice Policy Topic Limits are posted on the MDTA Web Site. There is a push to have policy limits could be set at the NFL level.

17. MSHSL State Debate Tournament Site

- Rosemount is hosting the MSHSL State Debate Tournament Site for the second year and the MDTA is looking for a school to hosting the MSHSL State Debate Tournament.

18. Other Business

- There will be a meeting with the executive committee after the debate advisory committee.