

State Student Congress Coaches' Meeting
Thursday, November 04, 2010

Sue Anderson, NDHSAA Advisory Board Rep., called the meeting to order.

West – Sept 23-24 – West Committee (Sue Anderson is the captain) – Seven Seas

East – Oct. 14-15 – Gayle Hyde, Fargo South and Aaron Knodel, West Fargo will host (Gayle is the captain) at the Doublewood

Schedule

Committee Format and Base

There was discussion about structure for committee. Kids don't always know what to do. There was a lot of discussion about what each coach is doing for reports and reserved balloting (or consensus.)

Gayle Hyde moved and Denise Raeder seconded that the advisory board review the committee instructions in the current rulebook and fill any gaps in the instructions. These instructions should be included in the tournament book. Motion passed unanimously.

Evidence in Committee – Discussion included if we should allow information allowed in the committee. Another person asked what is the harm? If kids can't defend their position then they can't defend their position.

Yvonne Kalka moved and Chris Dietz seconded that the only materials that students can bring to the committee is their resolution. Discussion included a question as to why we would want to limit the student in his /her ability to defend their resolution. In addition, the statement was made that some students use the evidence incorrectly. The comment was also made that it is supposed to emulate what real-life is and many congress people have research with them. 10-4-1

Denise Raeder moved and Sarah Tuchscherer seconded we stay with the base system. There was discussion that some time there are sacrificial lambs but it makes them think about their words. There was discussion about that in the West the Senate wouldn't speak and are against the base. Part of it is that some people have been rewarded for the speeches that were not necessarily good. Sarah T moved to table and Anessa Pfiefer seconded. Motion tabled

Yvonne Kalka moved and Gayle Hyde seconded to change the number of chambers from 9 to 7 but keep the total entries at 18. 2-8-4 – Motion fails.

Denise moved to take the base system from the table, Sarah T. seconded. Motion to untable passed. Motion to keep the base 5-8-2

Chris Dietz moved to cap speeches at 7 best speeches to be examined at the state tournament. Aaron Knodel seconded. 12-2

Consistency on signing bills – A reminder to check bills are signed. Having two adults at the invitationals and state helps to monitor that.

Gayle Hyde moves and Yvonne Kalka seconds to have change the rule on page 7 Committee Instructions #1 to read, “Until a student submits one typewritten resolution signed by their coach they may not be seated in the chamber.” Motion passed unanimously. NOTE: This combines to rules and the advisory board will need to make the appropriate changes

Camaraderie – Brian Bubach said this is prohibited by the NDHSAA if it is part of the official schedule.