

State Minutes

Thursday, November 05, 2009
10:20 AM

Jean Hoerer, Advisory Student Congress Rep, opened the meeting with introductions of all the coaches

The C STAND coach of the year ballot was distributed.

The minutes from last year have been online for one year. Sue Anderson moved and Rusty Bendy seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes since they have been posted online for a year. Motion carried unanimously

State of the State Report - Brian Bubach greeted the coaches. No introduction of rules changes from Brian this year. Any regulations will be coming through the advisory process.

Housekeeping

Scheduled the break and committee at the same time. Students will need to move for a recess.
Give people a break
Please be in for the elections
Special needs concerns - none were shared

Old Business/New Business

- Ballot Revisions - Much discussion ensued regarding the ballot and additional changes were recommended. Yvonne Kalka moved to approved the changes to the ballot. Diane Mertens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SCORING CHANGES

- Base --Anessa Pfeifer asked the question if Base could be used in Senate and House I with House II on our current system of total cumulative meld. Clover said that her students want the base system. They felt it was more fair and leveled the playing field. **Gayle Hyde moved that we have the Base system in all tournaments for one year (2010-2011) This motion would be evaluated at the State 2010 coaches motion.. Rusty Bender seconded the motion.** Chris Dietz suggested that an alternative to base is to drop the total number of speeches to maximum of 7. Gayle referred to the fact that shorter tournaments do not support base well. Motion fails.
- Chris Dietz moved to lower the maximum number of speeches from 10 to 7. This is seconded by Anessa Pfeifer. Gayle Hyde moved to table the motion. Rusty Bender seconded the motion. Motion was tabled.
- Gayle Hyde moves we use base in the Senate and House I and our traditional cumulative scoring in House II. Sarah Tuchscherer seconded. Chris asked if this would cause people to strategize about the system. Sue Anderson mentioned that the lower houses with this system would feel pressured to give more speeches. Much discussion ensued about how this works. Motion failed.
- Chris moved to take the motion about speech limit off the table. Yvonne Kalka seconded. Sue Anderson said that many changes we make have not been thought through carefully and this motion could use more study. Gayle Hyde concurred that it would be important to look at results from other tournaments to determine if 7 is an appropriate maximum number. Yvonne said this isn't a huge paradigm shift. The number 7 is arbitrary and when looking at the results from the first last two years the number 7 is not really going to change the fairness of the system. A question was asked about how this effects the NFL points that some students receive. The NFL allows a maximum of 24 speeches per day (4 hours), but must not exceed 8 points per speech and no more than 5 speeches per day. It was felt this will not impact NFL points at all.
MOTION: Chris Dietz moved to lower the maximum number of speeches from 10 to 7. This is seconded by Anessa Pfeifer. The vote 10-4-2 Motion carries.
- **Gayle Hyde moved to reconsider the base motion regarding using base in all tournaments this year. Yvonne Kalka seconded the motion. 9-7-0 Motion to reconsider passes.** Discussion included

that the West tournament did not give us a clear picture of whether base works. Some concern was that it works best if all kids speak. It was asked what effect did the kids knowing they were on base vs knowing they were not on base have on the number of speeches they gave. **Motion to reconsider vote 7-6-3 - Motion passes.**

MOTION: Gayle Hyde moved that we have the Base system in all tournaments for one year (2010-2011) with the Base system to be evaluated and confirmed or rejected at the State 2010 coaches' meeting. Rusty Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-6-3

RESOLUTIONS/COMMITTEE CHANGES

- Anessa Pfeifer moved that the student who writes the resolution can be in the committee for which they submit the resolution. Greg Schmidt seconded. Sue Anderson clarified that this would mean that the student write one resolution so they can not write in multiple committees. Gayle Hyde moved to amend the motion that all students must be in the committee where their resolution is submitted and all students must write one resolution. 1/3 second was received. Discussion included the fact that all students can write a resolution. In addition with today's technology the resolutions if forgotten can be typed and printed at the beginning of the tournament. A station could be available at each tournament for students who forgot their resolution for the tournament. Amendment carried.

MOTION AS AMENDED

All students must write submit one type-written resolution to a committee to be seated in the chamber. The student must attend the committee in which they write the resolution. Students may be seated at the point which they have a typed resolution to submit. Motion passed unanimously.

- **MOTION: Sue Anderson moved that committees simultaneously as scheduled by the tournament directors. Kristen Garaas-Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously** Sue explained that this would return us to the day when we had adults float to supervise the committees. In the lower chambers we may need more adult supervision because they don't know how to conduct committees. We would no longer have a committee advisor group that moves from chamber to chamber. Anessa reminded us that the system we have in place right now was created to avoid the same resolution being accepted across multiple chambers.
- **MOTION: Sue Anderson moved that if there is a committee area without a resolution submitted the chamber as a whole writes the resolution. Gregg Schmidt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
- No motion was received to eliminate Intro. speeches was received so it was removed from the agenda.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

- East September 24-25; West October 15-16; State Nov. 4-5.
- **MOTION: Sue Anderson moved that we change our permanent schedule for invitationals to have 3 weeks between the East and West Congresses. Renee Hopkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
- East manager - Shanley will be host at the Doublewood - Chris Dietz manager - Gayle Hyde and other East coaches will help; West manager - Richardton will host - at the Seven Seas.

ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION

- Advisory board rep
 - Sue Anderson, Richardton nominated by Rusty Bender
 - Rusty Bender, Richland nominated by Anessa Pfeifer
 - **Sue Anderson, Richardton-Taylor - Elected**