

Minutes: Board Meeting  
Date: Friday October 17, 2008  
Saturday October 18, 2008

**Souvenirs Discussion:**

Pins – treasure chest that open with key.

Tee shirts – black with white lettering. Three a day logo on one sleeve, “Creativity: Priceless” with barcode. Back will have list with prices and Dairy farmer logo.

Trinkets: Leandra Hill presented ideas for small items to sell at souvenir table. These were discussed and the list was narrowed down to those we felt would sell best.

Group Buy Ideas were discussed: DI grocery bags, imprinted flannel boxer pants, and other ideas were discussed. We decided to go with the grocery bags and do our own flannel boxer pants.

We also decided to get rid of old items using Grab bags

Team managers: Gift for team manager training. If registration by Dec 15 – gift of cups for team.  
Creativity day (intro night): Kick off kit. Enough for 7 teams. Ten boxes have been sent out so far.

Instant Challenge Day: It was discussed what extra supplies the region would need to supply. It was also decided to offer 2 skill workshops along with the instant challenges.

State Date is March 28, 2009.

**Saturday**

Minutes:

Corrections were made to the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion was made to approve minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded and passed.

Correspondence:

Thank yous letters were shared.

Treasures Report:

MCQ: \$8,200.48, Petty Cash: \$275.08, Money market fund: \$8355.81, Total: 16,831.37

The proposed budget was discussed and changes made.

Linda move, Laura Jo seconded to approve budget as modified. Motion carried. None opposed.

Present: Stuart, Laura Jo, Barbie, Katie, Heather, Sandy, Linda. Anne: by phone, 212-2544. Katie Strong for Tami Sinnema.

Team Manager training: Side Trip training. Presentation made by Stuart on side-trips. Heather made a presentation on interference. Managers should train themselves while kids are working. Stuart will start creating presentation for web video.

Instant Challenge Workshops: 3 challenges and 2 workshops, ½ hour each for a 3 hour session (mid January) What are the lessons.

3 challenges: 1) water slide, need jugs of water and towels, 2) straws, olives and pretzels – retrieval challenge, 3) who, what, where. Need to write the lessons.

2 workshops: acting skills and 3 dimensional sets.

Strategic Plan/Connie:

The first year, make it or break it – you don't understand the benefits until you are two or three years into it- hence, "Stick-to-It" theme. Make people want to come back. Incentive to keep involved for two or three years. Get current or past team managers to mentor new team managers. Maybe try to get a community member to assist – to be a coordinator. Help to perpetuate the program in the school, to be a liaison to the principle/guidance counselor. Need a job description for the coordinator, so that we could give it to potential organizations-the organization that might want to adopt a school. Organization with good follow-through are the most effective. Find the organizations. Talk to schools first – get them interested.

- 1) Find the organizations to help - board
- 2) Write the position description for the coordinator - Connie
- 3) Develop a template presentation for the organizations - Heather

DI high, a rough proposal - how to get high school kids back involved. Have it be more of a social club, with community service, plan workshops and do DI extreme. Curriculum based such that credits might be earned. Have it be a planning year – start talking to high school administrators to get their perspective. Maybe do a DI extreme tournament – it would be better with 3 states.

Board Vote: Motion to accept the executive board by acclamation. Heather Geiger – Director, Sandy Palokovich – Secretary, Barbie Potter – Treasurer. Seconded and approved.

Phrases used to get administrators involved: Bring curriculum standards – show them how the program is aligned with the standards.

Appraiser Training: What about doing the training the same day throughout the state. Say Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, do a web to meeting training. Same questions are asked and answered to everyone.

Team Manager Training: Work on Power Point trainings. Focus on how to read the challenges, get the web modules up and running.

Communicating with teams: Postcards - creativity, teamwork, problem solving. Some of the language has changed. Paper registration will be provided so that the person registering the team knows what information is required.

Businesses to sponsor a challenge or provide volunteers: There was discussion on what types of businesses could sponsor each challenge in the regions.

Registration: All on line - try to have in by December 15<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion to raise the fee for Primary teams and also to combine the Kalispell and Missoula regions.

State Tournament: Delegate as much as possible. Sales- Leandra. Katie to take care of entertainment. Supply room person needed. We also need someone to take on signage.

Board Development: Where do we need help? Board Roles: tournament director, appraiser coordinator, publicity coordinator, funding development, special events coordinator, procurement coordinator, volunteer coordinator, global finals coordinator, scholarship coordinator- filled, alumni coordinator (Katie). Most important person – liaison to the board of other service organization and clubs. Key clubs, girl scouts, service clubs.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed.