

April 2006 Teleconference Minutes

The teleconference was called to order by Heather on April 23, 2006 at 7:00PM. Those present were: Laura Jo, Alean, Heidi, Linda Adams, Kathy Adler, Linda Troyer, Heather, Stuart and the secretary Lee.

Directors and Officers Insurance:

According to Montana Law volunteers fall under a Good Samaritan type law in regard to working with children.

Film of State Tournament

Stu said he feels that the girls got enough footage at state. Heather and Stu will work at filling any holes that are unable to be filled. This is on the filming at state.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were approved for the Spring and Fall 2005 minutes.

There was discussion on whether to buy the State Director a prepaid cell phone.

Review of Globals Income & Gas Raffle

Amount received is approximately \$2,000.00; bingo was \$400.00.

Recruiting

Our recruiting strategies is having the secretary mail out to all of the members that we had this year and the past memberships and not duplicating the registration materials this coming year. Heather will be attending the Agate conference. Heather will be putting out the DI Free materials.

There was discussion on how to get the attention of legislators to recognize the program.

It was mentioned to have Global finals team can help by getting word out and if they want to go out performing this is a good thing even though they are trying to get money for their trip. Try to encourage the teams to perform.

DI Free: Heather's request to the board members is as you are talking to schools that have not participated in the task or ones that we have lost for a period of time and let them know that they can start up again for free. We have 25 and would like this to be given out to various places.

Strategic Plan 2005-2006: We will have to evaluate this.

We did not develop the Creativity Kits.

Grant proposal: Heather has a boiler plate for getting site sponsors for the different challenges. Heather was encouraged to work with a grant writer for more ideas.

We do have a new ATD and web master but still do not have a regional coordinator for the southwest region so she would like for anyone that knows someone in the Missoula, Hamilton areas or if you think of an organization that would help us out in this area.

Regions need to let Stuart know what dates they want to have trainings.

Online teams registration were done this year and there are some problems that need to be worked out.

There was discussion on the problems with DI Online.

Training: Instant Challenge days were conducted in three of the five regions. Those that did not have an IC day did give out the handouts and felt they was great.

Appraiser training was talked about in the last meeting all seemed to go well except for the NW region. Heather really feels they need to work together and maybe also getting more advanced notice out to people. Those appraisers that did go through the hands on seemed to like that format more as they did not feel as pressured and had a chance to check out things.

Recruitment: We need to do some TM retention strategies. Did see a number of TM return but we did have a large group of new persons.

Retention: Stuart and Heather could do a weekly or bi-weekly to call and say how are you doing with ...? This would give the opportunity to develop a better rapport. Their only job would be to see how they are.

The DI Free program was offered. We did do this.

There was a review of the goals for next year in the strategic plan.

Ann made a motion to adjourn and Laura Jo seconded.

Lee Hiltz, Secretary