

June 18th, 2015 Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Roll Call: Heather Geiger, Tracey Kleckner, Barbie Potter, Christina Harrell, Wendy Morical, Corrie Owens, Ernie Chang, Kathy Dunn and a guest - Bonnie Rate

MOTION: Approve Minutes from September 2014 Meeting.
All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Checking - \$8031.16

Petty Cash -\$121.22

Savings - \$7799.04

South West Region \$654.14

South Central - \$377.54

Southwest Regional account is \$60 less than the state had due to a check that was never cashed. This will be corrected.

Final Expenses

Director's Stipend - \$3000

Director Mileage

State - \$201.25

Marketing - \$ 202.65

Regional Outreach - \$271.60

Motion to approve the treasurer's report
All in favor.

Budget for 2015/2016

Hoping to have more teams for next year and the affiliate fee should help raise more money.

Discussion about the Rising Stars fee for State and should they be charged less or the same fee since they are coming to State now. It was agreed to increase the Rising Stars Fee to match the competitive fee.

Discussion about the new \$50.00 affiliate fee that will be charged by DII. This will bring in some revenue from teams that chose not to come to tournaments.

Discussion to change the tournament fee to \$25.00 for early registration and \$50.00 regular.

Discussion on why Creativity Night income was at \$0 - Heather explained that since she would not be available to conduct them that it was being considered to try a better method of informing parents at each school rather than community wide events.

MOTION: Motion to approve the budget for next year as presented.
All in favor.

State Tournament Comments

Awards took longer than anticipated.

Only complaint: 4th place team (parents specifically) were unhappy because they only got beads and not a trophy or certificate.

3 appraisers were sick in one challenge,

Discussed date for State Tournament for next year since Easter comes early and Bozeman moved their spring break later. Suggest we could wait and start competitions at 10am to give more time for travel.

State Tournament will be in Dillon.

Global Finals Reports

Teams did well, scored in the top 50%. A Bozeman team placed 14th in Improv. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Comments: Christina liked having the buddy team (from Mexico) and got along really well. Did the 3D printing workshop and didn't like it at all, too much sitting and listening. Christina liked her workshop she took, teaching drama skills. Ernie said it was busy.

Disney was a keynote sponsor and offered free skill workshops

Other Business

DII Board of Trustees are restructuring to a two tier system with an executive council.

Provisional Status: current. We need to meet the goal of 50 teams asap.

No one from Montana is going to the summer conference for DI since due to provisional status we would have to pay airfare and conference fee. It was felt that money would be better spent elsewhere growing teams.

Next year: Goal:

get the word out to parents. E-mail at least one way we can get parents to know about the program.

Will work with volunteer to recruit more teams

Work on how to get teams formed.

Tournament Dates: Tentative: State Tournament March 19, 2016.

Will not drop regional tournaments for next year.

Regional Tournament: last few weekends in February or first weekend in March..

Make sure they don't conflict with Missoula Children's Theater.

Trainings: Shorten Team Manager Training

Continue to send distant teams same materials that are used in workshops

Fall Meeting Date: end of July or beginning of August.

*Plan recruiting events and training events.

Electing Officers for next year:

Heather and Connie Ackerman Affiliate Directors

Tracey Kleckner - President

Barbie Potter - Treasurer

Bonnie Rate-secretary

Corrie stepping down

MOTION: Approve officers. All in favor.

MOTION: Moved to adjourn. All in favor