

Montana Destination Imagination Board Meeting

Teleconference

June 20, 2019

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Attendance

Heather Geiger, Bonnie Rate, Barbie Potter, Kathy Dunn, Ernie Chang, Sierra Ashley

Approve Fall Minutes:

MOTION: Approve the September 15, 2018 Fall Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers and Financial Reports:

The balance of our accounts and the status of our stock was presented. The next order of financial business was to approve Sierra's stipend. Sierra elected not to take the whole \$3000 and figured on \$2000 instead but she did want to get reimbursed for \$292.50 for lost wages by going to Global Finals totaling \$2292.50. Bonnie made the

MOTION: Approve Director's stipend of \$2000 along with the \$292.50 for lost wages. The motion carried.

The discretionary fund will have an additional \$1000 dollars since the director didn't take the full \$3000 stipend so now it amounts to about \$1700.

Budget

Discussed the proposed budget. This year we lost our scholarship donor. Discussion on whether to continue the scholarship. This will be decided in the fall.

We did have to increase postage cost.

The interest rate will drop on our donation savings since the first year "bonus" will end soon.

MOTION: Approve the budget. Motion carried.

State Tournament 2020 Date and Where:

Discussion on where and when to have the State Tournament. UMW the third weekend in March or see if East Middle School in Butte would be available. We could check to see if UMW could be a snow date.. If we use East Middle School we would still have the UMW volunteers but not the Youth Challenge students. We will discuss the State tournament at the Fall meeting.

Director's report on the site visit in the Fall:

The director would like to reestablish regions and have directors for each region. We need to also have a tournament director to cover all aspects of the State tournament. There is a possible volunteer for this. We need a secondary tournament director who knows all the positions.

The discussion then centered around getting an Affiliate Director job description and possible resources of ones from other affiliates. We can't evaluate the director on her job performance if we don't have a guideline of what is expected.

Donation Money Pilot Program:

Wendy sent us a report to review and included a person that will be helpful and has been a team manager. There was quite a bit of discussion. If she heads up the outreach by getting more people involved and training, she would like \$25.00 an hour for 60 hours. There was discussion on the cost per hour and whether to have one fee for training and another for recruiting.

Tournament Glitches:

- Weather/Roads
- UMW required catering our food-The soups that we made were purchased by board members and others.
- Missed two lead volunteers-Challenge Master and Volunteer Coordinators
- Valier teams unable to come-due to road conditions.
- Sales declined-Folks seemed anxious about the weather and many left early.

There was discussion on the location of the sales and check in. Check in went well and there was lots of room for teams to stay in that area. It was noticed that not many people watched the challenges. If we change locations next year hopefully it will be better. It was said that the reporter wasn't visible and not reporting. We'll have work with the person in advance to tell them what is expected.

Survey:

We will discuss it more at the fall meeting. Barb sent them out and everyone should download it and look it over for the fall meeting.

Global Finals:

We had a secondary improv team that ended up tied for 8th place. Then our engineering team was in 40th place. Their technical effect didn't go off but everything else in their challenge went well. The site was a good site. There were comments on line as to where a pin trading area was located and wasn't easy to get to. There were complaints online about the cost and that it may have hurt the small teams. The larger teams were funding the smaller teams in Tennessee because they were paying more as larger teams. It was suggested that the director make up a list of the good things about the site and all the things that were happening to share with future Global bound teams.

DIAD meeting:

The director was asked how we can get more involvement and she said that we need more alumni, graduating seniors. We are supposed to gear up to facilitate 21st century skills. It was asked if there was going to be any literature or more information about that. We need to focus on skills that employers need. We will need to

rethink what we put into our thank you because the sponsors are getting marketing value. HQ wants us to distinguish between sponsorships, grants and donations and they want us to figure out how we word our thank yous. There was info about how to draw more sponsors in. We need to brainstorm to gain more sponsors at the Fall meeting.

License Agreement:

A Child safety policy is needed. We will try to get examples from other Affiliates and HQ. We will be required to have D&O and General Liability insurance. We also will be required to obtain a 501-C 3 distinction. We will ask HQ if we can stay under the umbrella since we are a small Affiliate.

Affiliate Director Job Description:

We need to have a job description for the Affiliate Director.

Election of Officers:

There was discussion about some of the descriptions of the offices. Heather will bring up at the Fall meeting that she would like to see if someone else would step up to be President.

Affiliate Director: Sierra Ashley

Interim President: Heather Geiger

Secretary: Bonnie Rate

Treasurer: Barbie Potter

MOTION: Motion to accept the slate of officers. The motion carried unanimously

Board Meeting Schedule

It was suggested that we have quarterly meetings:

April meeting - Recap the State Tournament

June meeting

December- Plan the State Tournament

Fall meeting – Face to Face to follow the DIAD meeting

MOTION: Motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM.