

Montana Destination Imagination Board Meeting

April 6, 2020

Call to order at 7:30

**Attendance:**

Heather Geiger, Bonnie Rate, Barbie Potter, Barb Honken, Wendy Morical, Kathy Dunn, Estee Aiken and Felicia Luebeck

**January Minutes**

Heather asked if we could approve the January 16, 2020 Board meeting minutes along with the addendum for the updated Youth Protection Policy draft.

MOTION: Accept the minutes and updated Youth Protection Policy. Motion passed unanimously,

Treasurers Report:

**Treasurer’s Report**

Barbie presented the treasurers report.

Accounts		Bills	
Checking Account:	\$13,317.82	Montana Correction Enterprises T-shirts:	\$491.50
Petty Cash:	\$51.43	Butte Public School Custodians:	\$500.00
Donation Checking:	\$557.14	Credit Card March:	\$451.91
Donation Savings:	\$8441.48	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1443.41</b>
Savings:	\$7951.02		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$30,324.89</b>		

**Balance: \$28,881.48**

Stocks: \$1997.59 per share

Gain today: \$91.00

**Balance: \$15,980.72** at end of business today

Heather then shared that she put in an order that if the stock when down to \$1550 we want to sell. There is fluctuation but seems to bounce back and hold.

MOTION: Motion to accept the treasurers report. All were in favor so the motion carried.

**Director’s Stipend:**

Request for the board to discuss an amount that we should pay the Tournament Director. There were many comments on the time that she spent putting the tournament together. We decided paying the Tournament Director \$1500.00.

**Tournament Wrap Up:**

We were informed that the custodian was pleased with us getting the school back to the original state. Discussion centered on the details about how the tournament went and about what the team managers thought. There was discussion on the closing ceremony. It was decided to pay the high school club who sent volunteers \$50.

Registration went well but we need to figure out how to get the volunteers and the appraisers where they need to go. The Instant Challenge offering was good. Maybe for new people, we could have some folks to direct the new participants. We could use a greeter or the runners that run the scores before the challenges starts.

Discussion centered on whether the passport activity it was effective in getting the participants to watch teams. Maybe we need more activities. Discussion on whether we should have Instant Challenge practice. Giving teams an Instant Challenge and materials to use as a team practice at the tournament was well used and should be continued.

It was stated that we should have more décor. We could try a Selfie Station and tag Instagram. We have plenty of pins, maybe add another pin to the collection and add a different shirt. We will continue the same theme next year.

**Safety:**

The site was safe but we didn't do a risk assessment. There was a situation out front with ice on the sidewalk. The custodian took care of it. We will address any safety issues before the tournament.

**Sponsors:**

Are our sponsors in line with DI philosophy? We are thankful to Blackfoot for everything they did for us giving out mouse pads, teachers gifts and working in the scoring room. Thank you, Barb and Trina.

**Scoring:**

Barb felt that the scoring went well. Wendy put the plaques together. We are supposed to put our scores on our website. We will work to do this next year. Heather will send out to team managers information on how to read the scores. There was discussion on how to explain the raw scores and final scores.

**Tournament Schedule:**

We had the schedule up three weeks before the tournament. We also had hard copies at the tournament.

**Signage:**

We discussed our signage and how we could improve it. Several comments were shared to solve it. It takes time to put up signs. Maybe have a couple larger signs describing a list of what is happening in the building out front and have one in the foyer directing the participants

**Opening Event:**

Felicia shared that the group was stoked and that it was a good time to explain the Passport activity. It was a good time to explain other things about the tournament. Maybe next year we could ramp up the event by adding music. Estee said it was nice to have everyone in the same place and get information.

**Closing the Tournament:**

It would have been nice to have more volunteers to hand out awards. There was discussion on how to improve the closing the event.

**Appraisers.**

The time of training may have been too far from the tournament so they had to look at the materials again. We will schedule the training two weeks before the tournament.

**Hospitality Food:**

Did a great job on lunch and food for set up the night before.

**Instant Challenge:**

One of the Instant Challenges was difficult.

**Rising Stars**

The Rising Star kids had fun. The Challenge Master didn't give back the feedback forms to the Rising Stars. The children were confused about why they didn't win so the feedback would have been good.

**Global Finals:**

Global Finals with participants going to the venue was cancelled but they are working on having it virtually for a fee. fee. Currently, no Montana teams are planning to participate.

**Web Site:**

Need to find someone who knows Word Press to help us update our website. Need to find someone to keep content up to date. Ernie does the major maintenance of the site but not the daily data entry.

**Affiliate Director:**

No candidates yet. We also need someone to shadow Barbie. If anyone knows someone who has bookkeeping experience have them contact Heather.

**June Meeting:**

We should have it at the end of June. Heather asked that we look at the affiliate assessment rubric so that we can discuss it at the meeting. HQ will build the background check into the team packet so the amount will go up. Gifted/Talented grants to schools and funding will be wonky next year because of the pandemic. There was discussion on the funding and using sponsors to fund a certain number of teams.

It was asked about what will happen if we don't have 25 teams. There was discussion on how HQ will handle it. They have indicated that as long as we are making an effort to recruit teams they will continue supporting us.

MOTION: Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.