

KHSSL Board Meeting  
June 1, 2019  
Murray High School

**Meeting called to order at 9:35 am by Steve Meadows, chair**

Members present:

Mary Allen (called in; left at 2:04), Scott Bonneau, Katy Cecil, Dustin Combs (called in; left at 2:04), Janet Martin, Steve Meadows, Rachel Page, Beth Randolph, Michael Robinson, Woody Zorn

Members Absent:

Lisa Edmonds, Karen Feldhaus, Kim Reeder, Chuck Stamper

Guests present:

John Slack

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Cecil, second by Robinson: approve minutes
- Vote: passed unanimously

Treasurer Report

- Balance: \$28,749.02
- Update on discrepancy of UK costs between 2018 and 2019 = Gatton Center rental, overtime for employees

Judge Committee Report

- Committee will collect supplemental resources to be provided to membership with target date of January
- Meadows will check with NFHS about using pieces of NFHS/NSDA online judge training

Back to the Future Committee Report

- Committee will meet at SCAPA on July 18 to go through KHSSL materials; other board members are invited to participate
- Committee will invite Feldhaus to replace Vaughan

TOST Committee Report

- Committee will continue to edit and clarify current tournament management guidelines with a target date of January

Events and Rules Committee

- Committee has started making changes/updates to the handbook

### Outreach Committee

- Floyd County outreach postponed to next school year
- Multiple schools in Perry and Leslie counties have committed to programs in 2019-2020
- KVEC will host a hybrid tournament (speech, STLP, FPS, etc) at University of Pikeville in November for KVEC member districts

### Director Position Committee

- Reported on paperwork needed to file 501c3 status
- Discussed salary employee and contract laborer options for hiring a director
- Motion by Cecil, second by Zorn: hire a director as a contract laborer at rate of \$23,060
- Vote: passed unanimously
- Motion by Cecil, second by Robinson: expense budget in contract shall have a cap of \$5000 which includes unlimited in-state travel and board-approved out-of-state travel
- Vote: passed unanimously
- Motion by Cecil, second by Robinson: pursue 501c3 status and obtain liability insurance
- Vote: passed unanimously

### KHSSL Logo

- Page will poll board members regarding brainstormed values to share with graphic designer

### Tournament Calendar

- Motion by Robinson, second by Cecil: hold KHSSL SR at University of Louisville March 11-14
- Vote: passed unanimously
- Motion by Page, second by Martin: adopt KHSSL calendar with the following invitational additions
  - November 9: Hebron/Assumption Swing @ Assumption (JR)
  - November 16: KVEC Invitational @ U of Pikeville (SR)
- Vote: passed unanimously

**Recessed for lunch at 11:30 am**

**Reconvened at 11:49 am**

### Timekeeper Instructions

- Will be reviewed by judge committee

### Online Balloting

- No action taken (*sentiment of the board is that state speech tournaments should begin following precedent of debate tournament in online balloting when appropriate*)

### State Tournament T-Shirts

- Discussed selling shirts at 2020 state championships
- Stamper will continue to spearhead this work

### Hall of Fame Banquet

- No action taken

### Web Presence

- Input gathered regarding KHSSL website and social media
- Weekly words email had positive feedback
- Board consensus is to post breaks but not full results at state championships

### State Tournament "Extras"

- Discussion of utilizing hashtags and social media to create slideshow

### Penalties for Lateness

- No action taken

### Traveling Debate Trophy

- Motion by Page, second by Zorn: establish a sustained excellence trophy for the state debate championship
- Vote: passed unanimously
- *Note: sustained excellence will be calculated for the last 5 years and schools notified of standings going into 2020 state championship*

### Online Access During Rounds

- No action taken

### Blyton Awards

- Blyton award winners will also receive certificates

### Congressional Debate

- Motion by Cecil, second by Meadows: amend handbook to read "Schools cannot submit legislation that has already been debated at invitational tournaments."
- Vote: passed unanimously
- Motion by Cecil, second by Zorn: provide the following rules for submitting and debating legislation at the state championship
  - Schools may submit up to 3 pieces of legislation
  - Invitational tournament directors will send their dockets of debated legislation to the director
  - KHSSL will release approved legislation with at least 12 preliminary pieces of legislation and 6 pieces of legislation for supers

- KHSSL will determine a different docket for each chamber, maintaining a variety of schools represented in each docket. Students may reorder this docket in session using Robert's Rules of Order
- Chambers and dockets will be released the day of the state championship
- Vote: passed unanimously
- *Note: it is the hope of the board that this will reduce the research burden of students while still providing healthy debate*

#### Quarterfinals at Junior Speech

- No action taken

#### Tiebreakers in State Finals

- No action taken

#### SPEAK Update

- September 14, 2019 at UK
- Keynote speaker: Meg Howell, NSDA Hall of Fame member from Arizona
- Discussed possibility of "newbie night" on Sept. 13

#### Improvisational Duo

- Committee formed (Zorn, Martin) to examine improv duo rules
- Meadows will call for other member coaches to join committee

#### Ethics

- Motion by Page, second by Zorn: add the following statements to the Code of Ethics
  - Participants should always strive to represent their school, community, and the activity in the most positive and productive way possible before, during, and after competition (*second paragraph*)
  - No one shall engage in misconduct during a contestant's performance (e.g. texting, using an electronic device with the exception of completing online ballots, talking to other in the audience during the performance, or using inappropriate verbal or nonverbal communication that interferes with the performance). (*#12 under general suggestions, remove #3 from student suggestions*)
  - Encouraging or condoning conduct/behavior that is anything other than professional, kind, and sportsmanlike. Bullying in any form at any time will not be tolerated. (*#12 under coach suggestions*)
  - Being publicly critical of the final decision of a judge. (*edit to current #5 of student suggestions*)
- Vote: passed unanimously

#### Bale Scholarship Fund

- Currently \$2700 available in fund for disbursement
- Will use \$1000 for Blyton scholarship

#### Novice Debate

- Motion by Page, second by Zorn: remove "Competition in a State Championship shall be considered the equivalent of one year's experience" from #3 under State Debate Tournament
- Vote: passed unanimously

#### KHSSL 100th Anniversary

- Coaches and alumni should be encouraged to send in memorabilia (photos, videos, programs, etc) to celebrate

#### **Meadows resigns as Chair of the Board, effective 2:10 pm**

#### Officer Elections

- Chair: Michael Robinson
- Vice-Chair: Woody Zorn

#### Director for 2019-2020

- Motion by Martin, second by Randolph: offer contract to Steve Meadows as KHSSL director for 2019-2020
- Vote: passed 7-0-1 (abstention by Meadows)

*Next board meeting set for Saturday, May 2 in Northern Region.*

**Meeting adjourned at 2:32 pm.**