



## Texas Association Virtual Meeting Minutes - Sept 7, 2021

### I. INTRODUCTIONS

7:40 Quorum Confirmed

- Attendees & introduction: See attached
- Secretary verified quorum of voting members
- Acknowledgement of previous Board members for their service. Lilian acknowledge 3 of our previous board members; Angela Richard, Laura Clark, and Judy Moore.

2020-21 Recap:

- 50 TX memberships – 1 single tournament was run
- TX tournament was open to all members from all regions - 43 teams from TX performed
- Virtual WF was open to all members - 25 TX teams performed
- On-Site WF in Orlando, open to all members - 8 TX teams performed

Feedback – Sandy Sook Commended all the judges who participated as virtual judges.

### II. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

- Minutes of our April Meeting have been posted on our website.  
Motion to approve Minutes as presented: Gaby Wannall, Second: Cliff Cromwell  
Motion Passed

### III. 2022 TOURNAMENTS

- Team qualifications:  
Haro proposes Primary teams don't need a judge, but 2, 2-hour volunteers, and judges are not all required to judge State.
- Regional Tournaments, on-site tentatively  
Central March 26<sup>th</sup> Alamo Heights School District  
North: Tentatively February 26<sup>th</sup> at Carroll High School (Waiting confirmation)  
HARO: March 5<sup>th</sup> Waiting for confirmation from West Brier MS
- TX State tournament, on-site tentatively Harris County Council for the Arts or a school on Spring Branch ISD. Still waiting on confirmation.
- Lilian spoke about local restrictions, social distancing, and the impact on old tournament format. We need to consider the safety of our teams, judges and families.  
Proposed:
  - \*No hangouts. Team will do long term then Spontaneous then done – Majority of members say to wait until Feb to decide if this is needed.
  - \*No food or drink will be sold by vendors – State candidate does not allow food or drink.



\*Only 2 family per team member in audience or no audience at all – Consensus was that there is no reason to make this decision now.

\*Judges offering distance options – Not discussed

\*Go or No-Go decision to plan on region or 1 state tournament will need to be made in the future.

\*Should we consider capping the problem so as to not have multiple venues. Discussion was made about limiting the number of teams. North and Central were both apposed to this. HARO is concerned about volume of teams. It was suggested RD's stay in touch with their coordinators and keep an early running total of which problems teams are doing. Gaby will stay in contact with HARO teams.

- State-level Virtual tournament option for single team virtual memberships, organized by CCI. Will be partitioned by Association and judged individually. P2, 3 and Primary only.
- World Finals will be the weekend before Memorial Day. Tentatively in Iowa.
- Discussion was made that if we cannot do onsite tournaments, do we do a unified state tournament? This was tabled due to the unknown future but will be discussed at a later date.

## IV. TOURNAMENT JUDGING

- We will maintain the centralized penalties tracking.
- PC meeting with ADs in the Fall to discuss ideas for representation and judging. Online training could be used, discussions still ongoing. Steve will put out an email with dates for the PC's and go from there. Discussion will need to be had about social distancing and judges.

## V. STANDING RULES COMMITTEE, CHAIR: TERI REIST

Committee members: Teri Reist, Sandy Sook, Ann Dachniwsky Amanda Coots. Bylaws last updated in 2013. Standing Rules have no date, possibly 2016.

The committee worked to update standing rules and create board positions. They looked at other state's by-laws.

Sandy led a brief discussion and requested of us look at the standing rules and give opinions. This can be done on the Standing Rules Committee Channel on Discord. The standing rules will be looked at yearly as a working document.

Final version will be proposed in January for a vote.

Deadline for submissions will be posted by the committee on Discord

## VI. BUDGET COMMITTEE, CHAIR: MIKE STORY

- Report from Budget Committee
- Hike in CCI membership fee was discussed  
North and Central oppose the increase in tournament fees at this time. It was decided the budget would be adjusted to not reflect the increase. This would be discussed in the future.  
Move to approve the budget as presented, adjusting the no increase to the state tournament fee by Lois Cromwell. Second: Adam Tutt – Motion Passed.
- Audit Committee scheduling – Meg Bevilacqua, Adam Tutt, Beth Otilar



## **VII. PIN AND TEE SHIRT COMMITTEE, CHAIR: GABY WANNALL**

- Recap from 2021 – Only \$2500 in pin sales. The cost was minimized by not having new pins. Grab bags will be sold at tournaments with the surplus. Same shirt design was used for teams and officials.
- Plans for 2022 – We have a slate for pins and t-shirt designs. Limited to 15 and quantities 200-250 each. Proposed and agree no judges pins this coming year.

## **VIII. PROGRAM PROMOTION**

- Virtual TAGT– This year we won't benefit from going to TAGT due to it being mostly virtual. It was excluded from our budget for the year.
- Other outreach, Trustee At Large – Will communicate with those persons who have expressed interest, along with the Region Director.

## **IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Technology Committee – Amanda Coots, Michael Chiles, and Lilian Wannall, more information to come.
- Coach Training in October – Sandy Sook will be leading the coaches training virtually. 1 in-person tournament will happen in HARO.
- PC Training, late January, after materials are available. The date will be discussed at the PC meeting.
- Scholarships – 2021-2022 scholarship application will be posted now.
- Other Ideas from the floor: Discord is the official use for committees and available to anyone who needs it for discussion.
- Next Association Meeting, Virtually, proposed January 11, unless we have a new TX State site to perform a walk-through, in which case it will be a Saturday.

Move to adjourn : Gaby Wannall, Second Cliff Cromwell at 9:53pm



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Attendees:

Lilian Wannall

Gaby Wannall

Steve Reist

Teri Reist

Mike Story

Suzanne Rieter

Cliff Cromwell

Lois Cromwell

Sandy Sook

Jony Hammond

Vira Hammond

Ann Dachniwsky

Mason Story

Michael Chiles

Adam Tutt

Meg Bevilacqua

Beth Otilar

Amanda Coots

Jimmy Halastaras

Samantha Pollicove

Katie Dachniwsky