

## Minutes of the WFCFA Spring 2010 Meeting

### Chula Vista Resort

5/1/2010

(pending approval)

The Spring general meeting of the WFCFA was called to order at 1:10 pm. Introductions were made. Thirty-two coaches representing 28 schools were in attendance<sup>1</sup>, as well as webmaster Scott Peterson, WHSFA Executive Director Chuck Malone, Ripon College representatives Deano and Vicky Pape, and retired alumni coaches as guests. This meeting represents the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WFCFA.

#### 1. Secretary's Report (Mary Wacker for Michael Traas)

- a. Adoption of minutes from the Fall, 2010 general member meeting. Motion to accept the minutes by West Bend East, second by Kaukauna. Passed on voice vote.
- b. Presentation of the tentative tournament calendar for 2011 was made in written form. There are a few tournament hosts who indicated that they will be attempting to move their dates, or to turn in additional request forms. Tournament hosts for 2011 are urged to review this, discuss with colleagues, and make adjustments known to the WFCFA Secretary as soon as possible. Any geographic or other changes will be made by the Executive Committee in summer, after which a more final draft will be distributed via the web.

#### 2. Treasurer's Report (Kelsey Palmer)

Kelsey thanked the WFCFA for the opportunity to serve as treasurer for the past two years. Kelsey reported that she will not seek reelection as she is moving on to graduate school in the fall. Presentation of written report/activity statement. The report as distributed contains of one calculation error – correction will be placed on the web copy of the report. PR committee spent a little more than last year in preparation for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Coaching clinic startup costs added costs in 2009-10. Treasurer's report was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

#### 3. President's Report (Rachel Rosenthal-Garza)

Rachel thanked the group for the opportunity to serve as president for the past year.

Action Item: proposals for double entry at the state tournament were presented. Ground rules were laid for the discussion of this item. Each author of the two primary proposals was permitted five minutes of authorship – and then each member was invited to speak for up to two minutes, and asked to speak only once and to limit comments so as not to repeat opinions already expressed.

Lyn Luce of Waupaca spoke first, presenting her proposal. John Radermacher spoke second, on behalf of his counter-proposal. Gary Wegner spoke to explain his role in clarifying his chief concerns about double entry in the preparation of the proposal. Discussion continued from several other coaches. Plymouth HS coach called the question, second by Carrie Baker of Reagan. Motion to call the question passes 25-0-3.

A friendly amendment was made to include the category of Moments in History to the first category of "speech events" in the proposal, as it was inadvertently left out.

Luce made a motion to ask for a private paper ballot on the vote for double entry, and also asked that the votes be counted by Chuck Malone of the WHSFA. Chris Zoch of Sheboygan North amended the motion to include

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<sup>1</sup> List of schools in attendance found at the end of these minutes.

both Chuck Malone and Deano Pape (Ripon College) as vote counters. Motion to vote on paper and to confirm the vote counters passed. 25-3.

Vote on the proposal to allow double entry at state failed on a vote of 6 in favor, 22 opposed, no abstentions.

4. Past President's Report (Jodi Becker)

Jodi presented a written report of changes to the bylaws to clean up language from last year when we changed our membership categories. **Motion to approve changes as presented was approved unanimously.** The first three recommendations will need a second approval vote in the Fall to become permanent. Proposal 4 becomes official today.

Jodi announced the winner of Hall of Fame Award, recipient Chris Schoggen, former coach from Hartford Union High School. He was not able to attend, but Jodi read a letter of appreciation that was received.

5. President Elect's Report (Bonni Knight)

Bonni presented a written report on the 2009-10 coaching coaching clinic project. She noted widespread positive feedback from coaches, and accounted for the costs. It was reaffirmed that clinics will once again be held next year as required by our bylaws. The theme of next year's clinics will be judging.

She also presented a report on the state tee-shirts, indicating that we have made a small amount of money each of the past two years, and will order fewer next year.

Action Item: Election of President Elect. A nomination was received for David Wyatt from Nicolet HS. There were no nominations from the floor. David Wyatt was elected unanimously by voice vote.

Action Item: Election of Treasurer. There was a nomination from the floor for Peter Woods of Marquette HS. There were no other nominations submitted or from the floor. Peter Woods was elected by voice vote.

At this point the meeting was turned over to new President for 2010-11 Bonni Knight.

6. State Tournament Report:

a. Site Director (Jodi Becker)

Jodi noted that there were issues regarding the late start of round 1 at state. Delays were found to be due to schools not calling in to allow the finalizing of schedules in a timely way. There was a log-jam at the buses because all schedules were released at the same time in the same place. A solution was proposed for 2011 that will send the students directly to their auxiliary sites without schedules.

Jodi noted that light sabers were confiscated from students – please don't bring weapon-like toys to state.

b. Tournament Director (Chris Zoch)

Written report presented, indicating divisions, numbers by category. Proposed dates for the 2011 (April 15-16) and 2012 (April 20-21) tournament were presented. Thank yous were extended to all who helped with the tournament.

c. Congress Director (Bonni Knight for Adam Jacobi)

Written report presented. Members present noted high quality of competition and good location. Recommendation to move the 2011 congress to Madison was noted, but no action to do so was recommended.

7. TPP Report (Gary Wegner)

Written report provided detail on the discussion and actions of the committee during the past year and the state tournament. Gary noted that as the season progresses to the state tournament, violations that might only result in a “rank it last” at an early invitational would result in a disqualification at state. One serious issue was noted – two students from a school competing at state with the same speech, and with the knowledge of the coach. TPP took that issue directly to the Executive Board, who opted to move directly to a tier 3 consequence and send a letter to the coach and principal noting the violation of rules. Gary thanked Danielle Richardson and Sue Luterbach, both retiring coaches, for their service to this committee. New members on the committee include Ben Kroll of Sheboygan South and Carrie Baker of Milwaukee Ronald Reagan.

8. Category Committee (Mary Wacker)

Committee will meet in the summer to craft new topics for the upcoming season. Collaboration has begun with WHSFA already. Committee report of recommendations will come at the fall meeting. Any members with category concerns or recommendations for rule reviews should send them to Mary at [category@wcaforensics.org](mailto:category@wcaforensics.org).

9. Program Assistance (John Peschl)

A mentorship list has been created, and John is happy to provide that information to anyone who wants it. Instructional DVD’s are available for coaches, and most categories are represented. Two new categories were taped at the 2010 state tournament – Play Acting (semifinal) and Farrago (final). Next year’s plan is to tape Public Address and Solo Serious. Contact John via email this summer to request DVD’s or plan to get them at the fall meeting. John and Bonni Knight are working to offer collaborative coach/student training in the fall of 2010, tentatively planned for the Madison and Milwaukee areas.

10. Webmaster Report (Scott Peterson)

Changes and minutes from this meeting will go online. In the past year we posted and distributed a member directory, thanks to the revised membership application forms. More forms were available online for tournament entry, registrations for this meeting, and tee-shirt orders. The cost of web hosting was paid last year for three years, so there is no additional cost this year.

11. Public Relations (Keith VandenHeuvel)

Keith thanked those who helped get this weekend’s celebration together. Highlights of this evening’s program were announced (karaoke, dinner, awards). A door prize drawing was conducted.

Motion to adjourn was made at 3:23 pm. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Wacker  
(on behalf of Michael Traas, WCA Secretary)

Member schools in Attendance:

1. Algoma
2. Appleton Xavier
3. Appleton West
4. Berlin
5. Black Hawk
6. Brookfield East
7. Eau Claire North
8. Fond du Lac
9. Hartford Union
10. Kaukauna
11. Lodi
12. Madison Memorial
13. Madison West
14. Marquette
15. New London
16. Nicolet
17. Plymouth
18. Ronald Reagan
19. Rufus King
20. Sheboygan North
21. Sheboygan South
22. St. Croix Falls
23. St. Lawrence
24. Sun Prairie
25. Waupaca
26. West Bend East
27. West Bend West
28. Whitefish Bay