

KHSSL Board Meeting
May 2, 2020
Virtual Platform

Meeting called to order at 10:10am by Steve Meadows, Executive Director

Members present:

Mary Allen, Scott Bonneau, Katy Cecil (joined at 11:24am), Dustin Combs (left at 3:33pm), Lisa Edmonds, Karen Feldhaus, Neomia Hagans-Flores, Janet Martin, Rachel Page, Beth Randolph, Kim Reeder, Michael Robinson, Chuck Stamper, Woody Zorn

Guests present:

Katey Blood (left at 11:20am)

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer Report

- Balance: \$24,199.87
- State tournament reconciliation and final contract payment still to occur

Secretary Report

- 91 total member schools
- No major changes from previous years

Regional Tournament Report

- Attendance numbers provided

State Tournament Report

- Attendance numbers provided
- Positive feedback from Junior and Debate tournaments

State of the Organization Report

- KHSSL now holds 501(c)3 and tax-exempt status as well as liability insurance
- KHSSL branding established through new logo and website
- Executive Director provided member support through mentoring and tournament assistance

SPEAK Update

- Board feedback is to proceed with a virtual PD offering in September

Hall of Fame

- Jennifer Dunnaway accepted into the 2020-2021 Hall of Fame Class
- Motion by Randolph, second by Edmonds: form a committee to look at Hall of Fame criteria to be discussed at special called board meeting
- Vote: passed unanimously

Judge Certification

- Meadows will work with NFHS to add KHSSL-specific information suggested by the Judge Committee as a supplement to the current NFHS judge training

Executive Director

- Motion by Page, second by Edmonds: offer 2 year contract to Steve Meadows for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 seasons
- Vote: passed unanimously

Focus/Growth Plan

- Executive Director should focus efforts on member school retention: helping new/struggling teams

Recessed for lunch at 12:38pm

Reconvened at 1:02pm

Blyton Scholarships/Book Award

- No action taken

Job Board

- Motion by Zorn, second by Edmonds: establish a classified section/job board on the KHSSL website for coaching positions and judging opportunities
- Vote: passed unanimously

School Membership Fees

- Motion by Martin, second by Robinson: modify the dues structure
 - \$100 for speech, \$100 for debate by November 1
 - \$150 for speech, \$150 for debate after November 1
- Vote: 11 in favor (Randolph, Page, Bonneau, Feldhaus, Robinson, Allen, Stamper, Edmonds, Martin, Cecil, Combs), 2 opposed (Zorn, Reeder), 1 abstention (Hagans-Flores) - Motion Carried

Junior Participation at Senior Invitationals

- Motion by Cecil, second by Feldhaus: add language to the handbook that clarifies that junior division schools may compete at senior division invitationals at the discretion of the tournament host
- Vote: passed unanimously
- *It should be noted that this does not constitute a change but rather confirmation of what is currently in practice.*

Duo Interpretation

- Motion by Cecil, second by Feldhaus: add the following statement to rule #5 and ballot guideline #4 that reads
 - *Except in the introduction, no touching is allowed.*
- Vote: passed unanimously
- Motion by Cecil, second by Martin: add the following statement to rule #4 and ballot guideline #3 that reads
 - *Except in the introduction, students may not make obvious eye contact with one another.*
- Vote: passed unanimously
- *It should be noted that neither of these statements constitute a change but rather confirmation of what is currently in practice.*

Oratory/Informative

- Motion by Martin, second by Zorn: schools no longer need to submit speeches to Regional/State tournaments but rather have them available if challenged
- Vote: 12 in favor (Randolph, Page, Bonneau, Reeder, Hagans-Flores, Robinson, Zorn, Martin, Feldhaus, Stamper, Combs, Cecil), 1 opposed (Edmonds), 1 abstention (Allen) - Motion Carried

Improvisational Duo

- Motion by Cecil, second by Robinson: poll the membership by June 15 on proposals 1 and 3 to be discussed at special called board meeting
- Vote: passed unanimously

KHSSL Co-Sponsored Tournaments

- Motion by Robinson, second by Martin: accept proposal to offer schools in underserved regions to apply for KHSSL-assisted invitationals, provided that no school has hosted a tournament in the past two years with the same head coach in place
- Vote: passed unanimously

Tournament Results

- Motion by Cecil, second by Hagans-Flores: add language to the handbook that invitationals are encouraged to publish results by the Monday following the tournament
- Vote: passed unanimously

Regional/State Deadlines

- Motion by Page, second by Edmonds: accept proposal to change deadlines with the following modifications:
 - Regional tournament - 12pm Wednesday changed to 8pm Tuesday
 - State speech: all 12pm references changed to 8pm
 - State debate: all 12pm references changed to 8pm; registration deadline two weeks before the tournament
- Vote: passed unanimously

Online Ballots

- No action taken

Regional Tournaments/State Qualification

- No action taken

Section Size for Regional Tournaments

- Motion by Cecil, second by Robinson: omit rules 13 and 14 under regional tournaments in the handbook and replace with language specifying that the goal is to have six students per section, no more than seven
- Vote: passed unanimously

Invitational Tournament Rules

- Motion by Cecil, second by Randolph: accept proposal for KHSSL-sanctioned tournaments
- Vote: 12 in favor (Randolph, Page, Edmonds, Reeder, Hagans-Flores, Robinson, Zorn, Martin, Feldhaus, Stamper, Allen, Cecil), 1 opposed (Bonneau) - Motion Carried

Tournament Schedule

- Motion by Robinson, second by Cecil: approve the tournament calendar with the following edits
 - KHSSL Junior State to be held on Feb. 26-27
 - SCAPA Junior Invitational to be held on Jan. 16
- Vote: 11 in favor (Randolph, Page, Allen, Reeder, Robinson, Zorn, Martin, Bonneau, Stamper, Edmonds, Cecil), 1 opposed (Hagans-Flores), 1 abstention (Feldhaus) - Motion Carried

Elementary Division

- Motion by Cecil, second by Page: accept proposal as written to allow elementary schools to participate at a reduced level
- Vote: 9 in favor (Page, Bonneau, Reeder, Robinson, Zorn, Martin, Edmonds, Cecil, Feldhaus), 3 opposed (Allen, Stamper, Randolph), 1 abstention (Hagans-Flores) - Motion Carried

State/Regional Exemptions

- Motion by Randolph, second by Cecil: form committee to look at exemption wording to be discussed at special called board meeting
- Vote: passed unanimously

Next board meeting (special called) is set for July 1 at 10am.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm