

Greetings NCFA!!! May these minutes find you well, healthy and happy!!!
Cheers,
Your VP, Omsbuddy Marina

Minutes

Spring NCFA Business Meeting – Saturday, February 11th, 2012

In attendance:

Kasey Gardner	Los Medanos
Marlin Bates	Pacific
Kathleen Bruce	Delta
Theresa Perry	Chico
Stephen Ban	Butte
Sue Peterson	Chico
Eric Fletcher	Fresno City
Libby Simas	Solano
C. Warda	Chabot
Neil Glines	Solano
Ana Petero	Solano
Phil Sharp	Nevada
Kay Harrison	Ohlone
Patrick Moe	DVC
Becky Opsata	DVC
Sherry Diestler	Contra Costa
Rachel Dwiggin-Beeler	Contra Costa
Timothy D. Heisler	Las Positas
Jim Dobson	Las Positas
Tina Lim	San Jose State
Tim Elizondo	Columbia
Ryan Guy	Chico
Alexis Litzky	SFSU
Jason Ames	Chabot
Suzanne Ruckle	Yuba
Mark Nelson	SRJC
Hal Sanford	SRJC
Todd Guy	Modesto
Nathan Feingersh-Steele	City College of San Francisco
Marina Whitchurch	SRJC

6:20 pm – Call to order
Called to order by President Nathan Feingersh at 6:33pm

6:25 pm – Treasurer's Report (Kristina Whalen) is attached as **Appendix A**.
Reported at the end of the fall coach's conference our balance was \$2885

After banking fees and trophies and before the deposit from the NCFA spring Championship tournament our balance is at \$990.

Kristina expects that we will exceed revenue of last year's tournament even after paying facility fees here at Chabot.

6:30 pm – **Election of Treasurer**

Nomination made by Becky Opsata for Kristina Whalen to continue in the office.

Kristina accepts nomination "but seriously, this is it. Can we get some term limits written into the constitution?"

The body votes aye for Kristina to continue in the office.

No discussion, only laughter, regarding term limits.

6:40 pm – **Election of Vice President**

Nomination by Ana Petero for Marina Whitchurch to continue in the office.

Marina Whitchurch accepts nomination.

The body votes aye.

6:50 pm – 2013 NCFA Spring Championship Tournament

- **Date: Feb. 8-10th (Fri-Sun)**
- **Bidding Hosts:**
 - Modesto JC (Todd Guy)
 - Others?

No other bids are brought forward.

Todd Guy mentions that Modesto will need facility fees picked up by NCFA

**discussion of fees to offset facility fee issue for schools

Raising entry fees rather than school fees is a possibility posed by Treasurer Kristina Whalen and Nathan Feingersh-Steele states that we aim for open communication and prepare for an adjustment in fees when Todd finds out how much facility fees will cost.

The body votes aye for Modesto.

Todd Guy and Modesto Junior College will host the 2013 NCFA Spring Championship Tournament.

7:00 pm – 2012 NCFA Debate Camp (September)

- **Tournament Director/ Host?**

Kristina Whalen votes for Kasey Gardner to host again

Kasey accepts but he has two conditions:

First: What should the students know prior to coming to the camp? How many rounds should they have? Should food be offered? What sort of preparation material should be offered before hand and how should that be disseminated so that everyone is on the same page (pun intended).

Second: Should we also continue having a policy component and also include an NFA-LD component?

Input from the community would be greatly welcomed and appreciated.
The body votes for Kasey to host it again.

Most likely will take place the weekend in September before SFSU tournament, but he is flexible on the date.

Nathan requests that Kasey send out an email on the listserve - please communicate, then confirm at coach's conference.

7:10 pm – 2012 NCFA Coaches Conference (Saturday, August 25th @ 10am-4pm)

- **Conference Host?**
- **Seminar Leaders?**

Nathan asks for people to be more involved in the coach's conference.

Sue Peterson offers Chico to host the conference.

Jim Dobson seconds the offer.

Marlin will bring beer.

Sue believes she can get a cheap hotel rate and will communicate to the body when she gets that information via the listserve.

The body votes aye for Chico.

***The following are issues that various members of the body wish to explore in more depth at the fall Coach's Conference. Nathan and Marina wish for everyone to consider these issues, brainstorm ideas/questions/solutions for each and be prepared to have productive dialogue at the fall conference.**

7:20 pm – Announcements:

- Protocol for No Shows (Jim Dobson)

if someone misses the first round, what do we do? drop, continue, etc? we need to create a protocol for dealing with this. competitive balance, ranking in subsequent rounds, experience

marlin suggests to table this for coach's conference

sue peterson suggests a breakout session, standing, at coach's conf. to examine bylaws and constitution, etc.

- Collapsing Events (Jim Dobson)

7 or less, should we collapse? how should finals be handled?

mark brings up a good point with awards (top novice vs 6th place in open)

suzanne ruckle wants to keep novice pure to keep them from getting buried

patrick moe - bring it up at coach's conference

- Judge Professionalism (Kristina Whalen)

emotional labor with student about the way judges were acting in round

young people/green judges giving brutal critiques, no encouragement or comfort, eating during rounds, taking phone calls, rude behaviour

put on collective radar to check all behaviour of people that come to represent your school

jason ames brings up empty/oral k debate ballots, give an oral k, but also write on the ballot. we need to have something, rfd at least, on ballots

nathan discusses a judge cert, that pscfa does and should be discussed further at coach's conference

- Hybrid Teams & Tournament Protocols (Nathan Steele)

only one hybrid team per school, unless otherwise noted in invite to follow rules of governing organizations

mark brings up one hybrid per division

marlin says no, one hybrid per school. period

- Online Teaching Resources & the NCFA Website (Nathan & Ryan)

hope to get more video at spring fling to put up on website.

our own youtube channel

generic video release that ryan can send out

database for hired judges list for tournament directors

nathan takes on online teaching resources during the summer so that we can direct students to the website to help us in classes - welcomes people to join in to help

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- Last Chance & AFA NIET Qualifier–March 2-4 @ SFSU - (Marlin Bates)

There is a \$50 school fee.

District 1 gets half those fees, though they “do nothing with it”.

Nine schools needed on Friday's last chance tournament for competitors to get legs.

Students that have already qualified for the AFA NIET may not compete.

They welcome more competitors to offer more legs and more bids.

- Spring Fling – April 28th @ Ohlone (Ryan Guy)

Ryan Guy would greatly appreciate any help. He will send an email to the listserv.

Kay Harrison says there are no fees for Spring Fling.

Kasey wants us to discuss dates at coach's conference again.

- High School State Champs @ Lowell H.S., April 27--29 (Nathan Steele)

The tournament needs and welcomes judges from the community.

If you or any of your competitors are interested, check out the website and/or send Nathan an email.

- **Others?**

Tim Elizondo asks about prep during speaking time in parli and whether that is acceptable.

Marlin says its okay.

Tim Heisler asks about future of the Santa Rosa tournament.

Hal says we will continue to host the tournament.

Jason Ames doesn't like NFA LD on the same day as IE's, can we do something different?

Santa Rosa will take that into consideration when scheduling and writing the invite.

Becky Opsata wants us to line up 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 resolutions alike.

Marlin says that NPDA rules say resolutions should be paired.

Phil Sharp announces that WSCA will be hosted at Reno next year with a possible tournament and he seeking input for hosting a tournament.

Phil is also interested in a possible permanent full service tournament in October, as well, wants support from region.

Marlin says NPDA & NPTE will be hosted at UOP next year.

Christy Warda reminds us about the student fellowship award and gives each team ballots to pass out to students.

(4-year colleges may adjourn) - at 7:25pm

7:30 pm – **Bids for 2014 CCCFA State Champs?**

Neil Glines is going to put a bid in for a 4-day hotel tournament.

CCCFA President?

If you're interested, keep it mind for the tournament business meeting.

Nathan suggest chartering a bus for NCFCA CC's to go to states next year in LA - about \$115 per person.

Eric Fletcher reminds us that he has a bus!!

7:45 pm – Adjournment
done at 7:29
sweet!

9:00 pm – Faculty and alumni are invited to a party in gratitude of T.C. Winebrenner and Mark Nelson at a party room in the tournament hotel.

Appendix A

NCFA Treasurer Report Kristina Whalen, CCSF, Feb 11, 201

I. Financials

beginning Balance	2,885
trophies	-1645.20
Bank fees	-250.00
NEW TOTAL	989.80

II. Thanks to Chabot for hosting.

Organization can expect a
facility fee near \$1,600.

III. Tournament expense report
will be released at summer
conference.