

Class B Speech Coaches' Meeting

April 25, 2009 at Mandan High School

Class B Rep Bonnie Muehlberg called the meeting to order.

We started with introductions of the Regional Coaches of the Year and candidates for the Class B candidates for Class B coach of the Year. Voting was completed with the results to be announced at the awards ceremony.

Committees for 2009-2010 Speech Season

Extemp Speaking	1. Jean Hoerer, 2. Terri Egan, 3. Lisa Ott
EPR	1. Vickie Mayer, 2. Jen Whitmore, 3. Donna Davidson
Storytelling	1. Claire Andrus, 2. Denise Raeder, 3. Marsha Rost
Impromptu	1. Angela Johnson, 2. Michele Seil, 3. Becky Nelson
Radio	1. Beth Aufforth, 2. Bonnie Muehlberg, 3. Vickie Mayer

Concerns/New Business

-Next year we will not have a complete rulebook for all forensics, but a rule book for each subject area. One for Drama, Student Congress, Speech and Debate.

-Proof of copyright

-Do we need proof of copyright for every event or just the drama?

-Agreed we do need proof, but where do we draw the line

-Agreed we need the rule to know the genre and it makes the kids responsible.

-Since adopting this rule, the number of anonymous or unknown authors has almost disappeared completely.

-Most of us hate the rule, but think it is a good idea.

-Delays Round I

-As long as students are allowed to compete, the rule is tolerable

-Where does Edna Means material belong?

-If it contains stage directions, even just one, the material is considered drama

-We need a rules clarification, so the manager will be allowed to make the final decision on the Burden of Proof Rule.

-How do we feel about students using a full manuscript for the memorized events?

-Good at the beginning of the season, so a kid can get started

-Problem is with the coaching and we can control this ourselves.

-Add judges may lower the speaker's rank

-Discuss at advisory board and clarify the rules.

-The number of entries in these categories is up

-Kids know the top speakers are memorized

-Judge's opinion of the topic should not be a consideration

-To us this maybe an old selection or topic, but the students it is new. Remember they are high school students and to them this is a new selection.

-Kids love some of this material and they think it is new.

-Ask your kids if they can make this fresh material. Also, warn them about possible problems with the selection choice.

1-Coach's concern with a handicapped speaker who needed support from other speakers. The support was told to be sure and stay for the entire round which was not possible.

-Tell the tournament manager and try deal with it.

-Also, that to the judge involved.

-Concerns about extemp speaking-Is the purpose teaching research skills or using sources in a speech?

- We do not have debaters.

-Readers Guide to Periodic Literature is expensive and libraries are starting to drop their subscriptions.

-Discussed have 3 articles provided and the all students would write their speeches using only these materials.

-Questioned penalty for late registrations

-Yes, there are penalties listed in our rule book.

-Also, day of the tournament drops are penalized in some regions

-Is it possible to hold the rules clinic on IVAN?

-This is not being considered at this time.

-Brian Bubach

-May 4th is the big meeting with our advisory board. You have a good board who serves you well.

-Rule Book Committee – not a lot of changed unless it comes through committee.

Biggest change is how to register and post regional results. It took about 35 hours to prep the State Class B Meet.

-Use of non-certified judges is causing problems with the school audit reports. If anyone can do the job, then they need to be covered by Workmen's Comp.

-Soon we will only be able to use certified judges, even for the invitational meets.

Otherwise the state qualifying will not be possible.

-Old list of certified judges will be disappearing. We need to get all the judges on the new list. He is considering a 3-5 year cycle. Also, he is looking at a new Articulated System where the correct answer must be selected to complete the test.

-Host schools will be allowed a waver process to use a non-certified judge in an emergency. This is the same process used in sports and music.

-Drop Dead Dates will eventually be part of the speech process.

-They are considered locations for next year's State B. If anyone has suggestions?

-Coaches are pleased with Mandan High School.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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