

State A Coaches' Meeting
April 18, 2009
Band Room – Mandan Middle School

Coaches present: Sarah Tuchscherer (Red River), Tom Beadle (North), Lindsay Cossette/Shawn Krinke (West Fargo), Chris Dietz (Shanley), Jesse Armstrong (Bismarck Century), Eydie Wagar (Valley City), Yvonne Kalka (GF Central), Heather Woods (Wahpeton), El J Arntson (St. Mary's), Joel Sikes (Williston), Pat Pins (Mandan), Brian Bubach, NDHSAA, Leslie Wilkie (Dickinson), Laura Weiss (Jamestown), Jen Keelie (Bismarck), Kaylee Lang (Minot).

Introductions were done.

The coaches voted on coach of the year.

2012 dates will be set by the board in the March meeting of 2010.

Discussion ensued regarding the dates for regionals. We are asking the board to consider the end date for Class A like the Class B regions have. This would allow flexibility to schedule around ACT etc. Some felt that having a date anchored/protected is also a positive thing.

Joel Sikes moved that Brian Bubach ask the board to set an end date for the region and allow regions to set the date that works for the region rather than mandating the date. Tom Beadle seconded. There is still concern about the protection of the date. If we pass this we won't any longer have a date protected by the board. There was discussion that March 28th looks like a great day until you look at Music conflicts. Motion fail unanimously.

Discussion on dates included needing to look at conflicts with the ACT as well as other extra-curricular dates.

Jesse Armstrong moved that the board consider ACT dates when they set the regional dates. Seconded by Joel Sikes. Discussion included that they may still set it on that date, but they at least should be aware of the date. Unanimously passed.

Regionals - April 10 -

WDA — Site Manager —; Scheduler – El J Arntson; Tabulator, Sue Anderson

EDC – Grand Forks Central – Site Manager, Yvonne Kalka; Manager, Gayle Hyde

State site selection – Brian Bubach explained that the site selection process is different now. The sites will be selected by the administrators at a later date. Interest should be expressed to Brian.

Gayle Hyde moved that we recommend to the board that the state tournament be held at Jamestown for the next two years (2010 and 2011) and then at Devils Lake (2012 and 2013) for the next two years. Seconded by Yvonne Kalka. Discussion included whether the coaches at

those schools were willing to be the site managers. They agreed they were and would discuss it with their administrators. Motion carried unanimously.

State April 17, 2010 – Jamestown Site Manager, Laura Weis

Pat Pins explained that he wants to explain his opinion. He wants the NDHSAA to study the feasibility of moving the speech season to the fall (beginning in September and finishing by November). This would require the Congress season move to the Spring.

Pat Pins moved that the NDHSAA, C STAND and advisory committee study the feasibility of, at some point in time, moving the speech season to the fall (beginning right away in September and finishing by end of October/mid-November). Eydie Wagar seconded. This would require trading seasons among forensic/theatre activities. There was discussion that there are many conflicts in the fall as well. Also, that trading seasons may negatively impact another forensic fine arts activity. The survey instrument would need to be designed carefully to get accurate data. Motion carried 16-1.

There were be no printed regulations next year. They will be only posted on the website or sent directly to the school.

It was noted that if a communication is sent out that we need to have all head coaches receive that email. The Advisory board member should know all the email addresses of the group they are representing.

Phyllis' term on the Advisory board is up next year and people could run for the position at that time.

Tournament dates – Tom Beadle will gather dates for the Class A tournaments.

Sarah Tuchscherer moved to adjourn. Leslie Wilkie seconded. Motion carried.