

**SWSC Mathletes
Spring Meeting (SWSC Mega-Meeting)
Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Lincoln-Way Central High School**

Attendance (according to sign-in sheet):

Andrew	Eric Johnson
Bolingbrook	Julie Berg, Chris Mallon
Bradley-Bourbonnais	
Homewood-Flossmoor	Scott Furlong
Joliet	Dan Spradley
Lincoln-Way Central	Roy Broderick, Lisa Parker
Lincoln-Way East	Jim Aiu, Jessica Moore
Lincoln-Way North	Christin Parker
Lincoln-Way West	Holly Misener
Lockport	Carin Cooper
Sandburg	Dan Olsen
Stagg	Mark Lyons
Thornridge	Whitney Brogger, Erin Arrowood
Thornton	
Thornwood	
Statistician	Ricky Perez
SWSC Representative	Dawn Rueter-Cox

Dan Olsen (President) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Introduction and Approval of Minutes

All coaches introduced themselves for the benefit of new coaches.

There were no amendments to the Fall 2008 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by H-F and seconded by Lincoln-Way East. All in favor.

SWSC Business:

Dawn-Rueter Cox spoke as SWSC Representative. She complimented the Mathletes coaches for the thoroughness and presentation of their bylaws. She inquired about the process of dealing with ties during the conference match, and who reports there to the Activities Director. Ricky said that usually the host school reports to her, indicating what the tie was, who actually received the awards on site, and who still needs them. She then reports that information to the Activities Director for Mathletes.

Dawn presented the proposed standardization of the Mathletes and Scholastic Bowl calendars. By standardizing the dates, the SWSC master calendar can be assembled much more quickly and easily with certain dates already set. The issue of the 5th Mathletes contest date was brought up, with the request that the date be moved to one week earlier to accommodate Scholastic Bowl. For next season, this would place the 5th contest date for Mathletes on January 27, 2010. Julie and Chris (Bolingbrook) brought up that their final exams would be taking place the week before and were concerned about this. After a short debate, it was decided that the 5th contest date would be moved one week earlier. All in favor.

Dawn brought up the possibility of moving the start times of Mathletes contests from 6:30pm to 5:00pm. Ultimately, it was decided that doing so would be detrimental to most of the schools due to numerous student athletes. The starting time for non-conference match will remain at 6:30pm, and the conference matches will start at 6:00pm.

Dawn clarified that, according to the bylaws as currently written, the SWSC is a two division conference for all athletics and activities, including Mathletes. Numerous concerns were raised by the coaches about the negative impact that this would have on student participation as well as the logistical challenges that would result by having eight schools in a division at the conference meets, particularly with the judging situation. Although the concerns were noted, Dawn iterated that the bylaws meant that Mathletes, too, must have only two divisions. The issue of having the conference meet take place at a single location was also raised, but due to the potential logistical problems already presenting themselves with the two-division scenario, it was decided to keep the conference meet split between two sites. (All non-conference meets will take place at three sites, with five schools at each site.) Andrew (Blue Division) and Stagg (Red Division) volunteered to host the conference meets for the 2009-2010 season. It was then agreed that schools should once again record data on student participation and that this information would be recorded into the spreadsheet at each contest.

Schedules:

Due to the delay in information about the changes in SWSC, schedules were not prepared ahead of time, and thus were not available for the meeting. Eric said that he would prepare the schedule and send it out by email later in the week. Dawn requested that the schedule be finalized by Friday (4/24).

Webmaster/Spreadsheet Updates:

The website is currently located at <http://swscmathletes.vjamath.org/>. Eric said that he would be updating the website and preparing the spreadsheet for next season's contests over the next few weeks. Emails will be sent when appropriate.

Statistician Updates:

Ricky wanted to know what the coaches wanted in the folders. The system in place for last year will continue: one complete set of questions and enough answer sheets for all school at non-conference contests; enough sets of questions and answer sheets for all schools at conference. Questions will again be distributed via email following each contest.

Holly did suggest including more information about the TI N-Spire calculators so that judges would be better able to recognize which are eligible (non-CAS).

Question Writer Updates:

No major updates. Jim said that the current set of questions should be complete by June 1, with orals done by the end of June.

Budget

Dawn asked if there were any changes in budgetary needs. (There will a proportion increase in allowance due to the addition of the three T-Schools.) She said that the Question Writer and Statistician contracts should be finalized in June. A stipend for the Webmaster was proposed.

Awards

Given that at least one of the divisions will have eight schools, the possibility of 4th Place ribbons at conference was brought up. Dawn said that she will add 4th Place ribbons to the list of awards.

It was confirmed that All-Conference awards are determined at the school level and criteria for these awards are at the discretion of the coaches. Coaches can get the certificates for these awards from their activities director.

Scheduling for SWSC Mathletes Contests:

Due to the greater number of schools at the conference contests, the need for a revised time-table of events was made evident. Jim said that he would email out a proposed schedule in a few days. He also mentioned that we needed to think about whether we should have any limits on the number of contests that any given student can participate in during a meet. [Resolution?]

Mark asked if there should be any changes in the current written competitions (time allotted, number of questions) given the extended “dead time” students would be sitting around after the end of the third round to accommodate for the extra time needed to complete the orals. Jim suggested the idea of an additional contest at the end of the evening that would be an “all school” competition to be held in the cafeteria and for which the winning school would take home (for one year) a “traveling trophy.” The idea was well-received. Jim reminded the host schools for conference to make sure and have additional people to grade this final competition.

SWSC Mathletes Bylaws:

Dawn clarified that the Mathletes bylaws were derived from the Mathletes manual. Once the bylaws are finalized and approved, Dawn will email them to Eric, who will add them to the end of the manual under a section entitled “Official Bylaws”.

New Business:

Jim and Eric reminded everyone that they should check their emails over the next few days for important information that would require

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm (Motion: Lincoln-Way Central, Seconded: Staggs)