

**SWSC Mathletes Minutes  
Spring Meeting  
Tuesday, February 19, 2008  
Lincoln Way Central High School**

**Attendance (according to sign in):**

Andrew	Eric Johnson
Bolingbrook	Julie Berg
Bradley- Bourbonnais	Mark Hampton
Homewood- Flossmoor	Scott Furlong
Joliet	Dan Spadley
Lincoln Way Central	Holly Misener, Roy Broderick
Lincoln Way East	Brian Mulford
Lockport	Carin Cooper, Catherine Herman, Jamie Wilson
Stagg	Mark Lyons
Statistician	Ricky Perez

Holly Misener called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

No amendments to the fall minutes.

Motion to approve - Bradley  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Stagg  
All in favor

**SWSC Update**

Lincoln-Way Central mentioned that next year's schedule should soon be approved by SWSC.

**Awards Distribution and Tie-Breakers at SWSC V**

Ricky mentioned that missing awards will be ordered. LWC added that Activities Directors should be contacted regarding incorrect medals. LWC also suggested that 2 medals/ribbons be ordered in future years for the oralist and assistant.

**All-Conference Team Nominations**

Coaches may nominate 12 individuals for the All-Conference team. Nominations should be submitted to the Activities Director.

## Conference Spreadsheet and Scoring

Andrew introduced a spreadsheet for schools hosting a SWSC event. The spreadsheet allows the host to input dates, schools, and room numbers to produce schedules and signs for the event. The spreadsheet also allows the host to input scores to produce competition results, including tiebreakers. The following questions / issues were addressed:

- Compatibility of spreadsheet with older versions of Excel: Check before competition.
- Accounting for a 6<sup>th</sup> oralist time slot: We'll continue to start competitions @ 6:30.
- Homerooms: All schools other than HF and LWE use common areas as homerooms. Manual should be updated regarding SWSC V.
- Rooms for group competitions: It was agreed to keep the groups in the same room(?)
- Should we adopt a rotation of hosting with the addition of our new schools?
- Electronic distribution of questions: Ricky agreed to make electronic copies of old tests that she still has on record. She warned that incorrect answers have not been changed and that some material may be unavailable.
- Spreadsheet Checklist: The spreadsheet contains a checklist of tasks to be formed by host schools, which should be double-checked before competition.
- Building requests: Get them in early!

## Schedule Changes for Next Year

SWSC II: Bradley will host instead of LWC.  
SWSC IV: Stagg will travel to Bolingbrook instead of H.F.  
SWSC IV: LWC will host instead of Bradley.  
Add: Alternate Coaches Meeting: Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Change: Spelling of September  
.2008  
Spring Coaches meeting in **2009**

Lockport suggested moving SWSC V to the fall semester. The following dates were suggested for 2008-2009: 9/17, 10/8, 10/29, 11/19, and 12/10. However, any changes for this upcoming year were dismissed. The discussion was then tabled, and put on the agenda for the fall meeting. Schools were asked to bring their calendar for 2009-2010; specifically, these dates will be checked: 9/16, 10/7, 10/28, 11/18, 12/9.

## Amendments to Manual

Page 4: Under ethical procedures, remove "Study halls and lunch period are the student's time...."

Under confidentiality of questions, change to "...a question **from judges** regarding..."

\*\*\*Confidentiality and question writing was discussed, but with no changes made.

- Page 5: Under president responsibilities, remove “Provide copies...”
- Page 7: Update Divisions to Blue and Red.
- Page 9: Change to “A student may enter a competition late **with written notification from the coach**, but...”
- Page 10: Change 5 rooms to **9 rooms**.
- Page 10: Under homeroom passage, change to “This should be classrooms or cafeteria...”
- Page 10: For oral rooms, change to read “large board”.
- Page 11: Add to checklist:
- Sign-in for judges
  - Judges meeting
  - Distribute questions/answers
- Page 16: Change to “Contestants may be assisted by one teammate eligible...”
- Page 17-20: Should be updated to reflect the new spreadsheet printouts.
- Page 25: Add “If a cell phone is seen or heard during competition, the student will receive an automatic 0.”
- Page 28: Competition E allows 6 to compete.

Additional comments / suggestions:

- Andrew suggests specifying approach to problem on oral, so that students are not penalized for using alternate methods.
- Clarify that simplified fractions are reduced improper fractions.
- Consider replacing question packets with electronic copies.
- Holly reminded judges to keep email open during and after competition.
- Add a checkout / sign-out process to finalize judging responsibilities.
- Collecting judges’ cell phone numbers was suggested.

### **Amendments to Written Restrictions**

07/08:

- Radical Equations: Remove “Exact or rounded answers may be required.”
- Percents: In SWSC III, add mixture problems.

- Sets, Relations, and Functions Oral: Change section numbers.

08/09:

- Vectors: Move 3-space vector form  $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \rangle$  to SWSC III.
- Systems of Equations: Remove “should not discriminate against those without graphing calculator.”

09/10:

- Conic Sections: Add eccentricity.
- Circles: Change wording o measures/properties.
- Trigonometric Equations: Clarify eight basic identities.
- Charts, Graphs, and Data: Include outliers.
- Systems of Equations: Add Word Problems.
- Remove Competition E description.

Motion to approve changes to restrictions – Bradley

2<sup>nd</sup> – Andrew

All in favor

Spring Coaches Meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn – Bradley

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lockport

All in favor