

SWSC MATHLETE COACHES MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by David Daly, Activities Director at Joliet West High School at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2005. Present were the mathlete coaches from Andrew, Sandburg, Lockport, Joliet West, Stagg, Lincoln-Way Central, Lincoln-Way East, Bradley, and Bolingbrook, and Statistician, Ricky Perez.

The schedule of contests for 2005-06 was discussed. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the proposed schedule with Sandburg changed to also host SWSC V instead of Bradley. This will reduce travel time for 4 schools during February. Several coaches would like to pursue in the future competing in other leagues or at other invitational and having only 3 SWSC meets during a year. This would allow students to compete against students from a wider variety of schools. However, without much research, this idea was not feasible for the coming year.

Budget needs were discussed. There will be no Mathlete dues! Each school will be paying more into the SWSC treasury to cover all activities so all expenses will be deducted from this fund. Ricky will submit a tentative budget for the year to David Daly by April 15th and will then be reimbursed at the end of the season for expenses.

There will not be a Board of Controls for SWSC. Instead, all 10 school activity directors will serve on the board and one will be assigned to be the resource person for each activity. That person will attend the coaches meetings. We do not yet know who will be assigned to Mathletes.

The list of awards needed was given to David Daly. Engraving instructions will follow. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to eliminate the tie-breaking procedures at conference and award duplicate medals to all students from schools tying for first place in conference events.

The Handbook/By-Laws will be revised by Ricky and emailed to all coaches for approval before being sent to David Daly by April 15th.

The stipends for Question writer, Question checker, and Statistician were discussed. Contracts for \$1400, \$450, and \$600 respectively were requested. David Daly will present these to his board for approval.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to change A, B, C, D, and E competitions to allow 6 students to compete in each with the top 5 scores counting. In Freshman/sophomore calculator there will be at most 3 sophomores and in junior/senior calculator at most 3 seniors.

The coaches all expressed appreciation to Jim Aiu for creating the web-site. Perhaps in the future this can be incorporated into the SWSC web-site.

The rotation of officers was accepted, switching Lincoln-Way Central and Sandburg.

The divisions will be named I and II.

Calculator questions will specify the format for the answer. Not all answers will be in scientific notation with 4 significant figures.

At the end of each contest the host coaches will enter the score results directly onto the website. There will be no phone calls. Instructions for entering scores will be provided. Any score corrections, alternate answers, or comments on questions should be emailed after the contest to Jim Aiu.

Within 1 week of SWSC II, each head coach is to email Ricky with their votes for conference topics. A reminder email will be sent out.

Schools hosting SWSC I-IV should have their schedules done by the fall workshop in September. They should bring copies to the meeting for the 4 schools attending and for Ricky. Maps and directions should either be emailed or mailed to the attending schools prior to the contest. Schools hosting SWSC V should complete their schedules prior to winter break.

There will be no 4 p.m. coaches meetings after the contests. The only meetings will be the Fall and Spring half-day workshops.

Scores will be posted at each site during contests I-IV but not at V. However, all coaches should be allowed access to the scores and their students' papers during every contest, including V.

Motion made, seconded, and passed that each host school must provide a timer for each oral. These timers will hold up signs telling the oralist and judges when 1 minute remains, when 7 minutes are up, when 1 minute of the 10 remains, and when the 10 minutes are up. Instructions for the signs will be in the updated manual and signs may be provided by Jim Aiu. The manual will be updated for coaches' approval during the summer.

Motion made, seconded, and passed that each host school provide a room for alternates for A, B, C, D, and E competitions at I-IV. One judge will be needed from the host school to run this room. The papers will not be graded but will be given to the head coaches at the end of the meet. There will be no alternate groups.

Graphing calculators will be expected for all students in A and B competitions. At the fall workshop we will need to discuss the calculator requirements. Perhaps it should be by topic instead of by level.

SWSC V will start at 6 p.m. but will have only 3 time periods. Group and calculator will both take place at 6, with writtens at 6:35 and 7:10. Oral preps will begin at 6. This will enable the contest to end earlier to allow more time for presenting awards.

Jim Aiu will mail out sample junior/senior calculator questions during the summer.

The coaches address list was distributed and updated and cell phone numbers were added. David Daly's email is ddaly@jths.org.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Ricky Perez