

**SWSC Spring Coaches Meeting
February 16, 2012**

Attendance (as reported on the sign in sheet)

Andrew	Eric Johnson
Bolingbrook	Julie Ott
Bradley-Bourbonnais	Mark Hampton
Homewood-Flossmoor	Michael Sacks
Joliet Central	
Joliet West	Dan Spradley
Lincoln-Way Central	Lisa Parker, Troy Knoblauch
Lincoln-Way East,	Jim Aiu
Lincoln-Way North	(illegible)
Lincoln-Way West	Holly Misener, Tim Barry
Lockport	Carin Cooper, Cathy Simmons
Sandburg,	Dan Olsen, Ed Ronquillo
Stagg	Mark Lyons
Thornridge	
Thornton	Daniel Dominik, Steve Neeley
Thornwood	Lauren Johnson, Christine Woods
SWSC Representative	Ian MacLeod
Statistician	Ricky Perez

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM (Andrew HS)

Minutes approved from the last meeting. (Bradley)

SWSC Business

Ian MacLeod spoke about new spring meeting format. He asked if there were any questions regarding By-laws or emergency procedures.

Host Schedule for 2012-2013

Dan Spradley introduced the 12-13 Mathlete Conference schedule. One minor alteration making LWN a host site for SWSC II was requested.

The schedule was approved.

Officer Rotation

JW will assume the president position and HF the secretary position for the '12-'13 school year.

Webmaster Update

Eric Johnson continues to refine the current website. The entire coaching staff reaffirmed the tremendous job Eric has been doing. Email any coaching changes for the upcoming season to Eric ASAP.

Budget

Ricky Perez informed the group that the entire budget for recent season of mathletes was a little over \$13. She plans to reduce this amount for the coming year.

Question Writer Update

Jim Aiu indicated that "Taxicab Geometry" would replace "Statistics" as an oral topic for the coming season. Resource material is readily available (the book of the same title) at Amazon. The division of the book into sections to be presented will be determined at the fall coaches meeting.

The Southland Conference wants to have the written judge's instructions amended to require judges to write written solutions on the board at the end of written competitions. Coaches agreed that this amendment could be made.

Jim reminded coaches of the need to present oral solutions to oral judges well in advance of competition dates with the goal that judges could proof-read potential problems in the topic and alert coaches to any changes that might need to be made. The entire coaching staff agreed that this was a need.

New Business

Possible conflicts with the Scholastic Bowl season were discussed. Most coaches agreed that, if needed, Mathletes would shift SWSC V back to February to accommodate the needs of SB. Dr. MacLeod agreed to bring this concern up at the next SWSC coordinators meeting.

Thornton expressed concern over ongoing judging issues (specifically having a student compete after having an approved calculator taken by the judge). Coaches agreed that there are many contributing factors to poor decisions made by judges. Coaches discussed the importance of reminding judges to be present for their respective meetings and encouraging host sites to place an importance on holding comprehensive judges meetings. A general suggestion was made to inform judges to permit students to participate in competitions rather than penalize them. Any question regarding judge issues should then be notated on the competition form itself, and final decisions made by the coaches at the mid-competition site meetings.

At 5:40 Lockport motioned to adjourn and the meeting ended.

Respectfully Submitted by Dan Spradley