

MFEA ANNUAL MEETING

March 17-19, 2011 - Bozeman, MT

MFEA GENERAL SESSION - Thursday, March 17, 2011

Meeting called to order by Bonnie Ortner, President.

-Welcomed everyone & thanks for coming. Thank you to Libby for all of the great organization left to me.

-Discussed tentative schedule. If anyone has any changes please make sure you bring them so we can set the schedule.

-Reviewed & updated committee memberships for each division.

-Introduction of MFEA officers: Greg Adkins- Vice President; Kari Blaylock – treasurer

Kari B. talked about reception tickets for tomorrow.

-Reminders for tomorrow:

-When we convene will have the committee folders available & would like chairs to pick them up. If you are not getting emails let Bonnie know.

-Everyone may attend committee meetings. Please raise your hand if you want to speak. If you want to bring something up you must fill out & present to respective committee. Cannot bring up any motions not heard in committee until 2/3 majority agree to bring up.

Libby Oliver announced that 7:00am NFL meeting is not necessary so not happening.

Jeff Sykes moved to recess. Connor Warner 2nd motion. Motion passed.

MFEA GENERAL SESSION - Friday, March 18, 2011

Bonnie Ortner, President, called session to order.

Schedule updates were reviewed. If there are any further changes after tomorrow, please send to JoAnne Austin at MHSA. Make sure you also send your confirmation of your meets to MHSA as well.

STATE TOURNAMENT REPORTS:

AA State Tournament - Alex Rosenleaf, Chair

State meet was held at CMR Great Falls. 1st Place: Glacier; 2nd Place: Flathead; 3rd Bozeman

It was not the worst meet ever.

MOTION: Alex Moved to accept report. Ivanna Fritz 2nd. No discussion. Motion carried

A State Tournament -Trudi Downer, Chair

2011 A State

Laurel Public Schools hosted the 2011 Class A state Tournament at Laurel High School and Laurel Middle School on January 28 and 29. After three weeks of extreme winter travelling conditions, the weekend weather was beautiful for the 21 Class A schools participating.

Team Awards:

Speech Sweeps:	First – Columbia Falls (184)	Drama Sweeps: First – Billings Central (86)
	Second – Billings Central (126)	Second – Corvallis (79)
	Third – Stevensville (76)	Third – Ronan (60)
	Fourth – Laurel (71)	Fourth – Laurel (40)
	Fifth – Hamilton (46)	Fifth – Libby (40)
		Sixth – Polson (40)

Competition:

(On Thursday morning, a school called that a double-entered student had not made the bus. I was able to contact the schools of the two students who were alternates in that student's slots, and the alternates were able to accompany their school and complete.)

Student Count:

421(399 in 2010) individual student slots (out of a possible 456), were filled

In Speech: Only Policy Debate (22) did not have the full number of sections.

- *Extemp (19), Oratory (21), MPA (20) were the events in Speech that did not have the full 24 entries.*
- *Only Classical Duo did not have the full number of sections in Drama.*
- *Serious Duo (23), Classical (18), and Mime (19) were the Drama events that did not have the full 24 entries.*

62 students were double-entered (25 in Speech; 37 in Drama) (52 in 2010)

22 doubled entered students double placed. (14 in 2010)

Two events were closed out by the same school: Columbia Falls took the first three places in Extemporaneous and Laurel took the first two places in LD.

Entry Count:

2011:

Speech – 156 entries; Drama 132 Entries; Policy – 22 entries; LD – 24 Entries; Total 334 out of 360 possible.

2010: (Comparison)

(Speech – 149 entries; Drama – 126 entries; Policy-16 entries; LD-24 entries; Total 315 out of 360 possible)

There were no formal rules protests brought to the Rules Committee. One issue arose and was handled by the Tournament Director with no protest filed:

As Tournament Director, I allowed two Round 1 Policy Debate judges to change their points before Round 2 ballots went out when they came to me saying that they had figured them wrong. They said they had figured them on a 15 point scale instead of a 30 point scale per student. The ballots that were used did not have a point scale on them. Round 2 ballots were being sent out. The coaches tabbing wanted to put the scale on ballots from Round 3 on. I showed the scale to all Round 1 and Round 2 judges. Only one other judge made an adjustment. The scale was attached to ballots in all remaining rounds.

MOTION: Trudi moved to accept report. Liz Foley 2nd. No discussion. Motion carried.

BC State Tournament - Kimberly Leslie

State meet was held in Townsend, January 28th and 29th, used all classrooms in elementary, middle, and high school. There were 3 rules protests: classical theater validation, debate timing issue, and drop score- does a competitor get a sweepstake point if they drop a one?

Team awards: Class C Gardiner won Speech and Drama

Class B: Drama: Manhattan -Speech: Loyola (28th)

MOTION: Kimberly moved to accept report. April Gilstrap 2nd. No discussion. Motion carried.

BC Interim Report – Kimberly Leslie.

Call to order at 7:00pm in the Madison Room

State tournament report given.

Committee changes

Proposals:

Season Change: John LaBonty: Current language of the rule: Practice and competition for interschool speech and drama shall begin the first week in October and conclude with the MHSA State Speech and Drama Meets on the last weekend in January. Proposed change: Practice for interschool speech and drama shall begin the first weekend in October and conclude with the MHSA State Class B-C Speech and Drama Meet on the third weekend in December. John LaBonty: Possibly this is something that we should take to our Athletic directors. May not be able to solve this issue at this time but want to get a feel for the opinions on this topic.

Christie Cote: Question: When does the season start?

On October 1st according to rulebook.

Aren't the topics aligned with the NFL and National topics?

Lisa Carter: Motion to form a committee to review the schedule and try to determine best plan of action.

Nancy Heggen: Second

Bonnie Ortner: What would the purpose of this committee be?

Lisa Carter: Committee would discuss season change and review season.

Kari Blaylock: We travel to other meets need to remember that when making possible changes like this.

Question called: Matt Stergios

Second: Bonnie Ortner

Question fails

Bonnie Ortner: Bring this issue to your athletic directors

Kim Lindsey: Not all ADs won't listen; we need to talk to them.

Sarah Jennings: John, would you send out an email with this proposal and a template as to what to discuss with Ads?

John LaBonty: Did send out an email.

Sarah Jennings: What did that email discuss?

Kim Lindsey: Would like to see a shorter season, in February and March, yes shorter but move.

Jon Moore: Need a new start date agree, but short season and State before Christmas, no one will host.

Vote: Motion Fails

Eligibility Requirement: John LaBonty: Current language of the rule: NONE-new rule. Proposal: A competitor on a team must compete in a minimum of two invitational Speech and Drama meets in order to compete at the Divisional meet.

John LaBonty: No standards, can take students without prior meets to divisional. Other events have eligibility requirements, strange that Speech and Drama does not. Asking for two invitationals before can compete at divisional.

Sarah Jennings: Debate and other partners cannot go, maybe amend to allow to compete in any event and go.

Bonnie Ortner: Individual coaches responsibility, how will we track this, have a committee for verification?

Paul Condon: No one cheats on eligibility in track with the two-meet rule. But question is; is this creating problems? If not, do not make any changes.

Kari Blaylock: Good to have a minimum number, but are we legislating a nightmare? Is two enough? I personally require four. Don't think that we need to legislate, just educate.

Jon Moore: You will get mailed in other events tired of no rule. We keep saying it's a coaching issue but at some point we have to do something.

Bonnie Ortner: Legislating statewide change for one coach?

Chris (?): One student had a really busy schedule and couldn't make it to two meets.

Matt Stergios: If we pass this rule we would have to check before divisional. Would be hesitant to host divisional if you have to check everyone.

Jon Moore: Track does not have to check every entry, it is still up to the coaches. Be ethical, intent is not to have to check.

Kim Lindsey: Host of previous meets would have to keep record of their meet? Then we would call for verification?

Kari Blaylock: Burden of proof lies with the coach. Make it proof like Classical Duo.

Christie Cote: People think that Speech and Drama is a joke, because we have no set qualification.

Bonnie Ortner: If I lie I will create my own proof. Can amend to be exclusive to debate?

Nancy Heggen: One team from our invitational returned their trophy, because of an ineligible student. We can keep records.

John LaBonty: Question: vote here to carry to the body, I move to support the proposal.

Kari Blaylock: Second

Vote: Motion Passes.

Committee for schedule changes: Bonnie Ortner: Current Language of the rule: New Committee proposal (constitutional change if create a standing committee- Ad Hoc committee would likely be acceptable): Create a B-C committee comprised of 6 members representing each division and class for the purpose of approving schedule changes. Once tournaments have been initially confirmed with MHSA, tournament directors would have to submit a written request to this committee to change their date. The committee chair will forward approved requests to MHSA for the appropriate changes to be made.

Bonnie Ortner: New committee-need a committee for scheduling and to help with changes in scheduling. Could be a state committee, move for this motion.

Kari Blaylock: Second

Melissa (Ronan): Friendly amendment: Except with a case of an emergency.

Bonnie Ortner: Accept friendly amendment.

Sharon LaBonty: Friendly amendment: include A, one representative from each division.

Bonnie Ortner: Accept friendly amendment.

John LaBonty: If season was shorter would create consistent dates for meets.

Kari Blaylock: Could you change the weather too?

Sarah Jennings: Question

Melissa (Ronan): Second

Vote: Motion carries.

Sped through motions for committees and voiced support or opposition.

Rules: Housekeeping Issue, timer malfunction for tie breaking (support), get rid of exponents for tie breaking (opposed), cut out matrix (opposed), add tie breaker (support), rule change for no sweeps (opposed).

Debate: Forfeit in pre-lims loss and zero speaks (support), elim rounds loss of rank and sweeps (split), overtime (split), school protection (support), plan as evidence (support), side equalization (support).

Interp: singing (opposed), strike must identify original material (support).

Memorized: housekeeping (support)

Drama: nothing

Short prep: one side of the card (support).

New business from floor

Kim Lindsey: Need to get manuscripts in on time for divisional, maybe need to get ready in December.

Kimberly Leslie: It really is a nightmare getting speeches and checking them.

Sarah Jennings: Had a plagiarized speech, support that knowing that ahead would have been better.

Kim Lindsey: Need to have registration, speeches, and debate records in on time or will have to enforce the rules.

Electronic ballots for coach of the year: Kari Blaylock: Current Language: No current language only tradition as precedence. Current practice: MFEA Treasurer creates ballots based on class (AA, A, B, C) votes, mails ballots to paid High Schools, MHSAs count the votes, and reports the information to President, VP, or person selected to order the awards. Proposed change: Change how MFEA votes for coach of the year. Moving away from a paper ballot to an electronic system. Saved postage cost (\$44), and ensure that all paid members get to vote, some do not receive mail at their high schools.

Bonnie Ortner: Motion to do it.

John LaBonty: Second

Vote: Motion passes.

Bonnie Ortner: Move to combine scholarship and education committee.

John LaBonty: Second

Vote: Motion carries. (Bonnie later withdrew the motion)

Sarah Jennings: Interpretation of the visual aid rule, change that gesturing is not a visual aid, need more clarification.

Christie Cote: Add that gestures are allowed.

Shelia Haselhuhn: Thanks to Kim and your school for state.

Matt Stergios: Reminder, binder discussion is coming up in interp.

Kari Blaylock: Move to adjourn

Melissa Knabe (Ronan): Second

Vote: Passed to adjourn-8:17 pm

Kimberly moved to accept BC Interim report. April Gilstrap 2nd. No discussion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Kimberly Moves that a competitor on a team must compete in a minimum of 2 Speech & Drama meets in order to compete at the Divisional meet. Sharon LaBonty 2nd.

Mark Elison: does it matter which events at the 2 meets?

Mark LaBonty: there should be some requirements for post season competition as there are in other sports. The intent is not to make it difficult for students. If they are part of the team then they should compete. If they are sick & miss the last meet prior to divisionals, then they shouldn't be penalized. Shouldn't have the division chairs check on eligibility.

Mark E: I have a kid on my team that practiced but for a variety of reasons never competed. Who's to say he was not on our team?

Doug Mc: If school register 10 days out & have 1st time competitors, where's the harm?

Shelly F: I had a kid join in Jan. but weather kept him from being able to compete prior to divisionals. Then did well in Divisionals & placed at state.

Tara N.: It would be too hard to track. I would like to see us stay as a body & not add more rules.

Mark L: This was not intended to make it only BC rule. What's the harm? It is not ethical; State should be important enough to make it a requirement.

Matt S: Gary Carmichael (now a coach) competed in impromptu all season but did Extemp at divisional & state because that was where an opening was.

Darren Means called for the question. 2nd. Discussion ended. Motion was repeated.

Motion failed.

MOTION: Kimberly Leslie moved to create an Ad Hoc committee comprised of 7 members representing each division in A, B, C for the purpose of approving schedule changes. Once tournaments have been initially confirmed with MHSAA, tournament directors would have to submit a written request to this committee to change their date. The committee chair will forward approved requests to MHSAA for the appropriate changes to be made, except in the case of emergency. Kari Blaylock 2nd. Discussion:

Kimberly gave rationale: often unforeseen circumstances arise which make it necessary for a host site to change its tournament date. If we don't have a good system of communication, one change can create a domino effect and essentially alter numerous schools' schedules. Having a committee to oversee these changes before they are submitted to MHSAA would hopefully eliminate scheduling issues.

Sharon LaBonty, Glasgow: Clarification: this is for changes made on date, not for drops due to weather or some other unforeseen event?

Yes.

No further discussion: Motion restated. Divisional called. For 21; against 26. **Motion failed.**

MOTION: Kari Blaylock moved to change how MFEA votes for coach of the year moving away from a paper ballot to an electronic system. It would save postage & ensure all paid members get to vote. (Some coaches do not get mail at the high school). John LaBonty 2nd. Discussion.

Kari B.: I realize that not all people get mail sent to the school because they don't work at school.

Clarification: Kari will still handle sending out the ballots but they will be returned to her.

Trudi D: Will there still be a provision to handle the ballots by mail if wished.

Shelley F: could you also tack on a "yes I will attend the banquet"?

Darren M: Friendly amendment to add that people are given an 'opt out' option to request a paper ballot. Accepted by Kari.

Shelley F: friendly amendment to include conference registration. Accepted by Kari.

April G: Clarification -Currently the completed ballots go to the MHSAA. Now they would go to Kari. All information goes to Kari. Kari will continue to order the plaques.

Call for the question: 2nd. Passed. Vote on Motion (restated with friendly amendments) **Motion carried.**

Announcements:

Greg Adkins: Hall of Fame committee will meet in Aspen room instead of restaurant.

Trudi D: Request that Class A meet for 1 more item of business from interim committee.

Ivanna Fritz: Education Committee: We need any & all coaches who want to present a workshop at MEA day to please stop by. MEA-MFT will be held in Missoula & Libby B. is the chair of that event.

Jeff Sykes moved to recess. Connor Warner 2nd. Passed.

MFEA GENERAL SESSION – Saturday, March 19, 2011

MTG called to order at 8:34 am by Bonnie Ortner, President

-Schedule is projected- please confirm with MHSAA.

-Greg is grand poobah. Please give Greg the sign in sheets from each of the committees. Reminder to send email attachment or hard copy of committee minutes to Dee.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT Kari Blaylock

March 17, 2010-March 19, 2011

Checking Balance:	March 17, 2010	<u>\$10,801.55</u>
Deposits:	Banquets & Dues	\$ 580.00
	MFEA Coaches dues 2010-11	\$ 3,455.00
	Total Deposits	<u>\$4,035.00</u>
	Subtotal:	<u>\$14,836.55</u>

Expenses:	Scholarships {7 @ \$100}	\$ 700.00
	Scholarships {1 @ \$200}	\$ 100.00
	Best Western Grand Tree	\$ 2,241.44
	Libby Oliver (Awards)	\$ 80.50
	Secretary Salary (\$20.00 dues + \$180)	\$ 200.00
	Awards (Western Awards)	\$ 144.75
	Total Expenses	<u>\$3,646.69</u>

Balance as of March 17, 2011 \$11,189.86

Anticipated Deposits		
	Reception (collected at registration)	\$ 1050.00
Anticipated Expenses:		
	Salaries	\$ 300.00
	Scholarships {6 @ \$200}	\$ 1,200.00
	Spring meeting Expenses:	\$ 2,200.00
	{Banquet, Meeting rooms, Miscellaneous}	

MOTION: Move to accept report. Paul Condon, Gardner 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: Kari Blaylock moved to invest up to \$5000 into a CD to make more money. Ivanna Fritz, Glacier 2nd. Motion carried.

AA Interim meeting Report. Greg Adkins

Meeting called to order at: 7:15 PM

Ivanna Fritz (Glacier) – Parliamentarian

Libby Oliver (Sentinel) – motion to accept State AA report – seconded

Alex Rosenleaf (CMR) State on 28th and 29th of January – no issues, no protests – Overall – sweepstakes

Glacier 1st Flathead 2nd Bozeman 3rd

State report accepted – motion carried

Libby Oliver (Sentinel High School) – motion to replace committee members – seconded

Debate committee nominations: Oliver Nordlund, Keith Davey, Jen Kirby – Hermanson

Motion for a voice vote – second

3 votes for Oliver

9 votes for Keith

2 votes for Jen

Keith Davey accept spot on Debate Committee

Melinda Steps down on Memorized

Memorized committee nominations: Terri Belke, Andrew Johnson, Sara Menssen

8 for Terri

2 for Andrew

3 for Sara

Terri Accepts spot on Memorized

Kala Loughheed steps down on Short Prep

Nominations: Oliver Nordlund, Dave Budt,

10 for Oliver

4 for Dave

Oliver accepts spot on Short Prep

Nominations for Scholarship Committee – Ivanna Fritz, Aubree Hickman

Accepted

Motion to close Committee assignments – seconded – carried.

Libby Oliver – motion to discuss proposed business items – seconded

Business:

Greg Adkins – Feedback from administrators?

LouAnne – Talked to Skyview’s yesterday and asked if we could tweak is that true? Yes. Would he be happy if we put Billings? Kalispell together, no Powell, no Carroll. So not money issue? No but have to support others.

Alex Rosenleaf – Shorter season, fewer 2 days.

Libby Oliver – Principals think it is coming from us that we want a shorter season? Terri wants a vote.

Keith, didn’t we talk about this? Yes 10 years ago

Adam Thane – talked about it after and trimmed some weeks off with schedule. Thinks straw poll would be good.

Terri – Talk to each other and communication break down. Ads and principals aren’t speaking together and they don’t understand us. WE need to talk to each other.

Oliver – If shorten season to December, making stand that we are not like ABC, can’t share impromptu topics. ABC does have a proposal for that. Sending our teams to theirs and vice versa can’t do it. Are we going to include them in the discussion.

Karen- Shorten time or shorten number of meets? Miscommunication with Ads

Adam- Not shorten meets not our goal, shorten weeks in between.

LouAnne – week before Christmas meet – not doable

James – Compressing – all same discussion. Logistics make it hard. Back to back is hard too.

Terri – Admin don’t consider the judge issue.

Dan- NFL topic release – that could cause problems – then only 2 LD topics and PF.

Greg – in favor but have to see it.

James – we can do it here with our meets.

Ivanna – would like to see the schedule shifted back because – month off in December, semester tests.

Classes make it so some people start in Sept.

Meleina – support Ivanna

Oliver – non teacher coaches have issues with this

James – speaks against it because it hurts our activity because of fall sports

Josh – if we start early, we aren’t losing those kids because those seasons end and those kids can jump in.

Louanne - November is end of football, soccer is end Oct.

Adam – shorten it and kids have no time off.

Louanne – should we go to Powell and Gonzaga?

Greg – his AD looked at this proposal, Greg explained it, he said he thinks he would support it. They don’t want a battle. They want good faith on we are cutting money. Helena, Kalispell, GF people think the shorten season is coming from them.

Jake – We have proposals can we rank our preferences?

Ivanna – motion Principals be our first choice.

VOTE – unanimous NO

motion December end proposal be first choice VOTE – for 0 against 14

motion State in Jan be first choice VOTE – for 14 against 0

MOTION: October start date be the first week of October (if October 1 falls anywhere within the week (S-Sat) we may start the Monday of that week)

VOTE - against – 0 for – 14

Greg – motion that we adopt NFL rotation as presented

Discussion: We have State Rotation, added NFL rotation with schools hosting year before you

host state. Regionals were added too. Rationale – have to have flexibility to change this, with community circumstances. Go to Billings/Kalispell (for them) 2 out of 7 years.

Dan – likes rationale, but NFL is bigger commitment, so host state first then NFL?

Oliver – but is easy to get state judges after 3 judges and trained

ADAM Friendly amendment – when Bozeman appears as east regional change to GF

Dan – he still think you should switch it, Proposal to switch, seconded.

VOTE – for 3 against 10

VOTE ON ROTATION – for unanimous

Greg Adkins –

Oct 29 One days Kalispell/ Rocky

Nov 4 - 5 Missoula

Nov 11-12

Nov 18-19 Kalispell/ Billings (Regionals)

Dec 2-3 Carroll

Dec 9-10 Great Falls

Dec 16-17

Jan 13-14 Bozeman

Jan 20-21

Jan 27-28 STATE - HELENA

Feb 10-11 NFL - BUTTE

Change of Schedule 3/18 Missoula moved to Dec 9-10 and Great Falls moved to Nov 11-12 and the one day move to Nov 5.

Motion to adjourn – seconded – moved

MOTION: Greg Adkins moves to accept AA report. Louanne Foley 2nd. Motion carried

Class A interim report – Trudi Downer

Trudi Downer, Chair called meeting to order.

Committee members for Class A were reviewed & changes made.

Business

Mark Elison, Billings Central: Moved that double entry in class A @ divisionals & State be removed.

Rational: 1. competitor advantage: they are allowed to enter & leave the room. 2. Advantage: they get preferential speaking order. At one time this body seemed to agree that speaking order meant something. 3. advantage: it's geographic- some can compete in double entry meets, but in the East there are not enough big school to have opportunity to double entry due having to go to BC meets where double entry is not allowed.

Doug McConnaha, Corvallis: MHSAs ask us to come up with a solution to solve to problem of bringing up the numbers at state.

Trudi Downer presented state meet statistics which showed that entries are up over last year, the first year where double entries were allowed.

Doug: Based on #s we would lose 62 entries. Yes, we need to monitor those students who leave even after the 2nd event.

Shelley Fisher, Libby: I want to speak against: I took 3 hours to pair divisionals & had double entries speaking in several orders. It worked for everyone. I told my students they cannot be anywhere outside of competitive room during rounds.

Tara Norick, Columbia Falls: against. Double entry increases competition, more sophisticated kids could handle it. I did not find any students not in rooms when they should have been. Made a difference in Extemp draw, we have some proposals to help deal with this.

Gail: For the motion: it is a competition where the super kids are the ones who double enter. The weaker kids don't have the opportunity. East is where we worry about the numbers. Getting coaches to stay is how we build programs not double entering.

Eastern person

Dee Hallock, Hamilton: there are different types of kids double entered. Yes, really good kids are double enter & place in both events, however, there were also student who double entered & did not make it to state with both events & did not do well with the other event either. So this can go both ways.

Doug Mc: I let my kids double enter if I have the slots to allow it.

Mark E.: There are a host of issues not answered for. Impromptu, the rounds are compromised. A couple of years ago at State, a whole round of impromptu had to be redone because it was interrupted & compromised the round. Now with double entries impromptu is always compromised. Double entry is removing the responsibility of coaches to grow programs.

Doug Mc: I agree with the issue of impromptu. As far as growing programs I disagree, I would not cut a student from the team so someone else could double enter.

Tara N.: Double entry is an opportunity in which set of skills to try something different. If you've the empty slots then it is a way to make our teams more competitive.

Kevin: no mimes.

Maria Hansen, Dillon: May lose the competitive edge: double entry hurts our students. Kids miss watching others so miss how they rate against others.

Dee H: agree with Tara, if programs are seeing success then more students will join the program.

Shelley F: double entries are keeping our program alive with the success. As a coach need to know if a student can handle a double entry.

Trudi D.: Re: impromptu: kids took care of that they legislated it by leaving the topic.

Liz Foley--: how do the kids feel about double entry? Ours really like it. Is it working?

Repeat motion: for removing double entry - 5. Against motion - 12. Motion fails.

Doug McConnaha proposed: Interp motion: affects A only;

1. Pages 17 and 18, IV G and H, Humorous and Serious Interp.

a. Change the sentence in Rule #1 to read, "Singing is not permitted in B-C tournaments." [This removes the restriction from class A].

b. Change Rule #3 to read, "FOR CLASS A TOURNAMENTS:

The material may be memorized, read and/or extemporized. Contestant(s) are allowed gestures, movement and singing, though contestants must limit movements to a 4-foot radius.

(Manuscripts are optional. The use of manuscripts shall not be penalized.)

For CLASS B TOURNAMENTS: Manuscript... (Current language)"

[In effect, class A would adopt the Class AA Interp rules].

Doug Mc: rational - judges write "I think I saw you moved your hands" judges enforcing rules rather judging performance. We should discuss AA rules versus our rules.

Mark E.: we still need drama: if binders are optional & you can move it would be more like drama. AA do it the other way because they don't have drama. It's already a fine line between drama & interp. This would erase that line further

Connor Warner, Stevensville: I agree with Mark. Interp has gotten away from the interping part. This would be another step further away from that.

Kevin: I want judges to enforce the rules. It is part of judges.

Tara N.: not all A schools have drama programs. It put all A kids at AA meets at a disadvantage. At each meet, they had to go back & forth with the rules. At Corvallis, the AA kids used their rules. We compete with mixed rules. We are regionally going to be more mixed.

Tim: This is a moot point because at BC rules will still hold.

Liz: we go to a lot of BC meets. Understand problems of the NW

Doug: ---- thought maybe A should go that way & maybe the BC will go that way also

Lori Tatsey, Browning: *interp is supposed to be about the face. We need to do the judges training to make judges aware of what interp is.*

Kevin: *agreed with the disadvantages. Just because the AA went that way doesn't mean that we need to also change.*

We already have opportunity to enter drama events. Would be blurring the lines.

Mark E: *we are now lost between the BC & AA. We are pressured to go AA school & match their rules. & then get pressured to go to BC - & have to abide by BC rules. We're going to lose our ability to have a voice. We are locked at the A. It is not what the ADs see at the meeting – program is trifurcated. Maybe we could come back together then competition wouldn't be a problem & numbers wouldn't be a problem*
Doug **withdraws the motion** because we got the discussion we wanted.

Matt Stergios, Loyola- BC brought up changing the season. The general discussion was not to change the season

Tara: *who came up with AA has alternate schedules came from the ADs*

Doug: *AA people don't want to change the season. But Ads want to look at a way of cutting costs. Matt: if we talk about it it's so much hot air.*

Tara: *said that we need to make a recommendation,*

Trudi: *we have to have a consensus or we kill ourselves.*

Mark: *if we change the season we will be competing with fall sports & will lose a lot of kids.*

Doug: *we need to let our ADs know so that*

Jeff Sykes: *we have a consensus that we don't shorten season*

Tara: *visited with AA coach the pressure is to cut costs. & go to regional 1-day meet. Travel across state is expensive.*

Mark: *talking about having fewer meets & have more 2-day meets with more intense competition but every other week-end. Bus costs are a whole lot more than hotel costs.*

Kevin: *agreed. We already kind of have a regional system working right now. We can do it so that it is a regional thing rather than a school.*

Tara: *thinks it a hard thing to get classrooms on a Friday*

Trudi: *there are ways to work around the situation.*

Connor: *we have a blanket policy where we get so many overnights. We would be rubber stamped no to 5 overnights.*

Nathan Schmit: *there is a value to talk to our ADs about a proposed schedule so that they could have a buy in*

Tara: *it would be good to have a proposal that we could take back a proposal & be consistent about what we present.*

Doug reported AA has killed the shortened season. They are playing around with the regional concept & will come up with a schedule.

Class A Motion re: *impromptu. As a result of Friday evening's discussion of double entry, Tara Norick proposed to add: "Any double entered student leaving the impromptu room prior to the end of the round must turn in their topic and card to the judge before leaving the room." Add to the end of rule E, 4 on page 16. 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.*

MOTION; Trudi moved to accept report. Connor Warner 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: Trudi Downer moved to accept the following change: "Any double entered student leaving the impromptu room prior to the end of the round must turn in their topic and card to the judge before leaving the room." Add to the end of rule E, 4 on page 16. Liz Foley, Laurel 2nd. Discussion-

Trudi: There were concerns that if the students left they could compromise the topic. Her students self monitored by leaving the card & topic to the judges before leaving.

No discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

RULES COMMITTEE – Doug McConnaha

Present:

<i>Doug McConnaha, Corvallis (A SW)</i> <i>Tara Norick, Columbia Falls (A NW)</i> <i>Tim Leeds, Havre (A Central)</i> <i>Trudi Downer, Laurel (A East)</i> <i>Kristina Hanson, (BC North)</i>	<i>Christina Cote, Gardiner (BC South)</i> <i>Sheila Haselhuhn, Forsyth (BC East)</i> <i>Greg Adkins, Glacier (AA)</i> <i>LouAnne Foley, Billings Skyview (AA)</i> <i>Roger McCullough, Butte (AA)</i>
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Elect Chair:

Doug McConnaha was unanimously elected to continue as chairman.

Summary of the Season: (Copy from Doug) (1)

Doug McConnaha summarized the Rules Committee issues and activity for 2010-2011. There were no rules issues at AA and A state tournaments and only three issues at BC State. Report accepted

Advance Business Items:

Housekeeping Issues: (Published sheet) (2) *Greg Adkins moved to accept the entire list of housekeeping issues. LouAnne Foley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Tiebreaking Proposal 3: (3) *Trudi Downer moved to amend the motion to remove "at A and BC." Seconded. Amendment passed. Discussion: Do we rank violations? Is it double jeopardy; competitor has been ranked last? Motion fails.*

Tiebreaking Proposal 4. *Allow exponents in tiebreaking. Second. Discussion ensued outlining the reason for exponents coming from the fact that we cannot insure equal sections. Motion fails.*

Matrix drop proposal (4) *withdrawn by Greg Adkins, the proponent.*

Tiebreaking Proposal 5. *Rule was handled in vote on proposal 4.*

Ethics Proposal from Greg Adkins 6 dealing with penalty removed 6. *Second. Greg wants this to be handled like other infractions. He feels that it should be the discretion of Tournament Director by situation. (Had to disqualify a brand new competitor) Doug McConnaha stated it is handled in Rule 12 of the same section. It was pointed out there is guidance for Tournament Director in the Rules. It was pointed out that it is a coaching issue. Bonnie Ortner asked if Rule 12 can be reworded to accommodate all situations. LouAnne Foley moved to amend the penalty to placing last in the round ("shall be last in the round.") Amendment seconded. Tim Leeds thinks it should be left up to Tournament Director with a range of penalties so it is not so cut and dried. Doug McConnaha stated that he feels the issue could be handled in 12. Discussion continued on amendment. Tara Norick stated that we need a penalty, but not disqualification for the lesson. LouAnne withdrew amendment. Tim Leeds proposed an amendment to G12 – "Any violation of the above standards may result in penalties ranging from a warning to a lost or lowest ranking in a round to disqualification with loss of sweepstakes points." Seconded. Still striking sentence as proposed by Greg. LouAnne questions whether it will be administered consistently. Matt Stergios stated it will bring back cell phones to rounds. Tara thinks penalty should be clear. Plentywood coach says the point is a distraction and needs to be enforced. Doug brought discussion back to amendment. Tim withdrew amendment to 12. Back to original motion. Greg Adkins amended his original motion to have third sentence state. "Any violation will result in a minimum of a loss or last in the round no higher than a rank of 5." Second. Amendment passed. Issue passed as amended.*

Motion from Class A Interim. Page 16, J2. *(on sheet from Doug) seconded. Add in two places. Double enters must stay in round after second speech except in Extemp when they go to Draw.*

Discussion. Comment: should be bulleted or made obvious. Question. Discussion ended. Motion carries.

Business from the Floor:

Sarah Jennings, Loyola – talk about the interpretation of p. 12, D4. Visual aids in Debate. What is difference between gesturing and visual aids. Doug asked Sara to take this to Debate Committee in written form.

Kari Blaylock asked about dealing with an assault by one student to another. Doug – this is not a competition issue; this is a criminal issue. Should be handed over to law official. It is not our decision. Sportsmanship section of MHSA big book should handle this. Page 35 in big book has penalty outlined. (Big book is online.)

No further business was offered. Trudi Downer moved to adjourn. Second. Motion carried. (1 hour)

MOTION: Doug moved to accept report. Martha Larson 2nd. Motion carries.

MOTION: House keeping issues. Move to change the house. Kari Blaylock 2nd. Carried

MOTION: cell phones Trudi Downer 2nd. No discussion. Motion carries.

MOTION: double entered competitors.... Trudi Downer 2nd. Discussion.

Janie Morriset. Finals in Extemp were crazy because the last speaker had to go into listen the first speaker for cross ex.

Jon Peterson (Polson): Janie wants to make sure that ‘must be in their room’ doesn’t conflict with this.

Doug explained that the intent is to make sure kids are in rounds, not be out in the common.

Motion carried.

DRAMA COMMITTEE- Lorie Tatsey

Call to order by Allison Kriess, Interim, BC North

Selected chairperson for this session: Lorrie Tatsey.

Comments & Concerns for 2010-11 season:

Entire group enjoyed and welcomed the time change for duo acting from 12 to 10 minute performances. It worked and helped with getting the meets completed in good time.

Proposal: *none submitted prior to scheduled meeting, however, with discussion & public comment, John LaBonty, Glasgow, proposed that we **examine** and change p.19 & 20 to strike sentences 2 &3 from rule V-A3. Discussions regarding stage make-up and wigs. Lengthy discussion ensued and Doug explained the history of this rule. Motioned to kills the proposed change thus transpired, rule is not affected and will remain as is stated in the **rule book**.*

The rules specifically clarify application of face/body paint, wigs (including mustache, eyebrows), tattoos applied to “self” is considered state make-up that will enhance the character. They are not and cannot be props either!

This includes our students who are ‘Goths’ during the week, or cotton candied cuties all the time. Coaches should steer clear of pieces for them to perform those characters, as then will become stage make-up.

*The **No-Gun/Weapon** of any kind should be clear to everyone, MHSA & most school districts have written and abiding laws. Can only mime the gun with hand gesture! Best practice to be creative with hand gesture.*

Bonnie Ortner, Huntley Project- suggested that some props (ears, horns, etc. with strings) if really needed could be put on after time starts.

*We agreed that we (coaches) would try to prevent putting our kids at risk for DQ or protest in regards to stage make-up, tattooing, & no weapons rule. For more information, check out & refer to **the Casebook** on line.*

Classical Theater vs non-scripted (self/coach written) original pieces. This topic was thoroughly hashed about with some very interesting discussion that resolved the committee to revisit the time frame for

classical literature. It will be beneficial for us to have a good library/reference list compiled and submitted to the website for coaches and competitors have access to. we considered a possible name for change to Historical Drama?

- Severe consequences for using Neil Simon plays – copyright violations and lawsuits are occurring today
- 90 year time frame, but consider date change

Trudy Downer explained that some years this category is full and we are not having enough competitors in other duo categories. There has been teeter-totter season for some time. Agree that we do not want to eliminate or add new categories for next season. Allow people to double enter and find where they are experiencing success.

Doug made motion to adjourn. 2nd.

MOTION: Lorie Tatsey moved to accept report. Shelly Fisher 2nd. Motion carried.

DEBATE COMMITTEE Report- James Maxwell

Chairman: **James Maxwell**

Josh Munro
Keith Davey
Kevin Shellenberger
Maria Hansen
Saundra Alessi
Mark Elison
Jon Moore
Kimberly Leslie
April Wendt

Proposals Sent in Advance

James Maxwell—propose to adopt the NFL debate resolution to the 2011-2012 resolution → Pass 10-0

1. Page 27, after Option 3; Page 29, C. f.; Page 34, 1. e., Pairing Procedures for Debate. Add: “Note – a team/LDer who forfeits a round in preliminary round (either by no-show or acquiescence) shall receive a loss with 0 speaker points; the opposing team/LDer shall receive a win and an average of their points.

Pass 10-0, strike “Page 34, 1.e”

2. Page 27, after Option 3; Page 29, C. f.; Page 34, 1. e., Pairing Procedures for Debate Add: “Note – A team/LDer who forfeits a round (either by no show or acquiescence) after preliminary rounds shall lose their rank and sweepstakes points for the tournament, the opposing team/LDer shall receive an average of their speaker points and advance. For the purpose of final ranking and sweepstakes points, remaining out round teams/LDers will be moved up in order.

Doug McConnaha →

Finals round does matter because the rivalry within the team and the community member judges

Jon Peterson → point is to compete with kids

Adam Thane → Notion that they didn’t earn the spot is erroneous, 5 rounds earn spot in top 8, then the next round they compete, b) as former competitor better to have the different debate style, at all other levels close outs happen and at college level Powel/Carroll consider the two top teams get first

“Doc” → learning opportunity for debaters not in finals get to watch the teams

Kevin → Have not determined a first and second, points are not an issue only the order

Alex → nice to have the option that if a school closed out final round, we don’t need to have the final round, most of the time have them debate, but should not be a hard and fast rule on account on weather

conditions

Keith → do not like the idea of having teams debate themselves

Doug → Practically, at ABC DUO is all done with debate, clarification of a rule

Josh → all these rules that are being proposed are in the state section, and discussion happened last year, other side of things of MHSAs activities are going to have to compete against each other school

Adren → difference between closing out semis/finals and early rounds

James → When close out happens in semis it has traditionally been the highest ranked team to finals

Having previous round off gave them an edge

James → having internal comp within team and then opportunity to see both AFF and NEG of a team gives other teams a chance to see sides

Dan → should not punish an excellent squad

April → Unfair disadvantage with people getting round off because of coach deciding

Adam → Coach does not decide who advances

James → problem of semis closing out and not giving good debates

Dan → Why not remove the language that puts this proposal under the AA?

Oliver → no reason to make a rule and not follow it

Tim → try to avoid the splitting of the rule book between classes

April → when nothing in the rule book, it becomes hard to enforce rules

“Doc” → cant avoid people debating poorly and still winning, we have never seen it

Adam → when small teams they debate each other, at the AA we don't need this rule, ask for a motion to strike the ref to pg 34

AMENDMENT Keith → amendment to strike reference to page 34 (ie from the AA section) → 2nd by

James

Greg → every other exception is put in the invitation for the meet

Kevin → don't see the issue

Doug → opposed to separating it out, closing out semis or octs need to compete all the way through

Adam → Don't put in our invitation that we allow novice but we do except state; in speech if you make it to the top 8 then you compete in one round

Doc → If we don't have to have a rule that separates the divisions

Oliver → 6 man football rules are different in B-C that are different from AA football, it is different because it things are different at AA and B-C the amendment makes more sense than not

Tara → policy debate is the same at all levels, need to decided to be a strength of the body need to stare thinking about staying together

James → different practices that different levels, if acting on everything together then AA will always be out ruled by ABC

Paring procedure section is different on every level, at an ABC meet the two losing teams are reassessed

Josh → call question on line for a vote on the Amendment to strike the 34 pg proposal 3-5 (all AA voted in favor) amendment dies

Vote on line for a vote on the proposal and amendment → the proposal fails

3. OVERTIME Proposal, Page 8, Rule 1&2 Add sub point h. under Team Debate and sub point f. under Lincoln-Douglas Debate. The sub point would read: When the timer's audible alarm sounds the speaker must stop talking. If the speaker continues to speak after the timer's audible alarm sounds this will be considered overtime/timing procedure abuse. (See page 13, F. 6)

April → timing issue with people talking after the time is over establishing this rule will eliminate the problem of people going over

Kevin → Big difference between saying thankyou, and reading another piece of evidence

Trudy → Judge can determine if thins are excessive

Kimberly → need to give judges some creditability

“DOC” → two years ago no one was timing the debate at all, everyone was aware of time being up

Adam → issue with who is the official time keeper

Question, on line for a vote on issue → issue fails 1(favor)-9 (opposed)

Housekeeping

- I. Housekeeping move the legi debate rules to be with legi debate and not public forum section of rule book
- II. Housekeeping → pg 271 rule IX a.1 read -> “Each member school can enter four competitors in each event provided that the total registration does not exceed 42 students.”
- III. Housekeeping → 244 rule 3b → “Competing in a second year of team or LD debate if he/she participated in no more than ten rounds of team or LD or Public Forum or Legislative debate in the first year”
- IV. Housekeeping → the changing of the resolutions in LD and PF either three a year or on a hard and fast debate
- Trudy → problem of division separation with debates resolution
- James → put Section III A2d “LD resolution switch on or about Nov 20th and Jan 1st (exact date determined by debate committee) with three topics debated per season” and then the debate committee chair with email when season is not in flux
- add e. “Public forum resolution will change on or about the first of every month (exact date determined by debate committee) with three topics debate per season”

Business

- Josh Side equalization proposal, page 43 (275), 4 b
add a new 4. b. (5) that states: “The Traditional Method will be used for side determination in elim rounds.”
- Current numbers (5) and (6) shall be renumbered to (6) and (7)
- Friendly Amendment take the octa-final language in part 9. C. 2. d. that says “teams/LD contestants will take the opposite side if they have debate before. If not, a coin flip in the round will determine sides.” And insert that to replace 9. C. 2. e. (3) and 9. C. 2. f. (3) and to insert as (3) in 9. C. 2. g.
Vote on passed unanimously
- Josh Plan As Evidence proposal, page 12 (245), D 3
Add the following sentence after the existing rule: “This includes the ‘plan’ presented by the affirmative team.”
Rational → plan text is evidence
- Adam → why no counter-plan text
- Tara → one of the skills trying to debate is how to flow, a plan is something we should be teaching our kids to flow
- James → having the text of the plan will prevent teams from becoming a moving target
- Kevin → one of the key elements of debate is teaching how to flow, the judge heard the plan as well and should be aware of the plan
- Alex → many judges will not remember what was actually said
- Adam → flowing has different levels of proficiency, and if they catch something while flowing than bring it up
- From Loyola → real world every member of a business and congress everyone will a copy of that plan
- Terra → people hand over a full copy of their case evidence not their plan text
- Ivan → Although frustrating need to define what is plan and what is evidence
- Doc → part of the problem is that sometimes the plan does not say anything
- James → issue of power tagging “babies dying b/c Mars colonization” can come up without getting the evidence out
- Amendment → “This includes the text of plan, counter-plan and textual alternative of krittks presented in the round.”
- Doc → have alternative cases, saying you have to hand over the case is a problem of memorized extemp

Dan → should not take it to the case because

Tim → you may not give verbatim, better not be changing the meaning of the rhetoric with the same wording

Darrin → one thing have noticed, that if anything teams can do to call out other teams about not following the rules

In line for a vote on proposal with amendment - passed 10-0

Josh Paring procedures – SCHOOL PROTECT, Page 40 (272), C.1.b.

Change it to read: Teams/LD contestants from the same school should not meet in the first elimination round, unless necessary

James → from middle school up through college debate it is pretty clear that teams should not hit same schools, reasons not knocking your own teammates out of the comp

Dan → could have potential to prevent debates from happening

Tim → hate to go against the traditional way, but why do you do it?, no reason to protect schools

Ivan → should protect schools, because the bracket is somewhat arbitrary because of speaker points

Josh → teams hitting the same three or four teams over and over again

Adam → The reason you do it is because it's a team activity with team sweepstakes points better to make them debate the competition

Tim → Reason A-B-C does not protect school because of paring nightmare

James → Small division result in problem of no debates

Tim → Do other events protect schools, in IEs schools are going to be facing people from same school

James → right now standard practice is to protect teams from hitting until finals

Josh → trying to change to protect schools during the first elim round

Line for a vote on proposal to not protect schools after first elimination round (only in AA state) the 1-8 motion to reconsider

Adam → Why are ABC schools voting?

The proposal passes 2-1 (AA schools only)

Doc motion to replace the ABC paring rules with the same wording that was just approved in earlier proposal pg 40 (272) C.1.b.

motion passes 7-0 (ABC only)

Sarah visual aid rule wants discussion/ clarification on visual aid rule III.D.4.

CFalls- American flag used as visual aid.

Adam-our issues with people trying to use rule to prompt challenges

Ivana- Used to be visual aid rule b/c her kid struck a match.

Jake- Define it a it

Rabble- Vis aid can be determined by coaches

Doc- Book issues

Josh bill issues

Tim- Torn (on everything). Response= "I hope you can read it in a speech."

Jim- Drawing attention to print material = no urging to look at ev at ends.

Kevin- Let's discard Sarah's proposal

Sarah's proposal fails unanimously

New Proposal- add III.D.6 "Visual aids are prohibited in debate."

Passes 10-0

Need to make everyone aware of the date changes for release of debate topic. Debate committee will release information after schedule is set so that there is a balance on # meets that each topic is debated. It will be published on the website.

MOTION: James Maxwell moved to accept report. Sarah Jennings 2nd. Motion carries.

MOTION: James Maxwell moved to add to 1. Page 27, after Option 3; Page 29, C. f.; Page 34, 1. e., Pairing

Procedures for Debate. Add: "Note – a team/LDer who forfeits a round in preliminary round (either by no-show or acquiescence) shall receive a loss with 0 speaker points; the opposing team/LDer shall receive a win and an average of their points. Trudi Downer 2nd. Discussion:

Doug: there are a lot rules to cover situation. There is nothing in the rule book to deal with the forfeit. This is a simple solution to know how to deal with this situation.

No further discussion. Passed.

MOTION: James Maxwell moved to accept the following change: *page 43 (275), 4 b*

add a new 4. b. (5) that states: "The Traditional Method will be used for side determination in elimination rounds." Current numbers (5) and (6) shall be renumbered to (6) and (7)

AND take the octa-final language in part 9. C. 2. d. that says "teams/LD contestants will take the opposite side if they have debate before. If not, a coin flip in the round will determine sides." And insert that to replace 9. C. 2. e. (3) and 9. C. 2. f. (3) and to insert as (3) in 9. C. 2. g. 2nd. Discussion:

Josh Glacier: in the computer tabbing screen wasn't following what we were doing. Since the computer was flipping them we decided that the kids flip the coin.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Move to add to evidence presentation rule: *page 12 (245), D 3*

Add the following sentence after the existing rule: "This includes the text of plan, counter-plan and textual alternative of kriticks presented in the round by the affirmative team.". Mark Elison, Billings, 2nd.

Discussion: James have discussion periodically. Sometimes you need a hard copy if you get a moving target. Or if there are vague plans or overly detailed speeches.

No further discussion. Motion carries.

MOTION: James Maxwell moved to change: School protection in out rounds- Page 40 (272), C.1.b. Change it to read: Teams/LD contestants from the same school should not meet in the first elimination round, unless necessary." Sarah Jennings 2nd. Discussion:

It affects the AA mostly. It would be able to protect team members in the 1st out rounds.

Ivanna F. Glacier; intent is good. However, our brackets are set arbitrarily because of speaker points. That bracket is really arbitrary. If you earned as a team those spots then you should be protected.

Josh Monroe Glacier: intent there are further rules say that teams will not be reseated. When you break the bracket then you are throwing out the rules. Yes you earned the spot but it is based on not having met in prelim rounds. If they beat the 16 against the 1.

Adam Thane: Bozeman: against. History used to go this way. The coaches came to us then changed the rule because it wasn't working. NFL does it this way as well. Across the country don't hit until absolutely necessary. It is done this way as well.

Motion fails. Division called. Actual text repeated since division has been called. Did not reach 2/3 of votes. The vote: 31 against, 17 for. Motion failed.

MOTION: James Maxwell moved to replace the ABC paring rules with the same wording that was just approved in earlier proposal pg 40 (272) C.1.b. Mark Elison 2nd,

Mark: we need to operate under the same rules. There have been any number levels of protections.

Would like to see the same in all divisions.

Irene Crest: asked for clarification If AA should vote then everyone else abstain.

Mark: this is what I'm trying to avoid. If we say since it is AA issue they should vote. Then ABC

Tara: in the A & BC interim we had discussed that we needed to be in alignment with AA so that we are in agreement. End discussion. Motion carried.

MOTION: James Maxwell moved to add on P. 12 III- D 6: "visual aids are prohibited in debate"

James- this is to bring back the rule that vanished. There was discussion about what

Doug: clarification for minutes: gestures are not visual

Alex: if the rules disappeared it was a happy accident. Visual aids would enhance a debate like a

Bonnie: is it was a rule that didn't printed.

Adam: you need the visual aid rule you'll have posters like expos. Just to level the playing field.

Discussed ended. Motion carries.

MEMORIZED- Kandi Stone CMR

Called at order 2:10

Kandi Stone elected Chair

Comments and concerns from 2010-2011 season – none

Matt Stergios is still deeply bothered by singing. Dee Hallock completely disagrees. ☺

New business:

1. Proposal **page 14, B 3 b change the word "speech" to "analysis"**

Rationale – the speech is 100% quoted material. It is the analysis that must not exceed 5%.

*Jeanne: from their division, this would clarify. **Passed unanimously.***

Proposals from floor:

1. **Page 14 Rule 3**

a. **Add after the sentence 'Speeches shall be type written and one copy shall be submitted to the director of the divisional and/or state contest at least 10 days prior to A or B/C divisionals' If the original uncut transcript is not in print, the original speech will be transcribed and presented along with the contestant's manuscript.'**

Rationale: To ease the burden of manuscript checking prior to divisional.

Jeanne: She did manuscript checks. Speech was on DVD. She received student analysis, cut, and DVD. She had to watch DVD, double check, and this is time consuming and difficult.

Passed unanimously.

2. **Page 14 Rule 3 b 3 c shall read "The text of the manuscript with quotations (including the quoted speech) clearly indicated."**

Passed unanimously.

Reviewed cover sheets for events. No changes.

Judge handbook reviewed – no changes

Move to adjourn – Jeanne Torske. Seconded by Jeff Sykes.

Adjourned 2:24 – 2nd shortest meeting EVER!!!!!!

MOTION: Kandi Stone moved to accept report. Alex Rosenleaf, CMR 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: Kandi Stone moved to change the word "speech" to "analysis" on page 14, B 3 b. Kari Elisa Manhattan 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: move to add (transcript written or

Jeannie Torsky Powder River: was checking manuscript & DVD but not uncut transcript. This would have made the checking of the speech easier & less time consuming.

Motion carried.

MOTION: Marilyn Jenkins Ennis 2nd. No discussion. Motion carried.

SHORT PREP COMMITTEE – Dee Hallock Hamilton

Alex Rosenleaf, Chair called meeting to order

Nominations for Chair: Matt Stergios nominated Dee Hallock; 2nd. Oliver Nordlund nominated Alex Rosenleaf as chair; 2nd. Nominations closed. Vote by show of hands: Dee -7; Alex-2. Dee Accepted.

Comments/Concerns from 2010-11 season:

There were concerns about Extemp questions. The questions were sent to division chairs with the citations. Not every one understood how the questions were organized.

Teri: Things got so piled up on them they spaced it.

Alex: Many schools did not turn in used topics.

Dee – It is an ongoing problem.

Alex – there has to be a way to solve this problem with technology available.

Dee – suggestion – there are always new coaches that need to know how things need to be done and since we represent all our divisions, we need to mentor more and remind about topics for both Extemp ad impromptu.

Darren - reminders were helpful. I might collect them myself and turn them in.

Dee – Please as a committee member, you can collect the topics from all tournaments you attend.

_____ - Duty for the committee;

Are we proposing that as a committee?

Darren – I don't want to be in the position where I am fighting with the tournament director for topics.

Oliver – Ask after the tournament is over

Jon – needs to become customary.

Stergios – every one from the committee submits 3 cartoons and 3 quotes from.

Dee – it is in the rulebook about 3 cartoons and 3 quotes about the topics being submitted along with the Extemp topics for both foreign and domestic. In terms of the collecting, do we need to have a statement that we are assigned this responsibility?

_____ - needs to be put in the rule book to accomplish this
1st and seconded by Oliver.

Bonnie – try to keep impromptu topics not be political.

Oliver – Social and moral issues.

Darren - Not always read the rule book.

Dee – continuing mentoring needed in this area.

Reminder could come from JoAnne Austin.

_____ - healthy discussion.

Bonnie – doesn't hurt everyone to be reminded annually.

Dee – JoAnne is the best source of this reminder in her monthly newsletter.

Comments about the 10/11 season

Oliver - there were conflicts with draw and double entry. Extemp must have the half hour of prep time and must be precedent in order for the other events and Extemp to run on time.

Susan – ABC topics too westernized and the same topics over and over. Need to be more diverse.

Dee - Clarification: the topics were grouped by general area such as 1 round would be questions related to Afghanistan; the next international related to Asia; etc... The same for domestic questions: economy; then politics. Etc...

Jeanne Torsky, Powder River- Agreed that they are too limiting. NFL like topics more challenging.

Tara – The questions throughout the season are from the National Association of High Schools. Topic specific rounds work best. To have that variety. Ask representative for those kinds of topics within your specks.

Oliver - Should only use those NHTSA topics for practice not for competition. Topics should be relevant to current events and varied.

Alex - CMR - Given a cumulative for topics and were divided according to themes by round in accordance with Kala's guide.

Bonnie – one of the disadvantages to grouping that way is that the students understand they are all in the same groove. Our rule says national, international. It does not save

Tara - We used to take the whole them all and make a mash of them and kids could

Speak only on one topic for the whole tournament. Current guidelines of topic division follows the rule.

Allowing variety in speech topics.

Ivana - follows the NFL format to some degree. Forces kids to actually answer the question. Easier to tell the ones who can and cannot answer the question. Provides great diversity.

Darren – we do our best to make them as international as possible.

Alex – Tournament directors had tremendous latitude in the areas for questions.

Dave B – As far as making international truly national. When we hosted NFL, when we get a subject round questions divided up makes it easier for diversity. Good extempers are up to the challenge.

Tara – Mixed questions exist in finals. And I really do disagree with the leniency. You are given the questions to use. We all use the same topics.

Trudi – divisional for east had nothing to go by. She had nothing to follow. Citations were right on it.

Dee – appointed one person to be the clearing house for all Extemp topics and impromptu topics. They have different challenges. Tara –

Oliver - volunteered to do Extemp topics for the coming year. .

Tara – upset because only AA collected the copies and didn't do it correctly. It is important that everyone write questions.

Oliver – I know how you feel. I understand how that goes and I will be more than willing to get that as soon as possible.

_____ - I don't get to attend a lot of meets. I always thought that each round was a mixed bag based on national/international. I understand it is better to compartmentalize topics to make better extempers.

Dee – the year before when Tara suggested grouping questions, & the committee thought this seemed to make sense. Suggest continue to do it this way.

Jon – It doesn't bother me to compartmentalize topics. The regions are very large and questions quite varied.

Dee – we decided not to put it in the rule books to give us wiggle room. WE did not violate the rules. If it isn't broke don't fix it. Do we really want to change it?

Bonnie – Tara thank you very much for that explanation. I get it now.

Matt – likes mixed bag every round. But can go with it.

Trudi – Education for our coaches is a key. Lots of coaches don't have extempers and use the same topics all year long. They got broadsided because they have never seen this type of topic. Education process for topics to keep the season varied. It is the circumstances.

_____ - needed more variety.

Move to close discussion - 1st seconded and approved.

1. Jon Petersen – Polson: **Proposal** – page 7 rule g7 – Students double entered in Extemp may leave the room following their second speech to return the draw room.

Discussion. Already addressed in rules – housekeeping. Withdrawn.

2. Tara and Jon – **Proposal** - Sources for Extemp topics “Issues of Time, Newsweek, Economist and Christian Science Monitor. Will be used for writing Extemp topics.” Deleting link for NHFS because it doesn't exist any more.

No links were provided on the website as stated in rule book. Need to be clearly outlined. Oliver 2nd.

Discussion. Motion carried to present to body.

3. Tara & Jon – **Proposal**- Page 17 F4e - He/she may use both sides of a 4 x 6 note card for Extemp and impromptu. Creates consistency.

Darren – clarification – rational for original

Trudi – the reason for the rule is that flipping the card was distracting.

Bonnie –

Dee asked for motion to accept proposal... moved & 2nd. Approved unanimously to send to body

Dee – asked for any other proposals from the floor. None

Review ballots - change Extemp ballot to reflect rule changes about the card.

Change language to “may use the card” instead of one side of the 4 by 6 card.

Change language in judges' handbook to also reflection – may use both sides of the card.

Dee – anything else need to be covered?

Dee will be the clearing house for used impromptu for divisionals and state. She will collect all used topics and then collect 3 fresh cartoons and 3 quotes from each committee person. The final selections to be made by vote of the committee members.

Oliver will do Extemp topics. Committee members will provide both domestic & international Extemp topics for Divisionals & state as per the rules.

Dave B – Would like people to start considering the use electronic file boxes for next year. NFL has approved the use. No action needed for this committee, just an idea to discuss during this next year.
Meeting Adjourned.

MOTION: Dee Hallock moved to accept report. Melissa Knabe, Ronan 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: Dee Hallock move to change the following: Page 17 F4e - He/she may use both sides of a 4 x 6 note card for Extemp and impromptu. Tara Norick 2nd. Discussion
Tara explained- Creates consistency.

Matt gave anecdote about a student. Worry about propagandized.

Dan Johnson. If you fold a note card in half there are ways to overcome that.

Terri Belke - Opposition why are you so harsh against your kids. We don't check the backs of the cards.

Don't understand why you would disqualify a kid because they wrote their cross-x question on the back of the card.

Doug: friendly amendment: Strike sentence 2. "If they are in trouble". Housekeeping. Accepted.

Janie Morisset. Does NFL have the same rules?

Ivana: There are no cards allowed in NFL.

The goal is to teach the kids to write as little as possible on the cards. Got clarification.

Tara: clarified the change. I just don't want to penalize the kids for using both side of the card.

Reread the motion with amendment.

Alex: worried about what Matt said. Some kids do have problems. He thinks we could solve this problem but take out the penalty for writing. When was an extemper we only had 1 side.

Question: been called. Discussion ended. **Motion carried.**

MOTION: Dee Hallock moved to clarify sources for Extemp topics "Issues of Time, Newsweek, Economist and Christian Science Monitor. Will be used for writing Extemp topics." Deleting link for NHFS because it doesn't exist any more. Liz Foley 2nd.

Oliver Nordlund. It will also exclude the online version.

Tara: need to clearly indicate where the sources are from. **Motion carried.**

INTERP COMMITTEE: Roger McCullough, Butte

Called at order at 3:31

Roger McCullough elected Chair

Comments and concerns from 2010-2011 season – none

New business:

2. *Proposal #1 was **rescinded** by the A schools – pages 17 and 18 IV G and H, Humorous and Serious Interp*
 - a. *Change the sentence in Rule #1 to read, "Singing is not permitted in B-C tournaments." [this removes the restriction from class A].*
 - b. *Change Rule #3 to read, "FOR CLASS A TOURNAMENTS: The material may be memorized, read and/or extemporized. Contestant(s) are allowed gestures, movement and signing, though contestants must limit movements to a 4-footradius. (Manuscripts are optional. The use of manuscripts shall not be penalized.) For CLASS B TOURNAMENTS: Manuscripts... (current language)." [In effect, class A would adopt the Class AA Interp rules].*
3. *Page 17 G. 1.d. and e.*
 - a. *Strike "and must identify author and title." From d. and move it after e. By adding the following sentence to e.: "The speaker must identify author and title of each selection."*
4. *Page 18, H.1.d. and e.*

a. Same change

Discussion: on proposal #2 and 3: why change this unless there is some kind of reason. Possible reasons are for clarification of if the author and title is part of the 200 words, extraneous. Also, some students are doing different parts of multiple selections and it might have been unclear for students and new coaches.

Motion to use the Duo Interp language for pg. 18 sect. 1 d (second two sentences) to amend language in proposals 2 & 3

Change pg. 17 G1 d. and pg 18 H1 d. to read "The relationship of multiple selections must be presented by original material. All original material must not exceed 200 words. Original material includes all introductions and transitions not original to the script. Author(s) and title(s) must be identified."

Liz Foley – moves to amend the language – Seconded

Motion PASSES

Proposals from floor:

none

Reviewed cover sheets for events.

Discussion: Roger McCullough – how great would it be to actually have the times on the cover sheets instead of just one second over.

Libby Oliver – it might be better to address this tomorrow so we can change all ballots in one fell swoop.

No changes to ballot cover sheets from this committee

Judge handbook reviewed – no changes

Move to adjourn LouAnne Foley – seconded Conner Warner

Adjourned and 3:48

MOTION: Roger McCullough moved to accept report. Corry from Butte High 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: Roger McCullough moved to use the Duo Interp language for pg. 18 sect. 1 d (second two sentences) to amend language in proposals 2 & 3: Change pg. 17 G1 d. and pg 18 H1 d. to read "The relationship of multiple selections must be presented by original material. All original material must not exceed 200 words. Original material includes all introductions and transitions not original to the script. Author(s) and title(s) must be identified." Connor Warner 2nd. Discussion. **Motion carried.**

MOTION: Alex Rosenleaf moved to change ballots to include the time allowed for the event so it would be more than just "1 minute over time allowed." LouAnne Foley 2nd.

All ballots will include the time specific to that event.

No discussion. Motion carried.

HALL OF FAME Committee – Greg Adkins (see his notes)

Have accomplished: have a document to track all of the

Have gone through the 60s, 70s, to the present to recognize prior coach. & we are caught up.

Criteria to be inducted say that coaches must be retired for 5 consecutive coaching season. Proposed to add or have coached for more than 20. Suggest that we honor Matt, Trudi Downer, & Mike Christensen. Next meeting will be proposed for Bozeman next year.

Will put out a call for further candidates over the next few years.

MOTION: Greg Adkins moved to accept report. Shelly Fisher 2nd. Motion carried.

MOTION: Greg moved to change the criteria to include: "However, Honorees who have coached over 20 seasons may be honored without waiting 5 years and may be honored while still coaching." Kari Blaylock 2nd. Discussion

Greg: in other organizations, they honor people while they are still participation. We want to recognize coaches while they are still around. **Motion carried.**

MOTION: proposal to accept the honorees for: 2012 Matt Stergios, 2013 Trudi Downer, & 2014 Mike Christensen. LouAnne Foley 2nd.

Alex: I know that in the past there have been multiple inductees. Why do we now we only have 1 honoree?

Greg: in the past we felt like we were behind on honoring & feel like we are caught up.
Motion carries.

MOTION: Greg Adkins moved to have 2012 MFEA conference in Bozeman. Sarah Jennings 2nd.

Discussion. Grandtree is available.

Bonnie moved to have it at Grandtree. Kari Blaylock 2nd.

Josh: It is the 1st week of spring sports. Would like to move it out of spring sport season.

-Need to check with Grandtree . March 15-17.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Ivanna Fritz, Glacier

It is not too late to sign up to present a conference; you can go to the MEA-MFT website to register.

Advantages: you get to be at the conference & MFT- will pay you \$60 for presenting which will cover the registration cost. (Listed a list of possible conference topics).

MOTION: Ivanna Fritz moved to accept report. Trudi Downer 2nd. Motion carried.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - Kari Gruizenga

Kari Blaylock moved that Kerry Gruizenga will be chair. Second by Sharon LaBonty. The vote in favor was unanimous.

18 scholarship applications were received, including one postmarked after the date. Seventeen will be considered.

Future ideas: on-line application -- perhaps using Google docs.

A motion to remove committee member names from the MHSA website and to put a link to www.sgchs.com (etc.) to replace the current scholarship application link was made by Kari Blaylock. Gail seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee members and scholarship information needs to be updated or deleted from MHSA website.

The committee members could be deleted, but the form needs to be updated! A link to the current location should be on the MHSA website.

Kari presented us with a rubric to use to evaluate each of the 18 applications. There is \$1200 to award in scholarships to students. First, each application was checked to be sure that it contained the required elements, including a 12-pt double spaced essay which answered the required question.

Scholarships of \$200 each will be given to

- Brigit Baglien, Big Timber
- Kristin DeWaay, Butte Central
- Sydney Hayward, Glasgow
- Autumn McSweyn, Shepherd
- Teresa Sarkela, Laurel
- Ashley Schrammeck, Hamilton

Gail moved to adjourn the meeting of the scholarship committee. Sharon seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: Kerry Gruizenga moved to accept report. Kari Blaylock 2nd. Motion carried.

Kari Blaylock delivered checks to coaches of the scholarship winners.

Doug: lost & found. Space topic- taken all of the forms that have been used in the past & can make them available.

Doug: talked about the NFHS and the benefits- joining costs \$20 a year. You can go to the website & download all of the materials for free; Liability insurance is available to cover each coach.

Bonnie will ask Joanne Austin to post a link to for the documents. Or mentor site. So it can be accessed by all coaches.

Irene Crest: Scholarship was it a stipulation to go to a Montana school.

COACHES OF THE YEAR

Speech/Debate

AA Roger McCullough (Butte) (Anne Sullivan Award)
A Trudi Downer (Laurel)
B Matt Stergios (Loyola)
C Christina Cote (Gardiner)

Drama

A Melisa Knabe (Ronan)
B Kari Eliason (Manhattan)
C Lisa Carter (West Yellowstone)

Lorie Tatsey: for the website: it could include classical scripts for coaches.

Dee Hallock Proposed to a change in the time for the MFEA conference.

Bonnie: Will entertain a motion to bring the proposal before the body (as it did not come out of a committee). Kari Blaylock so moved. LouAnne Foley 2nd.

MOTION: Dee Hallock moved that MFEA spring meeting will convene on a Friday morning, beginning with interim meetings then move to committee meetings; General session to convene on Saturday morning as usual. The executive committee may meet the Thursday evening prior. Kari Blaylock 2nd.

Discussion. Rational: Members are making effective use electronic communication throughout the season; Committees are making effective use of time with current committee system & less time is needed (ex. Rules committee); Change would save some money for the schools & save loss of time away from class or business (not all coaches are teachers); MFEA is making good use of central locations.

Alex R: against. AA interim committee went long time. It would be difficult to get through all of the business.

Kari B: I understand get that. All schools are in a in a budget crunch. & we've got to make some concession. I would hate to have program to die because of financial crunch if we could cut costs

LouAnne: You would have to be here Thursday anyway to be there on Friday in the early morning.

Tara: there is a mechanism to meet as committees, it would make it difficult to attend all of those meetings. The divisions meet before the interim meeting to set schedules. Need to preserve the flexibility of having the Friday meeting.

Theresa Stergios: we have a lot of people not here because of this issue.

Melissa Knabe; we would be spending the night of Saturday instead.

Jon: I didn't teach on Thursday, we could meet on Saturday instead

Kim Lindsey, Plentywood. Because of the distance we would still have to come the night before.

Aubree Hickman: we have to be flexible to recognize the financial crunch. We have to recognize.

Keith Davies: I give up enough time from family, we need to give up school district time instead family time for school business.

Matt: wasn't there a time when we started on Friday am. We got done on Saturday at noon.

Jeannie: If I want to go to more committees, I would want to be able to.

Kari B: we are not implying that we double up the committees.

Doug: we used to have committees running at the same time. What ever we do, we have to be here

LouAnne: history. We used to have a luncheon for hall of fame then went into evening for committee meeting. I do like the Friday night reception thing.

Question called. 2nd. Division. 17 for. 55 against. **Motion fails.**

James Maxwell: would like to have people think about using electronic devices in debate so that we have a good discussion about it next year.

LouAnne Foley: when you get folders then you elect a new chairperson. Would like to see the committee chair person selected at the end of the meeting instead of the beginning.

Doug: good idea but it is a constitutional change.

Oliver Nordlund moved to discuss. Alex 2nd. Motion to discuss carried.

LouAnne: Does it say that the committee elects chair at beginning?

Doug: it doesn't say at the beginning. It is procedural. It just says that the chair will assume duties upon election.

Ivanna: so, does that mean we can elect chair at any time?

Bonnie: there will be times when you will need to elect a chair earlier.

INTRODUCTION OF COACHES OF THE YEAR

Greg introduced the Coaches of year, all stood and were recognized. (See names listed above).

Bonnie: Greg handled the reception last night beautifully.

-Suggestion that VP take the reception over. Also the job of VP now includes management of committee members.

Lorie Tatsey: as president could you send out contact information of the coaches.

Tara: MHSA will be happy to send out the coaches contact information

Bonnie gave where.

Doug: We used to recognize retiring coaches.

Bonnie: we are losing some giants: Trudy Downer, Matt Stergios, Betty Brown.

Also leaving: Melinda Middleton, Joan Sacklin, April Gilstrap, Ryan Shoppe. Kathy Johnson, Theresa Stergios and others.

Bonnie: Thank you to all of you for so many years of coaching, (not for leaving).

Dee: With many coaches retiring or moving on, it is important to get contacts information from new coaches as you meet them so that they can receive updated information as well.

Kari Blaylock moved to adjourn.

Libby Oliver: before we adjourn, I like to thank officers for their great work.

Thank you to Dee for taking minutes.

Connor Warner 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 11:05. Congratulations to James Maxwell.