

Illinois Science Olympiad  
Board Meeting Minutes  
11/5/05

Members Present: Kevin Erlinger, Pam Abbott, Don Powers, Brent Williamson, Clay Runck, Howard Guenther, Joe Simmons and Michele Chapman.

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Advisory Board Committee Minutes discussed.
  - A. Website – terrific, we need to have t-shirts posted
  - B. Marketing – needed
  - C. Inventory will be taken on the national t-shirts and we will decide what to do with them then.
  - D. Mentors – much discussion. Michele will set up mentors and then ask regional directors to do the follow up.
3. Hammond Coaches Meeting Minutes discussed.
  - A. Earlier Registration – comments made that the registration form is hard to find on the website. The deadline needs to be changed to read: Registration form due by October 15, late registrations need to contact Michele Chapman.
  - B. Regional Sites – there are worries about the number of high schools that are registered, currently only 62. We need at least 70 high schools to have two teams participate at nationals. Michele will continue to have regional directors seek out schools that have not registered.
  - C. Scoring: n = participation, n+1 = no show and n+2 = DQ for cheating, vandalism or flagrant disregard for rules and other teams.
  - D. Bracelets – discussion on the piloting of bracelets at two regionals this year and at state. There will be 15 bracelets per team and Event Supervisors are asked to take “attendance”. The attendance could be a simple sign out sheet when the test is turned in and a beginning sweep of the room to make certain the correct teams are competing at the correct time.  
If the bracelet is broken, the student must sign the bracelet and then they are given another one.
  - E. Cell phone numbers – are needed for all coaches and event supervisors on the day of the event for all sorts of emergencies. It was asked that every regional ask for cell phone numbers at their registration. One person MUST be the contact person for a team or event.
4. Tournaments –
  - A. State Tournament 4/29/06 – bid packet...regional directors need to emphasize due dates and bracelets. The new number on the invitation is their number for the state tournament

- B. Number of bids – we will decide how many bids in late November, the competitiveness of the regional will be a factor
- C. Brent Williamson is available for any tournament as an arbitrator.
- D. Benedictine 4/8/06
- E. COD 3/11/06 – Can we get Sandy Bauer or Matt Cole to help Val at COD on that day?
- F. CLC 3/11/06 – Brent Williamson and Kathy Bolsinger will attend CLC because Michele and Joe will need to be in Rockford.
- G. Niles 3/18/06
- H. SIUE 2/11/06- post scores on the window and most problems are taken care of immediately
- I. WIU 2/11/06 – collects cards from participants at the beginning of every event. The names of all participants was printed on the certificates.
- J. Rock Valley 3/11/06 – there will be a January training day for all new coaches
- K. Urbana 3/4/06
- L. National Tournament – some worries about housing at Nationals. The Indiana tournament director has housing for all schools on campus.
- M. Event Supervisors – need education majors to run events and other student who are getting their masters in science teacher

#### 5. State Tournament

- A. All is going well. Michele, Joe and Howard met to discuss room situations.
- B. There will be additional homerooms needed this year for the possibility of Rockford Schools

#### 6. Teams

- A. Discussion of scholarships for teams.
- B. We need to do an all-call to teams in the state of Illinois to see if anyone can do a fundraiser for teams in need.
- C. These scholarships can be given to teams in need-5 for this year.
- D. The criteria for the scholarships was discussed. A form will be put on the website requiring school contact information, principals signature and school report attached. The coach would then write about their needs in a paragraph.

#### 7. Medals, Certificates and Trophies

- A. Most of the money is spent on medals and trophies.
- B. The certificates will be bid out again, hoping to get a better price. WIU is going to check their print shop.
- C. Medals  
5 schools in the minimum for a tournament  
5 schools = 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals

6 to 9 schools = 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals  
10+ schools = 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place medals

8. Shortcomings
  - A. funding
  - B. recruiting
  - C. time/teachers/volunteers