

Spring Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2024

Tahoma High School

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85040286617>

10:09 AM Called to order

11:40 AM Meeting adjourned

1. Vision & direction of WSDCA
 - a. Review current mission and vision statements
 - b. Developing value statements-survey membership for input
 - i. Recommend to create a committee to move forward with value formation
2. Review of Membership survey
 - a. Review membership survey-22 responses
 - b. Suggestion for membership directory for all members (able to opt out)
 - c. Suggestion to create doc without names/identifying info to share with membership
3. Parliamentary procedures
4. Fall Conference
 - a. Location
 - b. WIAA areas for coach education ([WIAA Handbook](#) 20.5.7)
 - i. Medical aspects
 - ii. Legal aspects
 - iii. Psycho/social foundations
 - iv. Diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - c. [Fall conference feedback from meeting RSVP](#)
 - d. Theme
 - e. Keynote
 - i. Jason Foundation or Chelsea P.
 - f. Other speakers/presenters
 - g. Continue travel \$50 discount?
 - i. Consider increasing discount for those beyond certain mileage

Agree to schedule Zoom to further discuss conference planning after securing keynotes

5. Decide membership fees for 2024-25; for 2023-24 we increased fees to collect money to offset travel costs for competition hosts

a. 2023-24 Fees

High School Coach :

- HS Primary Member \$80 (was \$70 in 2022-23)
- HS Associate Member \$60 (was \$50 in 2022-23)

Middle School Coach - continue to use discount code

1. MS Primary Member \$60 (was \$50 in 2022-23)
2. MS Associate Member \$30 (was \$25 in 2022-23)

Desire for Cost for 24-25-High School and Middle School costs for membership same or middle level closer to high school level fees

Need proposal for Fall Conference to change by-laws for fee structure to all coaches vs. middle vs. high school

3. Discuss: Possible change to format of Treasurer Report: Our Constitution & By-laws require that we have a treasurer's report, but does not specify what form it takes. We would like to suggest that we try the following and see how it works for our association:
- a. Change our fiscal year from January 1 to December 31 to July 1 to June 30. This would be in line with the school year which governs our teams.
 - b. In spring, the executive board would agree on a budget ([click here to see draft](#), which is incomplete) for the upcoming year to start on July 1. This would provide guidance for the treasurer, allow the executive board to approve expenses over \$300 (avoiding multiple emails during the year), and it would allow for an informed discussion about how to spend any extra funds.
 - c. In the fall, starting in fall 2025, the treasurer would prepare a detailed report of the previous year's income and expenses (July 1 2024 to June 30 2025) to share at the fall membership meeting.
 - d. Discuss possible added expense: Discuss: For \$13/mo (Mailchimp Essentials Package) we could send texts (SMS) as well as emails. Emails would get boosted to 5,000 sends per month.

-Emily from Kentridge move to approve \$13/mo additional fee

-Sung Ja from Capital seconds

Executive board approves expense

6. Mileage costs for competitions

- a. [Data from 2023-24 season](#)
 - b. Distributing this year's funds
 - c. What are the best ways to cover and/or offset these costs moving forward?
7. Should we move forward with the Competition Handbook? [DRAFT of a Competition Handbook](#) The goal is to have all this information in one place AND for a joint CA/JA/All State committee to review and update the information that pertains to each group annually, before the start of competition season. This would reduce the number of meetings and emails going around after the start of the season and provide clarity and consistency.
- a. Competition information not already outlined in the SOPs or Casebook
 - b. Suggested award guidelines (because we always get questions about this)
 - c. Definition of ML, JV, Varsity
 - d. Junior Championship information
 - e. All State information
 - f. Hosting Information
8. Discuss criteria for selected host for Junior Championship--possible considerations
- a. Site must have at least 2 gyms, sound system that is included in facility rental cost, volunteers to staff the event and provide concessions.
 - b. Schools that meet the above criteria should indicate their interest in hosting by emailing the approximate cost for using their facility to WSDDCA.
 - c. Criteria that may be considered for site selection:
 - i. Cost
 - ii. Overall suitability of facility
 - iii. Proximity to teams competing
 - iv. Proximity to available judges
 - v. Previous year's locations
 - vi. Team already hosted an event that season
9. [State Feedback](#) - please do not share with members yet, because it has not been shared with WIAA Exec Board yet (protocol would be to share with them first, but Cindy said our exec board can review it).
10. Discuss: Announcer, Music & Sound System at State
- a. Cindy's request for back-up people
 - b. Parker Hodge & Rachael Morgan
 - i. Ask for bid for 2025 State
 - ii. \$200 fine for music not submitted on time, per routine song

11. Continue Washington State Coaches Association <https://washcoach.net/> relationship?

-Positive experience in 23-24

-Continue for 24-25

12. INFORMATION: [WSDDCA Annual Calendar](#)

a. Reminder: Competition Scheduling deadline **May 1st**

13. INFORMATION: Review proposals on [membership meeting agenda](#) (will not be finalized until after April 6)

Cindy's feedback on proposals added 4/16/24

I looked through the proposals and have a few comments/concerns:

#1 - ok

#2 - ok

#3 - ok

#4 - ok

#5 - I find it extremely interesting about when the cheer and dance/drill coaches and leadership do, and absolutely do not, want to be compared to one another. Cheer will be asking their membership to determine if a District qualifying event should be added as the second step that teams would need to meet to qualify for state. Currently cheer is the only state championship event where teams qualify directly to state without a district/regional qualifying event. The other comment in support of having District qualifying events is that it gives teams the chance to participate in an event that is "another step up" from a regular season qualifying event, which gives them something to celebrate even if they don't qualify for state.

#6 - opposed. I have never been in favor of the state schedule being based upon qualifying scores (with the highest at the end of that category.) Cheer will be asking their membership to determine if they should go back to a random scheduling, as many coaches believe it predisposes the judge according to their performance time.

#7 - we could make this work, but the comparison to cheer is not appropriate. Cheer has a second gym, with three warm-up stations for a warm-up progression to the competition floor. I don't know that the Fair Room is adequate as a warm-up room, but we could make it work, even though competing on a hardwood floor is certainly different than practicing on carpet. We cannot put sections of a basketball floor up there, but it is possible that we could secure some sport court tiles. There would still need to be time for teams to check their music (which cheer teams do as their teams are coming onto the floor because that's the only way it works there, totally not ideal) and for show teams to determine how to get their props on and off the floor. We will continue to pursue the idea of a warm-up tent in the parking lot, but so far that has been one dead end after another. Still checking though.

#8 - ok. I'm ok with a standardized scoresheet, but it is doubtful that it will eliminate the scoring disparities that occur - those disparities are the human element of judging a subjective event.

