

BCFL Fall 2021 Coach Meeting

August 24, 2021

6:30 PM

Virtual

In Attendance: Terri Dimka, Steve Moss, Cayman Giordano, Steven Sprouse, Aimee Sann, Kelli Midgley, Beth DeFrances, Michelle Flynn, Peter Susko, Emily Mandile, Michael Stromberg, Sandy Skordalos, Stan Day, Paula Caponiti, Patrick Daniels, Teresa Needer, John Bagileo, Peter Imhoff, Rachel Campbell, Mimi Cukier, Deb Hamilton, Amber Phelps, Vivian Pao, Michelle Dacey, Dylan Valente, Anthony MacMillion, Zachary Paradise, Jessica Nichols.

Steven opened the meeting with a welcome, a reminder of just how well we managed last year's season, and some introductions. We heard about some of the amazing work of some of our former competitor's: B. Omisore (Anne Arundel County) and P. Banyas (Howard County) are both elected student representatives on school boards.

The current members of the board are:

Steven Sprouse: Diocesan Director

Teresa Needer: Tournament Director

Michelle Dacey: Assistant Director Speech

Peter Susko: Assistant Director Policy

Michelle Flynn: Assistant Director PF

Rachel Campbell: Assistant Director Student Congress

Kelli Midgley: Assistant Director LD

Aimee presented the budget. Dues will remain \$250 for this year. Coaches are to have the NCFL Data Card and dues submitted by November 1st.

After discussion of the current pandemic status, mixed masking policies at schools, and uncertainties, we agreed to make the tournament season virtual.

After a discussion of whether performances should be recorded or "live" we decided on doing tournaments the same way we did them for the 2020-21 season.

The BCFL Dates are October 2, October 30, November 13, December 18, January 22, February 12

Snow date is March 5

Metro Championship is March 19

NSDA Districts is 2/26-2/27

SC #1: September 29

SC #2: October 27

SC #3: November 10

SC #4: December 15

SC #5: January 26

SC #6: February 9 (using leftover legislation if needed)

SC Finals: March 16

Finally, many schools shared their recruitment strategies and activities. Some of the initiatives included having team members present in English classes, Club Fairs, inviting friends, summer retreat, welcome

night to interested incoming students in the spring, bringing debate to middle schools.

The meeting ended at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Sann