

Minutes of MFL Spring Board Meeting June 7, 2002

Attendance: Marc Rischitelli, Sarah Donnelly, Lisa Honeyman, Jenny Cook, Debbie Simon, Will Crocker, Judy Crocker.

Meeting called to order at 3:38 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the calendar. There was an attempt to try to consolidate as many tournament dates as possible. Rischitelli, in attempt to accommodate the number of schools wanting to host a tournament, suggested the league start to establish specific tournament with revolving sites (i.e. MFL Scrimmage, MFL Hall of Fame Tournament, MFL State Championships).

Suggestion was made for a Hall of Fame tournament held at different locations each year. Hall of Fame inductees would still be announced at the State Championship, but would be honored at the next Hall of Fame tournament. Suggestion was made for Hall of Fame tournament to be a combined Speech & Debate tournament held in November. Nomination forms would be made available on that day...and possibly returned by the Holly.

Fall Coach's meeting date is set for Thursday, September 12, 2002 at Natick High School. Refreshments from 3:30 - 4:00, meeting convenes at 4pm.

Discussion ensued regarding size and flow of different tournaments and essential components for sanctioning a tournament. It was decided an Application for MFL Tournament Sanctioning go out with these minutes to be completed by each prospective tournament host in agreement with these essential guidelines. It was requested that coaches be asked at the Fall meeting to try to give trophies/plaques/paperweights, etc. whenever possible in lieu of certificates.

Motion made by (Cook/Honeyman) and unanimously adopted that each tournament director must have a morning call-in period. Each registered school must call in drops in by 8:30 a.m. or be fined \$25.00 per dropped entry...to be paid prior to the entry registration the next tournament or the school will not be allowed to compete at the next tournament. Fines are to be paid to the MFL.

Motion made by (Cook/W. Crocker) and unanimously adopted all invitations to MFL sanctioned tournaments must be approved by the appropriate Vice President prior to mailing to the membership.

Motion made by (Honeyman/W. Crocker) and unanimously adopted to change congress scoring from 1 to 6 points instead of 1 to 5.

Discussion ensued regarding first tournament of year being a revolving site tournament. Speech, Congress, Lincoln-Douglas and Policy debate – plus an educational component will be offer and will be held the first Saturday in October.

The following schedule is TENTATIVE. ***All schools with a tournament date on this tentative schedule must return The New Tournament Request Form to MFL President, Marc Rischitelli by August 15, 2002.***

TENTATIVE CALENDAR:

October 5, 2002	Kick-Off Scrimmage MFL Speech AND Debate Speech events, Congress, L/D & Policy (site selection to be determined prior to Fall Coaches Meeting)
October 12, 2002	South Shore Debate & Congress Invitational MFL L/D & Policy Debate & Congress Tournament Sacred Heart High School
October 25 & 26, 2002	Manchester/Essex Regional High School TOC tournament - Varsity Policy and Varsity L/D only
October 26, 2002	MFL Speech Tournament Hull HS - Early Pumpkin
November 9, 2002	Lexington High School Debate Tournament (L/D & Policy)
November 9, 2002	Gracia Burkill MFL Speech Tournament - Site TBA
November 16, 2002	MFL Hall of Fame Speech & Debate Tournament Needham High School
December 7, 2002	MFL Speech Tournament Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School
December 21, 2002	Holly Festival - MFL Speech Tournament – Natick High School
January 4, 2003	MFL Speech Tournament – Silver Lake Regional High School
January 17- 18, 2003	Lexington TOC – Debate Tournament
January 18, 2003	MFL Speech Tournament – Acton-Boxborough
January 25, 2003	MFL Debate Manchester/Essex Regional High School
February 1, 2003	MFL Speech Open date -- Site TBA
February 8, 2003	Tentative date for combined CNECFL/BCFL Qualifiers
February 22, 2003	MFL Speech & L/D Sacred Heart Breaker
March 1, 2003	MFL Speech Mardi Gras Festival at Shrewsbury High School
March 29, 2003	State Debate/Last Chance -- Site TBA
April 12, 2003	State Championships

Open dates in February and March are reserved for National Qualifying tournaments to be decided by CNECFL/BCFL League Moderators and NE District NFL Chair.

Next Board Meeting schedule for Sunday, August 25, 2002 at 12:00 p.m. at a possible Cape Cod location. All agenda items should be submitted to Marc Rischitelli prior to August 15, 2002.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.