

2020-21 Debate Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021 – 6:00pm(CT) Zoom Meeting

1. Call meeting to order

Brooks Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:08pm. Committee members present were Kerry Konda, Travis Dahle, Mike Larson, and Laura Raeder. Robert Spiers was not present. Scott Walker, debate coach from Watertown HS, was also present.

2. Approve minutes from April 6, 2020 meeting

<https://www.sdhsaa.com/Portals/0/PDFs/AdvisoryCommittee/SP-Minutes.pdf>

Kerry Konda motioned, seconded by Mike Larson, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Dates for the 2021-22 Debate & Individual Events program

- a. First Allowable Debate & Individual Events Competition – November 1, 2021
- b. State Debate & I.E. Tournament - March 4-5, 2022 at Harrisburg HS

4. Dates and site for the 2022 State Debate Tournament - March 3-4, 2023 at Mitchell

5. Review State Debate Tournament Schedule

The committee requested that a statement be added to the schedule in the handbook....all rounds will start at scheduled times. Rounds will not start earlier than the scheduled times.

No changes were recommended to the times on the schedule.

6. Other items the committee would like to consider

Travis motioned to adjust the ADM numbers for class AA schools from 575 to 600. Mike seconds. Passed unanimously.

Mike discussed the scoring system for sweepstakes awards. No changes were recommended.

Travis discussed the possibility of creating online material that new debate coaches could access for free that would help them get their programs started. Current coaches would create the material and it could be posted on the SDHSAA website.

Mike Larson discussed concerns over Public Forum judging requirements. The debate committee will keep track of the number of judges used in the 2022 state tournament. If there is a large number of PF judges that aren't used, the committee will recommend making an adjustment to the number of PF judges the site host is required to find.

7. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.