

Denise Kegley called the meeting to order at 8:00 and introduced herself as the new president of the MLFA of Wisconsin.

Adjourned to committee meetings.

Meeting reconvened after the committee meetings were completed.

Denise welcomed new coaches and offered a thank-you to Barbara Hallman for the website update.

Past-President, Patrick Russell discussed the tentative draft of the meet calendar for the 2014 season. The schedule will be updated and placed on the website as well as emailed to all members. Pat offered a thank-you to all tournament hosts and asked for others to step forward. We still need meets on the 5th and 6th weeks. The opening date for registration for each meet will be listed on the calendar. A password will allow schools to register early based on invitation by host school. Please keep your registration up-to-date. You are required to pay for any student registered as of the closing day. You are required to bring the correct number of judges based on the numbers registered at closing as per by-laws.

The state meet will be held at South Milwaukee on March 22. Registration for state will not be accepted before March 1.

Treasurer Maggie Menard-Mueller reported that we have an increase of income thanks to the photo booth at the state tournament. There is a plan to do that again at this year's tournament.

Online registration is working well. If you need a receipt, email Maggie and ask.

Income from the T-shirt sale was also up.

Helen Andrews Categories Committee Chair, reported on the changes for this year.

The new category of Farrago will be used this year.

A Sports Center type of news has been added as an optional type of news presentation.

There is a slight change in the rubric for prose.

Pat Russell reported that everyone would receive a new DVD for training judges. A standardized comment sheet is being prepared to go along with the DVD to use during Judges training sessions. Judges' training sessions will be added to the master schedule.

The Judges Committee is trying to figure out a way to be sure a judge has been trained.

Barbara Hallman reported for the technology committee. New website (completely new domain) is up and running. It is a work in progress. Many ideas for additions and updates have been offered and are being considered. Web address is <http://www.mlfawisconsin.com/>

At the present time it is not necessary to log in, but that will come. There is a link to the tournament-scheduling site. Also soon to come will be a blog.

Diane Stirn reported that the t-shirts design this year is based on the "Angry Birds" game. It will have a list of meets on the back.

MINUTES - MLFA Fall Coaches Meeting Saturday, October 26, 2013

Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran School

An ad hoc committee is being formed to work on new coach mentoring. Current new coaches will be interviewed to see what information and help is needed by new coaches. Any one interested in volunteering as a mentor for a new coach should contact Robin Stein r.stein@oakcreek.k12.wi.us.

People were reminded that there will be no judge training session today, only training for trainers.

The meeting was adjourned by Denise.

Respectively submitted by Bob Herman (temporary secretary of the day)