SDDI Board Meeting

September 7, 2025

Maria called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Board Members in attendance:

Maria Kendle, Amanda Witt, Kristie Erickson, Hannah Carda, Betsy Sage, Arlinda Gylfe, Barb Baker, Jenn Brist,

Also in Attendance as nonvoting members:

Merrie Atherton (AD) and Ashley Baird (Alumni Rep)

Absent:

 Paul Kosel

Merrie gave the AD report.

Tournament Notes:

We will be required to send our Appraiser list to Chris 2 weeks prior to tournaments or April 1st at the latest.

January 1st – deadline to report Affiliate tournaments (they are recommending March 28th as the latest date for Affiliate Tournaments)

April 15th will be the deadline for teams to register for Global Finals. (Easter is April 5th)

Global Finals – KC – May 21st – 24th, 2026

December 1st – GF Complements shared

Film Challenge cost is $299.

There may be a limited number of free team memberships available through the DI organization. Merrie will find out more information.

Working on the Team Manager experience – they are combining RYT (Register Your Team) with the Resource Area.

Notes from Ignite –

Some affiliates do an Extreme Challenge Pathway at tournaments as a fun activity or as a fundraiser with an additional charge.

Merrie attended sessions on Marketing, Fundraising, and Event Engagement.

They are searching for a new CEO.

The draft of the new Bylaws was presented and discussed.

Motion to approve the revised bylaws by Kristie Erickson.

Seconded by Arlinda Gylfe.

All voted in favor.

New bylaws are in place.

Discussion about dates for regional and affiliate tournaments was held.

Consideration of state tournament dates, particularly for hotel room demand with state basketball in Rapid City.

Easter is April 5, and teams must register for Globals by April 15.

Tentative dates:

March 7, East River Regional Tournament, location TBD (Merrie will work on location)

March 14, West River Regional Tournament, location TBD (Betsy and Barb will work on location)

March 28, Affiliate Tournament, tentatively in Pierre (Hannah?)

Tournament Registration deadline is tentatively set for January 25, 2026.

Once we see what the new DI registration system looks like, we will determine some details of that registration deadline.

Parker Rieffenberger and Tom Brist are willing to put together some IC practice dates for teams.

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 5

Kristie moved to adjourn. Betsy seconded.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Brist