

IHSGCA Meeting Agenda

March 16th, 2016



Call to order:

7:19

Attendance:

Zack Crandall, Ryan Brown, Erik Bostrom, Frank Novakowski, Mike Galfi, Eric Harima, Michael Costa, Scott Hagel, Scott Phillips, Blaise Blasko, Gregg Didech, Doug Foerch, Alex Pajor, Bob Esposito, Richard Meyer, Ryan Dul, Adrian Batista, Keith Mukai, Brandon Tucker

Current Balance:

12,179.66

State Meet:

- Fri.-Sat., May 13-14, 2016
- Hinsdale Central HS

Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet:

- Thursday, May 19th, 7pm
- Hoffman Estates HS

Rules Interps/Non-diagrammed A skills:

- Remember to check the website weekly for updated rules interps and recognized non-diagrammed A skills: <http://ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=19>
- *There was a recent update – please check and stay up to date for both coaching and judging*

IHSA:

- From the IHSA website
<http://www.ihsa.org/NewsMedia/Announcements/tabid/93/ID/885/IHSA-Summer-Road-Race-Registration-Now-Open-February-Board-Meeting-Recap.aspx>
 - DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - At each meeting of the Board of Directors, there are certain items the Board discusses, but upon which no action is taken. The following is a report of those items from the February 17, 2016, agenda:
 - 1. The Board held a discussion on protocol for reducing sports and activities due to low participation, as well as adding new sports and activities. The discussion included a review of the Southwest Suburban Conference's protocol. Further discussions will take place at a future meeting.
 - *Nothing decided, probably talking about Lacrosse, and we are also in that low threshold category. How much of a concern is this- at what point do we get the group going on phone calls and emails- we don't want to bother them yet unless there is need to.*
 - *EG. Boys' Tennis- has reached threshold to split into classes, but then had teams dropped, and then ended below threshold to have two classes A and 2A- we could bring that up that there are probably several sports in same borderline boat of being at threshold.*
 - *Another point- don't ruin a sport that includes so many students if we are not a burden to the state- we are fairly self-sufficient and well run.*

- *If finances are being looked at- we really need to boost attendance on both days of state meet and have all teams bring all athletes both days including finals to show it is a popular event- don't give the state the opportunity to say it isn't making money.*
- *Curious to see what has changed since last time this came up- Scott and Tim will investigate a little more when they have their advisory meeting downstate soon. Hopefully it has nothing to do with gymnastics.*

Club gymnasts:

- A clarification on the rules regarding club gymnasts competing in the IHSA
- The by-laws governing such participation can be found at:
<http://www.ihsa.org/documents/forms/2015-16/IHSA%20Section%203%202015-16.pdf>
 - Club gymnasts competing with a high school team are not allowed to attend club practices during the IHSA season
 - From the IHSA:
 - 3.102 “Students may participate in a tryout for a non-school athletic team while a member of a high school team in the same sport, provided the tryout is exclusively a demonstration of skills with no practice or instruction involved. A student shall be considered to be a member of a school team when he/she engages in any team activity, including but not limited to tryouts, drills, physical practice sessions, team meetings, playing in a contest, etc., on or after the date specified in Bylaw 5.000 and its sub-sections.”
 - 3.106 “To be eligible for a school team in a given sport, students must cease non-school practice and competition in that sport no later than seven (7) days after the date on which the school team engages in its first practice or tryout in that sport.”
 - 206) PRACTICE WITH NON-SCHOOL TEAM
 - “Q. May a student participate in practice with a non-school team while a member of the school team in the same sport?
 - A. No. (By-law 3.101)”
 - For the club gymnast not associated with a high school team:
 - This gymnast must not attend club practices once the state series begins.
 - **Please help inform other individuals/clubs of this by-law.**
 - From the IHSA:
 - 3.104 “In the event a school does not maintain a team which competes during the regular high school season for a sport, but enters one or more students into competition for the first time in that season at the beginning level of the IHSA tournament series for the sport, the date of the beginning level contest in the IHSA series shall be the date on which the school shall be considered to have a school team in that sport.”
 - *We need to make sure the word is out because it is not well known, and probably not known at all with club coaches- students cannot do season and then go practice with their club team- they must only do privates or open gyms if they need to practice additionally. Spread the word to those who may need to know.*

Officials:

- Remember to rate all of your officials for every Varsity contest you have and be current with it. Do not wait until end of the year to rate all of them at once.
- This year officials ratings will only allow coaches to rate them on one event.
 - From Tracie: Coaches will need to choose an event and rate the official once and then comment on the other events.

- *Since you can only do the one event- try to choose one of their better ones, or maybe just choose a random event and rate them generally speaking on how they did. Make sure you are able to log in and get all ratings done- if having trouble like some are, perhaps we need to contact someone.*

Philanthropy:

- We are accepting applications for \$500 in scholarships from the Coaches Association. The **deadline for this application is April 20th** (The April association meeting). The Brinkworth Scholarship applications are also being accepted at this time. The **deadline for the Brinkworth is Wednesday, April 27th**. All applications are on the website.
 - *Brinkworth- embodies principles of honesty, integrity, etc. that the award describes- would have to double check on full wording.*
 - *Association- this scholarship- hard worker, great teammate, maybe not someone who would win senior gymnast of the year, a leader but not a standout. Also these awards would go to students who would have a need for it.*
- Our Association dues are tax deductible; donations are also tax deductible.
 - *If you or anyone you know would like to donate to the paypal account, you could take the invoice email and deduct from taxes. This could also be a potential idea for corporate sponsorship to entice more donations...*

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

- Monday, May 16th, 2016. Morava Center
- Try to promote participation in golf outing with fellow coaches, assistants, etc.
 - *Try to put together a group to boost attendance and encourage comradery with fellow coaches, golf a round, hang out after and head to banquet.*
- CHANGE FOR THIS YEAR:
 - We will move the coaches awards ceremony from state meet to HOF Banquet, making it a Coaches Awards Banquet/Hall of Fame Banquet
 - Conference coaches of the year and state coach of the year will still be announced at the state meet, but the awards will be presented and the recipients will be formally recognized on May 16th at the Morava Center
 - Purpose/rationale: Boost attendance at Hall of Fame Banquet
 - Conference reps:
 - Please tell the winners to attend the HOF Banquet to receive awards
 - *Many people from thornridge are planning to attend to honor Frank (even coming from Florida) being inducted this year- it would be a shame to not have a good representation from current and former coaches and gymnasts to help celebrate with the people that are all coming in for this event. As event nears we will look to have people that knew him say a few words and get a lot of support to have a nice event. Lloyd Bachrach (yes-you-can.net) was a former gymnast of Frank with prosthetic limbs who is a motivational speaker who loves what gymnastics did for him who is very excited about this event honoring Frank.*
 - *Also start considering nominations for the future so this can continue on. However, now with a newer group there is less knowledge about what it takes to get into the group- something to consider as we move forward to see for new guys what type of individual it would take to get in.*

Important dates:

- **Senior Gymnast of the Year: Nominations due at the April meeting. Please see the website for nomination forms.**

- Resumes will be emailed to the association prior to the voting at the sectional meets
- Season Start date: Monday, February 15
- Rules video and the officials' test is due by Tuesday, March 22
- Seeding Information: Tuesday, March 29
- List of Participants: Monday, April 18

Conference Reps:

Responsibilities include:

- Communication for each conference
- Reports COY and Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet information to Secretary
- Remind COY recipients to attend Hall of Fame Banquet on May 16th
- CSL – Doug Foerch
- MSL East – Zack Crandall
- MSL West – Scott Hagel
- DVC – Greg Gebhardt
- WSC Gold – Mike Galfi
- WSC Silver – Frank Novakowski
- Independent – Lee Wood
- South Suburban – Peter Kallend

Calendar:

Assoc meeting: Wednesday, March 16th

Assoc meeting: Wednesday, April 20th

Assoc meeting: Tuesday, May 10th

HOF: Monday, May 16th

For the good of the Membership/Additional Items:

- Next year- looking for a head and asst. coach at Elk Grove- they've gotten rid of gymnastics at Wheeling, we don't want another program to drop, so start listening for guys looking for coaching jobs.
- Frank trying to get results posted to USAG – contact person asked for State chairman, and then said well that site is actually for states without IHSA teams. That contradicts the letter sent in saying they'd post any results sent to them, and if the state didn't have an official sport they'd take club winners and name them State champs. We will continue to investigate.
- Motion to adjourn Zack, 8:00pm, Ryan Brown seconds.