

IHSGCA April Meeting Agenda (4/17/ 2013)



Attendance:

Tim Hamman (Fremd), Keith Mukai (Niles West), Eric Harima (Schaumburg), Ryan Dul (GBN), Ryan Dengel (Naperville North), Brian Aites (Conant) Scott Hagel (Palati Steve Merena (Elgin) Mike Opsal (Conant) Dave Calisch (Hoff. Est.) Ryan Brown (Hoff. Es Howard Rubin (Schaumburg) Scott Phillips (Hoff. Est.) Gregg Didech (Official) John Wronkiewicz (Willowbrook) Annette Nocek (Willowbrook) Doug Foerch (HP DF) Rick Meyer (Niles North) Greg Gebhardt (Wheaton) Adrian Batista (Niles West) Brandon Tucker (Glenbard South) Jeff Robertson (RMHS) Bruce Beiersdorf (Glenbard East) Dave Donaldson (Retired) Jesse Piland (Mundelein) Blaise Blasko (Official) Erik Bostrom (Schaumburg)

Agenda Items:

Current Balance: \$11,955.43

Membership:

\$15.00 for Associate, \$20 for Assistant Coach, \$25 for Head Coach

Online Resources for coaches:

Website: www.ihsgca.org

Facebook: "Like" the IHSGCA Facebook page.

Youtube: www.youtube.com/user/IHSGCA/featured

Email addresses:

- President@ihsgca.org, vp@ihsgca.org, secretary@ihsgca.org
- execs@ihsgca.org

State Gymnastics Stats: <http://illinoisgs.tripod.com/>

Philanthropy:

The due date for the Association Scholarship was the April Association Meeting.

The Brinkworth Scholarship applications are also being accepted until Monday. The deadline for the Brinkworth is Monday, April 22. All applications are on the website.

www.ihsgca.org

State Meet:

IHSA State Finals Fri.-Sat., May 10-11 2013. Lincoln Way East High School

Article X. D.: Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association Professional Attire for All IHSA Gymnastics Meets (5 years – 2012-2016)

- a. Shoes: Closed toed shoes, no flip flops, sandals, clogs or open toe shoes.
- b. Slacks or Warm Up Pants: no shorts, jeans, denim pants.
- c. Shirt: Preferred dress or casual collared shirt, no "T" shirts unless part of the team uniform.
- d. No hats or headwear.

UPDATE: Lincoln-Way feels like they have meet set up under control and does not need any help on Thursday night. Thanks to those who volunteered to help.

Potential Future State Meet Hosts: Please email execs@ihsgca.org if your school has interest in hosting. The IHSGCA will simply pass the names of potential hosts on to the IHSA.

Important Dates:

Senior Gymnast of the Year nominee deadline was 4/17.

The Date of the Last Sectional: May 4th, 2013.

The last day to vote online for SGOY will be midnight of the date of the last sectional.

Steering Committee Update:

The Steering Committee will give an update on SGOY online voting.

Online voting for SGOY will take place as soon as the resumes are emailed out. A link to the online ballot will be provided in the email and also available at IHSOCA.org.

Keep in mind the deadline for SGOY voting is midnight of the date of the last sectional. (May 4th)

Coaches looking for Teaching and/or Coaching positions:

Please email Frank Novakowski (secretary@ihsgca.org) to update the information on the website job board. (Add/remove)

Judges Ratings:

Please remember to rate the judges after each meet to provide the judges and the state feedback which will also help in the selection process of the state series judges. Logon to the *School Center* at www.ihsa.org to provide the judges rating.

Golf Outing/Hall of Fame Banquet:

Jeff Levin will be inducted into the HOF this year. We will still host the golf outing and banquet at the end of the year for the passing of the gavel, presentation of the top 3 state team plaques. *Please use the registration on the IHSOCA website to register for the gold outing!*

Monday, May 13, 2013

Tee Times: 3:30 P.M. Banquet @ 7:00 P.M.

Registration is available now online on the IHSOCA website.

HOF Committee Update:

Scott Phillips provided an update on the HOF Committee voting process and announce this year's nominees.

Two Candidates this year: Steve Foerch from Niles West and Mark Wanner from Hinsdale Central Voting will be conducted at the Sectional meets (And via proxy if necessary)

Encourage assistant coaches who are members to go to the Sectional meet so they can vote.

More information will be included in an email that will include the HOF resumes.

Rules Committee Update:

Doug Foerch provided an update from the Rules Committee.

Updated interpretations were posted to the IHSOCA website two weeks ago.

Coaches, PLEASE look at these interpretations as the state series approaches.

USAG / High School Relations Committee Update:

Jeff Levin provided an update via email concerning the work of his committee in reaching out to the club and JO community. Tim Hamman proposed this "exploratory committee" be disbanded in favor of

keeping the leadership emphasis with the Steering Committee and the Rules Committee and folding the work of the “exploratory committee” into these more official bodies.

Proposed: Tim Hamman, Seconded: Doug Foerch – TABLED by Tim pending the Steering Committee vote in May.

Conference Reps:

- Communication for each conference
- Conducts voting for COY and reports the results to Secretary/Treasurer (Frank Novakowski)
- Reports the Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet to Secretary/Treasurer (Frank Novakowski)
- Voicing responsibilities to coaches for the all-star meet.

SWSC: Pete Kelland

CSL: Ryan Dul

MSL-W: Tim Hamman

MSL-E: Zack Crandall

WSC – Silver: Mark Wanner

WSC – Gold: Mike Galfi

DVC: Ryan Dengel

Independent: Steve Young

Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet:

Date: May 18, 2013 (The Saturday following the state meet)

Niles North High School (Thanks to Rick Meyer and Niles North for hosting)

Responsibilities for the Hosts of the Conference Meets:

- 1) Make sure submitting schools Identify Seniors on their roster submissions
- 2) Announce the Conference All Star Team at the end of the meet
- 3) Ask around for a volunteer to score the meet to save costs.

Responsibilities for the Conference Reps:

- 1) Meet with ALL COACHES AND GYMNASTS that qualified for the All Star Meet
- 2) Make sure all qualifiers will be able to compete.
- 3) Find alternates for athletes that will not be attending the All Star Meet
- 4) Discuss the new mandate that all gymnasts must be in attendance with their school’s coach to participate. Please reiterate during all conference meets of this new requirement so all coaches are aware of the new policy. No Exceptions!
- 5) Pass out a flyer with all relevant information

Judges for Brinkworth Meet

We now have six judges who have volunteered and are set!

Nominations:

Voting to take place at the May Association Meeting

Executive Board

- Secretary
 - **Jesse Piland:** Nominated by Tim Hamman, seconded Greg Gebhardt.
 - **Zach Crandall:** Nominated by Keith Mukai, seconded by Greg Gebhardt
- Treasurer
 - **Adrian Batista:** Nominated by Blaise Blasko, seconded by Tim Hamman, accepted

Sports Writer of the Year

- **Bill Stone:** Ryan Dengel, seconded Jesse Piland

- **Dick Quigliano:** Scott Hagel, seconded Tim Hamman

Steering Committee

- 5 Members

Steve Foerch: Keith Mukai, seconded Greg Gebhardt

Jeff Levin: Jesse Piland, Greg Gebhardt

Tim Hamman: Scott Hagel, Ryan Brown

Ryan Dul: Adrian Batista, Greg Gebhardt

Greg Gebhardt: Blaise Blasko, Tim Hamman

Rick Meyer: Tim Hamman, Greg Gebhardt

Ryan Brown: Tim Hamman, Dave Calisch

Mike Galfi: Blaise Blasko, Keith Mukai

Blaise Blasko: Greg Gebhardt, Jesse Piland

Dave Donaldson: Blaise Blasko, Greg Gebhardt

Hall of Fame Committee

- 2 vacancies (Expired- Blaise Blasko and Howie Ruben)

Current Members: Brad Foerch, Bill Watts, Bruce Biersdorf, Scott Phillips

Mark Wanner: Tim Hamman, Greg Gebhardt

Blaise Blasko: Scott Phillips, Dave Calisch

Howie Rubin: Bruce Biersdorf, Tim Hamman

Dave Donaldson: Greg Gebhardt, Blaise Blasko

Al Gallatte: Blaise Blasko, Greg Gebhardt

Rules Committee

- 6 vacancies

Blaise Blasko: Doug Foerch, Greg Gebhardt

Keith Mukai: Adrian Batista, Ryan Dengel

Eric Harima: Howie, Brandon Tucker

Brandon Tucker: Blaise Blasko, Greg Gebhardt

Scott Hagel: Doug Foerch, Dave Calisch

Greg Didech: Tim Hamman, Greg Gebhardt

Dave Calisch: Ryan Brown, Tim Hamman

Seymour Rifkin: Tim Hamman, Blaise Blasko

CJ Johnson: Tim Hamman, Dave Calisch

State Meet Special Recognition Award

Al Goodman: Blaise Blasko, Dave Donaldson

Update on JO 9 Rules Transition:

Greg Didech is on a USAG task force that is drafting a high school rulebook. The association appreciates their effort to reach out to the high school ranks.

The goal is to fill the void that was left by the expired NFHS rulebook, but also try to increase high school gymnastics participation nationally and provide recognition to high school gymnasts.

The Executive Board thanks USAG for this effort in promoting and helping high school gymnastics.

2014 Under Level Rules Discussion:

Given the unique situation and constraints of the rules transition between the 2013-14 season, the Steering Committee requests that membership offer possible suggestions for under level rules by the May 2013 association meeting, either by proxy to the secretary or in person. These suggestions will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and passed on to the Rules Committee for a recommendation as to what scenario of rules would suit under level competitions in the IHSA. This recommendation, as reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee, would be suggested to the IHSA through the approved interpretation process as under level rules for the 2014 competition season.

Submit under level rules suggestions or preferences by the May meeting (execs@ihsgca.org.)

-Blaise Blasko offered a suggestion on lower level rules. Discussion on this suggestion and other potential options ensued.

New Business:

-Online Member Questionnaire to be emailed out soon to the membership.

-Tom Wirth's Summer Meet will be scored under JO Level 9 and is encouraging high school participants who want a preview. Possible clinic for high school coaches as well. Tentative date for the meet is June 28th.

From Blaise:

- IHSA Officials' ratings will stay the same after the JO rule change.

- IHSA Judge certification will remain the same—all through the existing IHSA system. *IHSA judges will not have to be JO certified.*

- We have lost 9 registered officials since the 2012 season.

- Blaise encourages coaches to become judges.

The coaches of the IHSGCA invite you to...

The John Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet



**Saturday, May 18th at 11am
Niles North High School, Skokie**

The 3rd Annual John Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet is a special competition that wraps up our season with a conference vs. conference showdown featuring the top seniors from each conference in the state. Last year's champs – the West Suburban Conference Silver Senior All-Stars – posted a team score of 160.4! The meet also includes handstand and standing back competitions!

This meet was created by the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association as a fun way to celebrate our senior gymnasts' hard work and dedication.

Qualification

Each conference's Senior All-Star team will be determined by the results of the Conference Meet. The top five seniors on each event from each conference will represent their conference at the Senior All-Star Meet. Large conferences will field a Senior All-Star team for each division (e.g. the MSL East vs. the MSL West).

The John Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet will take place the Saturday *after* the State Meet. The meet begins at 11am so that it will not conflict with proms that may be scheduled that evening.

Participating Conferences: MSL East, MSL West, WSC Gold, WSC Silver, DVC, CSL, SWSC, and Independent

About the IHSGCA

The Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Association is an organization of head coaches, assistant coaches, and judges. The IHSGCA's mission is the support and promotion of gymnastics competitions in the high schools across the state of Illinois.

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