

IHSGCA Association Meeting Agenda (Feb 19th, 2014)



Attendance: Brian Aites (Conant), Vic Avigliano (judge), Adrian Batista (Niles West), Blaise Blasko (judge/GW), Erik Bostrom (Schaumburg), Ryan Brown (Hoffman Estates), Dave Calisch (Hoffman Estates), Mike Costa (Rolling Meadows), Zack Crandall (BG), Mike Galfi (Addison Trail), Jeff Levin (Glenbard West), Eric Liva (Stevenson), Rick Meyer (Niles North), Keith Mukai (Niles West), Frank Novakowski (Glenbard West), Mike Opsal (Conant), Scott Phillips (Hoffman Estates), Howard Rubin (Schaumburg), Bob Russell (judge), Brandon Tucker (Glenbrook South), Bill Watts (Elk Grove)

Total: 21

Current Balance: \$13, 579.37

2014 Rules:

- Our official rulebook is now available on [the IHSA website!](#)
 - Includes:
 - NFHS procedures
 - USAG JO Level 9 rules
 - IHSGCA Rules committee modifications
 - Frosh compulsories
- You'll also need:
 - [FIG Code of Points](#) (skills diagrams and Element Groups)
 - IHSGCA Rules Committee [nondiagrammed "A"-skills list](#)
 - Any nondiagrammed skill that is not on this list **will not receive "A" credit!!**
- Other resources:
 - [Frosh compulsory videos](#)
 - [Start values and judge's deductions videos](#)
 - ["Go-to" skills list](#) cheatsheet
 - Tim's [routine listing sheet for judges](#)
 - Can be given to judges at meets before the gymnasts go up
 - Will be posted on the IHSGCA website
 - [Simple routines that satisfy all EGs](#)
 - Videos from judging clinic will be made available on the website (Freshmen videos with additional bonuses and level 9 routines)

Call for judges

- Lots of unfilled judges' spots
 - Many spots in the north and northwest suburbs are still open (about 50 openings)
 - CSL and north (Independents) are areas of greatest need
 - Need people who are already registered to take open spots
 - Need coaches to register to judge and take some open spots
 - If each coach takes 2 or 3 openings, then the problem will be solved

- This would be a problem from the point of view of the IHSA and ADs if they found out
- Not too late to become a judge
 - Go to IHSA website to register
 - Steps to become judge: register, view the rules interp, take the test
 - Once you are registered, you will be contacted by Bob Russell and Howie Sokol, but you should also contact them as soon as you are registered
 - Judges are paid \$90 per standard dual-meet
 - Shadow judging opportunities are available as well
 - Just contact a judge to set it up, or ask at a meet if it is ok to sit next to them during the meet

2014 Budget:

- Steering Committee presents its [2014 IHSGCA Budget](#)
- Corporate fundraising initiative will be led by Ryan Brown and Frank Novakowski
 - They would appreciate any help. If you have any ideas or connections to potential corporate sponsors in your area, please contact them or email execs@ihsgca.org.
 - Goal: \$500

Proposals up for discussion phase:

See: [Proposal text](#)

- Keith: Revise Treasurer's Report requirement for clarity
 - Rationale: The current treasurer understands the past year's spending and revenue better than the new treasurer. Rather than handing over unfinished books/accounting to the new treasurer to figure out, the outgoing treasurer would present the budget to the association at the November meeting, which would be the last duty of the outgoing treasurer.
 - Discussion:
 - New officers take over at Hall of Fame banquet.
 - In past years the treasurer has received the books at the winter clinic.
 - Treasurer's duties will now be November to November—should be this added to this amendment language?
 - This would be different from the other members of the executive board, which are May to May obligations.
 - Counterpoint: Members of the Steering Committee / Exec Board already fulfill duties beyond their constitutional duty when they continue in their roles at the All Star Meet, which is after the Hall of Fame banquet.
 - The account should not have any surprises by the Hall of Fame banquet.
 - The outgoing treasurer and the incoming treasurer usually use the summer time to coordinate and help the incoming treasurer get up to speed on the accounts.
 - For the purposes of creating the Treasurer's Report, it will be easier for the outgoing treasurer to categorize the spending/revenue, which is not necessarily evident from the online Chase account or from deposit slips.
 - This can be alleviated by the treasurer completing a more detailed ledger describing deposits in the checkbook.
- Keith: Require Treasurer to create an annual budget
 - Rationale: Present a plan for spending/revenue for the year. New treasurer would present the proposed budget at the December clinic.

Misc:

- New WSC Gold rep

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Calendar:

Wed, Mar 19th, 2014: Assoc Mtg
Wed, Apr 16th, 2014: Assoc Mtg
Tues, May 13th, 2014: Assoc Mtg
Mon, May 19th, 2014: Golf Outing / HOF Banquet
Thurs, May 22nd, 2014: Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet

State Meet:

May 16-17, 2014. Hinsdale Central HS

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

Monday, May 19th, 2014. Morava Center
* Separate RSVPs for golf outing and for banquet

Senior All-Star Meet:

Thursday, May 22nd, 6pm
Hoffman Estates

For the good of the Membership/Additional Items

- UIC meet this Sunday.
- In 2016 Chicago will be hosting NCAA nationals.

President's note: The following proposal (see below) by Eric Liva was reviewed by the Steering Committee after the meeting and rejected for the following reasons:

1. The proposal is impossible to implement. Any rules change must be approved by the IHSA which is a process that begins at the Feb IHSA Advisory Board meeting and then takes a full year to move through their approval hierarchy. Because Eric's proposal calls for rules changes to happen in the next two weeks, there simply is not enough time. There's no sense debating a proposal that cannot possibly be implemented.

2. The IHSGCA Constitution states that rule changes can only be proposed at the May meeting (Article IX.A). All rule changes must then be discussed in Nov and voted on in Dec. The only exception is that the President is authorized to call a special meeting to propose rule changes (Article IX.A.1).

- Discussion of could we have kept the old book?
 - o NFHS no longer supported the old book. Members of our association reached out to the IHSA and didn't hear back.
 - o Steering committee decided to be proactive and have the association vote on a resolution.
 - o There was a vote of the association at the Winter Clinic 2012. Vote was overwhelmingly in favor of moving to JO Level 9.
 - o One of the issues was liability.
 - o Eric Liva: National Federation said that it was just not printing the book any longer, not dropping the sport, so the book could have been kept. NFHS said that it was not a

liability issue. USAG will not cover IHSA gymnastics with insurance liability. This will hurt the sport of high school gymnastics—judging shortage. Tracy Henry says that the IHSA did not push JO Level 9 rules on us, our association brought it to them. Judging shortage is a problem that resulted from the move to the JO Level 9 rules.

- Eric's proposal:
 - Move to new rules in stages. Start this competition year with Freshmen—level 5, the rest stay with current rules. Second year move to Sophomores—level 9, juniors and seniors stay with current rules. Third year move to Juniors and Seniors—level 9, if association agrees that this is appropriate, if not stay with old book.
 - Each school would need to contact the president with a vote (1 vote per school) on this proposal.
- Blaise Blasko: May meeting is where rules changes must be proposed and occur, after that it is a year and a half before it goes into effect. Must be proposed at Feb IHSA advisory meeting and then takes a year from that for IHSA to approve changes.
 - Earliest a rules change could go into effect would be 2016.
- There was voting that has occurred on this issue in Dec. 2012 of the association.
- Jeff Levin: Headed up committee that presented the change to the JO rules. 2012 Winter Clinic was meant to be informative. Dave Johnson presented the rules to the association. The coaches (about 56 attendees) were able to ask questions and very few were asked. The rules changes were not forced down anyone's throats. There was an open forum for discussion and there were very few critical voices. The vote was overwhelmingly supportive of the rules change, with few dissenting votes. This will be positive for Illinois gymnastics. Many people involved in the sport (both high school and club coaches) agree that this was a necessary and overdue change. The new rules provide for the safety of the gymnasts. If it was not addressed this year, it would have happened in the next few years.
- Keith Mukai: What the association was dealing with when these decisions were made: Silence from NFHS, no word from the IHSA. So our association was proactive and provided the IHSA with a solution to a major problem.
- Frank Novakowski: Any proposed changes take over a year to go into effect, must go through IHSA's advisory board and executive board.
- Proposed by Eric Liva, 2nd by Bill Watts.
- Blaise Blasko: When he went to IHSA, Tracy told him that each sport uses a book published by the NFHS or a national organization. The NFHS dropped our book, so the steering committee decided to call the December 2012 vote. It wasn't until after that meeting that the NFHS was asked to print the new book for us. USAG committee met to go over what they could do for high school gymnastics. After the December 2012 vote the USAG committee presented its new high school book to the NFHS. Plan was established for each state to adopt USAG rules and apply it to their state associations.
- Eric Liva: Becky at the NFHS told Eric that the NFHS was simply not going to print the book, not drop it. NFHS was simply not going to update book any longer.
- Blaise Blasko: The NFHS is supporting the new USAG rules that they just approved, not the old book.
- Motion to adjourn by Adrian Batista, seconded by Blaise Blasko.