

IHSGCA Association Meeting Agenda (Feb 18th, 2015)



Attendance:

E. Bostrom, P. Kallend, C. Jaros, D. Calisch, R. Dul, C. Jones, S. Merena, B. Watts, S. Phillips, B. Esposito, B. Blasko, E. Liva, D. Fenton, T. Ciezadlo, B. Hois, S. Zeman J. Wronkiewicz, M. Costa, F. Novakowski, Z. Crandall, R. Brown (Total: 21)

Call to Order:

Frank call to order 7:23

Current Balance:

Congratulations to Treasurer Mike Opsal on the birth of his baby.

Comments/Corrections of Previous Minutes:

None

Vision:

Membership drive

Frank: Change the designation of registered IHSAs officials from Associate Membership to Full Membership.

- would follow same guidelines as Full Members

Constitution:

Article III

Part. A. Full Membership

1. All gymnastics coaches who are presently employed by an accredited high school in the state of Illinois are eligible for Full Membership

- a. They will have a voice in all Association matters.
- b. They will have a vote in all Association matters.**
- c. They will have a vote in Hall of Fame matters.**

d. They will pay annual dues by the second attended Association Meeting

4. A Full member must be present at two Association meetings prior to the May meetings.

- a. If a full member is not present at two association meetings prior to the May meeting, he will lose his voting privileges on Association Matters.

6. Only a Full member can initiate a motion, proposal, resolution, amendment, rule change, or second the same.

*Discussion at the Feb meeting, Pro and Con with vote at March meeting.

Open discussion:

- I. Liva asked why do we want
 - a. There are officials who are highly involved in our sport and the IHSGCA who have a perspective that coaches may not have.
 - b. In rebuttal, there is the potential that an official would have the same voting power as the coaches, "those who are in the trenches."
 - i. As a group, the officials may have the voting weight to out-vote the coaches
 - c. They should not be able to vote on constitutional issues.
- II. Because the large majority of judges are near retirement, there will be a large turn over of judges.
 - a. We would essentially be turning over "our" association to officials that we don't even know.

- b. In rebuttal, officials are already members of “our” association.
- c. Will judges that are active and vigilant members of the association truly ban together in conspiracy of the association.
 - i. There is no
- III. Haven’t we already invited them in when we made this HUGE rule change?
 - a. We’ve already sat at the table and worked together.
- IV. Officials have a different perspective and may not understand the perspective of a coach.
 - a. They should not be able to vote on constitutional amendments that would change the sport.
- V. There is no set number of meets that an official would have to work to be a full member
 - a. It wouldn’t be fair to that judge because the judge may not be assigned to work the number of meets required; this would not be his/her fault.

February training session - beginning routines (after conclusion of meeting)

Fundraising:

Report : See attached document. Net \$976.18

Future Plan

Lagunitas – December 21st, 2015

- I. Please put this in your calendar now, so that we can get as many coaches as possible to the event.
- II. We made approx. \$1000 with only seven coaches; this total would be much higher with more coaches.

Charitable gaming license

- I. We’re looking at this as an option
 - a. It’s \$400 annually to maintain the license.
 - b. We have to supply our own dealers and basically run the entire event.
 - i. It’s a lot of work
 - ii. It was a great pay off nearly \$3000.
 - c. We’re exploring other options.
- II. Bob Esposito spoke about another fundraising event
 - a. Works for St. Ed’s Boosters
 - b. The boosters sell squares for events.
 - i. Superbowl
 - ii. March Madness
 - iii. Pot of Gold
 - c. Many events make \$3500-\$4500 after all of the payouts.
 - d. The difficulty in this is actually selling the squares.
 - i. There are great pay outs for those who buy squares.
 - e. Is this legal?
 - i. Money going in and money going out. How is this accounted for?
 - ii. The money that comes is all charitable donations.
 - f. We’ll look into it.

Judging Clinic:

Recap

Brandon was not in attendance. Check the IHSGCA website for the presentation and rules modifications. Since the production of the video, JO has made a rule change.

Optional judging rules: red dot skills CAN be used.

New Business/Additional Items:

Scheduling of meets, meetings, etc.

- I. Attempt to be at the meetings; make them a priority.
 - a. Do your best to not have meets on the days of our meetings.

- b. Please have a conversation with the powers that be to try to lessen the scheduling conflicts.
- c. Could we have the meetings on a different day?
 - i. Saturday or Sunday.
- d. Three meetings out of the year is not a very big commitment.
- e. We could ask that there be at least one coach from each conference at the meeting.
 - i. These coaches would be able to speak as representatives for the conference.

Wronk – NAIGC Update

- II. They don't have time to judge because they're coaching at other gyms.
 - a. The news hasn't been very good.
- III. We may need to tap into our alumni; staying in touch with our alumni.

Motion to adjourn

Frank: Motion to adjourn 8:37

Chad Seconded.