

IHSGCA Association Agenda (Mar 18th, 2015)



Attendance:

Jason Orna, Jarrod Amolsch, Chad Jaros, Sam Zeman, Brandon Tucker, Zach Crandall, Jesse Piland, Dan Fenton, Alex Banasiak, Dave Irsay, Billy Hois, Eric Liva, Bruce Beiersdorf, Bob Esposito, Jeff Robertson, Chris Stevens, Bill Watts, Howard Rubin, Eric Harima, Matt Meyer, Richard Meyer, Blaise Blasko, Jeff Wronkiewicz, Peter Kallend, Doug Foerch, Frank Novakowski, Mike Opsal, Zach Crandall, Joe Mauk, Eric Bostrom, Tony Ciezadlo (Total = 31)

Call to Order: 7:15 PM

Current Balance: \$12,880.97

Comments/Corrections of Previous Minutes:

*Sam Zeman clarified that his intent during the February discussion on the constitutional proposal for making officials full members was to suggest that based on their knowledge, background, and experience, officials might be inclined to vote a certain way on association issues; the way that an official would vote also might differ from the way a coach would vote.

*Jason Orna should be included in the attendance report for February. His name was inadvertently left off.

Vision:

Membership drive

Conference reps that still need to get contact info for the teams they represent please do so as soon as possible so that the list can be completed. Reminder that the intent of collecting this contact info is to attempt to raise the involvement in our association and hopefully increase membership as we move forward.

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

- Would follow same guidelines as Full Members

Constitution:

Article III

Part. A. Full Membership

1. All boys' gymnastics coaches who are presently employed by an accredited high school in the state of Illinois and officials who are actively judging 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.**

* Pro and Con with vote at March meeting.

Con: Eric Liva: The system that has been in place has worked for so long so why change it? What is the purpose to giving the judges equal value in the association?

Pro: Blaise Blasko: Judges and Hall of Fame members have never tried to come together on anything that is bad

for the sport.

*Ballots were passed out and voting took place. (results below)

March training session will include: Advanced routines, after the meeting is adjourned tonight.

Fundraising:

*New information was provided that for casino nights, we may not need to provide dealers. The steering committee will continue to explore fundraising options.

Julian Basler: -Has offered to donate either gym (Mount Prospect or Lake Zurich)
-Boys open gym on a Saturday evening 6-9pm (athletes must sign a waiver)
-\$10 a kid or \$15 a kid and we could have pizza delivered at the end
-IHSGCA would have to promote it and provide at least one coach at each event
-100% of the profits would go to the IHSGCA

Questions presented:

- *What if we did this during season? Any legalities to coaching at open gyms during season?
- *Is it IHSA legal to have multiple teams practicing at the same gym at the same time?
- *Any IHSA issues with contact hours if we have the open gyms during off season (Winter)
- *Would other gyms follow suit so that more locations/central locations could be used?
 - If more gyms would join in and we could have these summer open gym fundraisers in different locations at different clubs, this could be a great way to get kids to work out and raise money.

HOF:

The Hall of Fame Wall

-Currently there is only one spot left for a hall of fame picture on the wall. We will be reproducing a similar showcase for the new hall of fame inductees and the cost is yet to be determined but doesn't look to be a large expense. Blaise along with others will be building it and we will be paying for the materials.

Constitutional Proposals:

Frank: Clause to exempt HOF members from paying for clinic

- III. A.
Full Membership
2.
All Full members, and one guest per member, will receive free admission to all Association sponsored functions, exclusive of the winter clinic.
- III. B.
Associate Membership
2.
All Associate members and one guest will receive free admission to all Association sponsored functions, exclusive of the winter clinic.
- III. D.
Hall of Fame Membership
2.
Hall of Fame members and one guest will receive free admission to all Association sponsored functions, including the winter clinic.

*No questions were asked

*This will be discussed in April and voted on in May

Frank: HOF nominations due at February meeting

XIII D.

Criteria:

5.

All resumes will be submitted to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee in February for screening, with a majority vote by the Selection Committee needed to approve the nominees of the membership.

*Chad Jaros asked if wording can be changed to “by February” instead of in February

Philanthropy:

We are accepting applications for scholarships from the IHSGCA. The deadline for this application is April 15th (the April association meeting). The Brinkworth Scholarship applications are also being accepted at this time. The deadline for the Brinkworth is Saturday, April 25th. Both applications are on the website at ihsgca.org

New Business/Additional Items:

Rating officials

*Remember to rate all of your officials for every Varsity contest you have and be current with it don't wait until end of the year to rate all of them at once.

Rules proposals (This is for any proposals to change rules with in the current book)

*All rules proposals will be at the May meeting for potential implication in Jan of 2017

*The November meeting will be for discussion of the proposed changes

*The December meeting will be for a pro and con along with voting

-Jarrod Amolsch started discussion about the rule book and that at the start of the season the rule book should be clearly followed and if it is stated one way and a trick that is performed meets the criteria then it should fill the element group/count as a credited skill. This is in hopes to eliminate confusion for both coaches and judges. Currently there have been situations in the FIG book that very generally state what needs to be seen but when a gymnast performs a trick that “technically” fulfills what needs to be done judges have said “Well that is supposed to mean this...” If it can be written exactly as what the judges are looking for then this would hopefully eliminate potentially subjective evaluations that judges would have to make.

-Someone asked what the results of the vote were tonight.

Results: (13 in favor) and (15 against)

(After the meeting it was noted that the two proxy votes that were submitted were by ineligible voters and their votes would not count. Therefore the official vote count was 13 in favor and 13 against)

-After the results of the vote a Constitutional proposal for Judges to be able to become full members was made by Frank Novakowski
Second by Zach Crandall

-Discussion ensued about the legality and appropriateness of proposing something right after it had been voted down by the group that had been present to vote.

-A constitutional proposal can be made at any meeting and follows a three meeting schedule before the vote.

-After discussion about the pros and cons of the current proposal Frank proposed to remove his previous proposal and it was seconded by Zach Crandall.

Motion to adjourn by Frank Novakowski (8:15pm)
Second by Jason Orna

*Sample routines were displayed on the projector and open for discussion and questions about the routines on each event. A video of a ring routine was even shown and discussed.

*April training session will include: Judges' perspective

Blaise indicated that host schools are responsible for measuring their equipment and ensuring that the correct height specifications are being met.