Call to order: 7:14



<u>Attendance:</u> Scott Hagel (PHS), Matt Meyer (CHS), John Lodewyciz (GBS), Lee Wood (GBS), Ryan Dul (GBN), Blaise Blasko (HOF/OFL), Frank Novakowski (GBW), Dave Donaldson (HOF/OFL), Ryan Dengel (NN), Jason Monaco (NN), Chad Jaros (LT), Michael Costa (RM), Billy Hois (DGN), David Calisch (HEHS), Scott Phillips (HEHS), Zack Crandall (BG), Erik Bostrom (SCH), Mike Opsal (CHS), Doug Foerch (HP/D), Eric Harima (SCH), Joe Rogalski (Stv), Ryan B. Brown (HEHS), Brian Aites (OFL), Dustin Berman (Hers), Anthony Avella (CHS), Howard Rubin (SHS) Total: 26

Current Balance: \$9,477.56

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> <u>Last Year:</u> <u>See attached treasurer's report</u> <u>See attached proposed 2016 Budget. With some cost savings, could have a potential gain at the end of</u> <u>the year to be back in black.</u> To add- tax free status is good to go, but we will have a \$195 tax filing fee each year.

State Meet:

- Fri.-Sat., May 13-14, 2016 at Hinsdale Central HS
- Thanks to Mark Wanner for hosting again!

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

• Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Morava Center- thank you to Blaise, Howie, Scott and Steve Kafka for preparing it

Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet:

- Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm
- Hoffman Estates HS

#### Judges' Clinic:

- Unofficial clinic for beginners (see attached for more information)
  - Tues. 1/19 at Glenbard West, 7pm 9pm
  - o Blaise's ideas about how to recruit more judges
    - Blaise: You can still come to this no matter your level of experience to help with judging, or just review of good gymnastics with these new rules
    - Start with blank piece of paper, based on what you know and your style, design a judging sheet based on your needs to help make it easy for you to judge. We all work differently so this would be a focus to help out new judges. After sheet is created, take six events, go through clips of top ten common skills on each event. Get an idea of what it should look like, what element group, value, and finally judge to take deductions on your newly created sheet.
    - Important to hit this hard and get the word out- we've lost at least 4-5 judges due to retirement or moves, etc, and had 90 meets last year unfilled at the beginning.

Will be a new group leaving sooner than later, blaise, bob, bob, dave, etc. need practice to judge a good varsity meet so people need to get involved now so it wont negatively affect meets having new judges swing the results of big invites and state series. Take advantage of shadowing voucher as well.

- If you come up with suggestions prior to this event please email Blaise to help run the clinic more efficiently to most benefit attendees.
- We will attempt to place new judges to beginning of year meets or less important invites to practice before getting major meets.
- Anthony Avella: can we practice online? Blaise: we will post some videos to practice with that we used at the clinic so you can review. We can re-send the access info for the videos so others can view. GBS: we could also maybe see a video of a judge judging at his desk seeing how they work. Blaise: if you are a beginner, coaches will understand as we want new judges, do not be intimidated.
- Official Judging Clinic
  - Sat. 1/23, in the Student Activities Center at Glenbrook South, 9am 2pm
  - It is highly recommended that all coaches attend this clinic to get the perspective of the judges.
    - It is also stressed that we have a continued need for judges and need to keep the sport alive by having registered officials. Please spread the word to find former gymnasts and current/former coaches who might be interested in helping keep our sport going strong.

Lagunitas Fundraiser – 12/21/2015

We will be hosting the fundraising social at Lagunitas again this year: Lagunitas Brewing Company 1843 S. Washtenew Ave. Chicago, Il 60608

Monday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost - \$10 (Includes: admission, appetizers, one beer - \$5 for each additional beer) NOTE: *Attendance at the Winter Clinic will earn you free admission into the fundraiser*.

Water and soda will be provided by the IHSGCA.

All are welcome; 21+ event

Please promote this event to others outside of the gymnastics community because the more people we have attend the event, the more revenue we will make.

#### All proceeds collected go directly to the IHSGCA.

Tickets can be presold or bought at the door. Look for an email with a Google Form asking about your attendance, to give us an idea of numbers for food.

• This went really well last year, though there were only around 13 coaches, and the rest of the people there were friends and family. All proceeds to assoc. beyond the pop and food. It is first Monday of winter break (no work next day!). As added incentive, if you attend winter clinic you will be let in fundraiser free to enjoy, and you can purchase further beverages for \$5. Mike Galfi will send google form to gauge interest so we have an idea of food. You can pre pay or pay at door, same cost, unless you attended clinic. Good cause, good beverages, good people. We will forward flyer so you can send to colleagues or put up around office. Main method of fundraiser and this certainly beats poker nights- this will help us continue to provide things like scholarships and all star meet, etc.

#### Rulebook update:

- 2017-2020 Rules book timeline:
  - **Jan-May-** Blaise will meet and begin looking at edits and reviewing the rules changes with his committee.
  - **June-**send the new book to the Federation
  - August-September- release the new book for 2017-2020 to schools and officials
    - For next year: after vote, those proposals would be for next year. The committee would review, and put in place rules to be placed in book to have it produced.
    - Blaise: speaking with Greg and Texas, texas is waiting for Olympics, FIG and JO changes before voting and finalizing their book. This could delay the finalizing of our book – hopefully not later than October and November.

#### Winter Clinic

- Friday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at Hoffman Estates HS (Note new location- considerable cost savings due to Hoffman Estates HS covering the cost of our food)
- Registration form has been emailed out and is posted on <u>www.ihsgca.org</u>
  - Head Coaches \$60.00
  - Asst. Coaches \$55.00
  - Associate Members \$25.00
- Please think of resources you would like to share at the clinic (videos, apps, handouts, etc.)
  - We have several we will be presenting but if there are other useful resources for both veteran and new coaches, please email Zach or just bring them during the open forum to share.

Schedule:	8:00 am – 8:30 am 8:30 am – 10:30 am 10:35 am – 11:45 am 11:50 am – 12:50 pm 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Registration IHSGCA Meeting Sharing of coaching resources Lunch Coaching essential skills on each event
	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Rules Interpretation Q & A

#### Rules Proposals

- Discussion of rules proposals
  - See Notes below for discussion on each proposal
  - Proposed in May, discussed in November, December will have one pro and one con and then we vote. Discussion will occur right now
  - Steering and rules committee met for several hours over a couple days during the summer to combine or weed out potential conflicting proposals and streamline everything.
  - Main goal of most proposals seemed to be to incentivize bigger skills to make it worth the extra tenth, or to create some separation between gymnasts of different ability levels.

• Could have increased value, given bonus or a combination of the various ones. See attached for notes.

## **Rules Change Proposals**

#### Difficulty value change:

#### Please vote for ONE of the following options. Circle your preferred choice:

#### Option 1:

This proposal would modify the difficulty values to promote integrating more difficult skills into routines and will create greater separation between gymnasts of different ability levels. 'B' and higher skills will be granted added value, which results in the skill value table below:

- $\begin{array}{l} A = 0.1 \\ B = 0.3 \\ C = 0.4 \\ D = 0.5 \\ E = 0.6 \end{array}$
- This option would also remove the 0.1 bonus for circling 'B' skills on pommel horse
- This option would also add 0.1 bonus on high bar for turning skills into or out of giants, if performed without a single large deduction

#### <u>Option 2:</u> No change to difficulty values

#### Option 3:

Go back to old book

#### NOTES:

This would address the difficulty issue and give incentives for gymnasts to work towards upper level skills and routines. Make it more worthwhile teaching those skills. Option 1 would be these increases with the exclusion of the bonus on the circling B and add the bonus on A giants and turns. Option 2 would be to change nothing on difficulty. Option 3 means going back to NFHS 2012-2013 book. Dustin: would this change existing bonus- no- these J.O. bonus would stay. Ie. Double back on floor would be B=.3 and bonus = .1. Yes it would. Doug: this would assume that J.O. book remains the same as well.

Eric Harima: are there any combos that would be obnoxious? Front full punch baranni would be an .8 skill.

Zack: we tried to find balance- floor will end up being a little inflated, but the other events will not suffer in order to get the score differentiation desired.

Eric Harima: any reason we lumped in .1 bonus on high bar?

Zack: by including this, we are lumping the incentives together.

Blaise: several people took their teams and analyzing their whole team with all proposals put forward, and after analyzing this proposal made the most sense.

The high bar dismount issue (full on high bar)

Zack: show of hands, most in room would be supportive of Option 1 change.

Non-diagrammed 'A' skill change:

#### Please vote for ONE of the following options. Circle your preferred choice:

Option 1:

Only 3 non-diagrammed 'A' skills for credit at JV and Varsity levels

Option 2:

No change—Unlimited non-diagrammed 'A' skills for credit at JV and Varsity levels

NOTES:

Under J.O. recognizable skill is given A skill. Our adaptation has a list of skills from which to choose to give the non diagrammed A.

Frank: this proposal was also with the intention of creating separation – do your routine with mostly skills in actual skill boxes, to encourage a higher level routine. A kid with 6 FIG As is not getting any bump. A kid with 6 non diagrammed As would also get same score if good form. Only allowing 3 Non diagrammed As would encourage other 3 skills in routine to have to be FIG As. This is really meant for high bar.

This change would come into effect this season, because it is our interpretation not an actual rule change.

Eric Harima: JV- kip half turn flyaway, only allowed 3 skills. Why should I learn other skills to get towards varsity? Why teach it, even cleanly, if not getting incentive to compete it.

Ryan Dengel: JV kids wont like getting a 2.0, wont want to come out. This year was exciting, and close, and if they are clean they could be successful.

Blaise: will have to teach non diagrammed skills anyway to get your six skills. So start teaching and getting FIG skills in routine.

Eric Harima: not going to work giants until good kip, good hip circles, basics, etc. give new and more skills, but then wont be able to use them.

Dave Donaldson: giving bonus to giants and turns, encouraging kids to do those. But until doing the giants safely, what is the harm in giving the .6 to the non FIG As. Hard to get together routine until kid is comfortable with giants. Would like kid in 3 or above range, not get a 6.5 with a not so great routine, but 3 or 4 is fair.

Scott Phillips: Frosh getting a certain score, then JV their scores will drop.

- Need to explain it is a differnet set of rules, and work towards the rules that count towards routine.

Ryan Dul: can you count the skill, but not take the 1.0 for missing a skill.

Frank: kids need to grow balls and throw it.

Eric: I can get kids to throw giants, or get a kid that is not there yet, or a kid throws it but doesn't know how to get out of the giant.

Zach: good discussion – good ideas, vote the way you think will work best for gymnast.

Blaise: after we analyzed, 3 non FIG As works out to at least 5 skills, high bar was the one that didn't work.

Zach: some jv outscoring varisty- this would help separate.

Frank: we had meetings where we had sample routines several from each coach and went through it pretty thoroughly.

## Rules Change Proposals (continued)

• Regarding Freshmen compulsory on pommel horse.

Please vote for ONE of the following options. Circle your preferred choice:

#### • <u>Option 1:</u>

A maximum deduction of 0.3 for a fall or attempted circle on Frosh Mushroom.

#### o Option 2:

Proposal: Additive Mushroom Scoring

Traditional Type - 0	Current	Bold typ	e – propos	ed.			
	Mush	room	Pomr	nel Horse	Total		
Base Score	2.3	1.7	2.2	2.2	4.5	3.9	
Specified Bonus	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.8	2.0	2.0	
Virtuosity	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.0	
Stick Bonus	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	
Maximum Score					7.0	7.0	
Breakdown of scori	ng						
<ol> <li>a. 1.7 base</li> </ol>							
<li>b. Specifie</li>			e: 1.2				
c. 0.9 Virtu							
<li>d. 0.0 Stick</li>	( bonus )	/s. 0.1					

e. On pommel horse 0.1 for virtuosity vs 0.2

#### Scoring

- a. 0.3 points for each attempted circle to support
- b. 0.2 points for each connected circle or circle connected into the dismount
- c. 0.2 for the ¼ turn flank dismount
- d. 0.2 for recognized counter rotation of the body per circle, maximum of 0.6
- e. 0.1 virtuosity for each circle done with 0.3 or less deduction.

#### • <u>Option 3:</u>

No change to Freshmen Compulsory on pommel horse

#### NOTES:

*Option 1, incentivize circles for frosh kids. This will help attempt all, rather than not do them and then avoid the .5 fall deduction instead.* 

Blaise: Option 2- if you got .5 you were doing well. This system would raise mushroom score higher. Left hand column for mushroom, it shows 2.3 base score. It would be additive on this form. If you do full circle, get .3. no deduction for coming off – get .3. if do 3, you get .9. connect to another, get .2, x.3=.6. add up, 1.7. direct kids to do circle to support. On virtuosity, suggested .9 for showing counterclockwise turn to support, .2 virtuousity. Out of box concept. With all deductions and falls in current system, kids are getting off more than it is worth.

Doug: second one could be potentially confusing for judges to do in such a short period of time. I like the first one to make it easier, and since it will go into effect this year, it is easy to change the next year.

Jason: would bonus change? Blaise: bonus stays same

## Rules Change Proposals (continued)

• II.C.1.c: On still rings and horizontal bar, all multiple flipping and/or single or more twisting dismounts will receive 0.1 bonus if performed without a single large deduction. On parallel bars, all multiple (more than one) flipping and/or twisting dismounts will receive 0.1 bonus if performed without a single large deduction.

# Circle one:YESNONOTES: make it more beneficial on these specific events and not floor to do these specific skills.Ryan Dul: would this be an additional bonus for doubles? NO it would change the existing bonusmodification to include twists and pbars, etc.

• Any FIG 'A' dismount preceded by a FIG 'A' skill on high bar will receive 0.1 bonus.

## Circle one:YESNONOTES: trying to give incentive to do a flyaway out of giants, boost high bar scores a bit. Kept itseparate in case first voted down this would still be on there.

• Regarding Freshmen compulsory on p-bars. Replace SB #4 ("Swing forward to 'V' sit or Manna") with a new SB for back off dismount, which would be performed at the end of the routine, after what is currently SB #5 (Hold handstand). So the change would mean that the current SB #4 would be eliminated and the routine would now end with SB #4 (Hold handstand), followed by SB #5 (Back off).

Circle one:YESNONOTES: give incentive to get dismounts going- would help jv/varsity, and no one is doing mannas.Would you have to hold handstand? New special bonus would shift from being manna to dismount.You would NOT have to do the handstand before the dismount if you didn't have a handstand. Youcould do existing 3 swings and then a back off. If you do a handstand and a back off you would getbonus for both.

Blaise: would coaches skip handstand? Most responded no, that they would work towards both to get both bonus and kid getting as much as he can learn during frosh year.

 Regarding a judge's responsibility when start values are flashed: II Policies And Procedures, Section 2, Art. 2b. Add "It is the head judge's responsibility to verify the start value is displayed correctly." Chapter 2, Section I-J-i: Add "If a procedural error occurs and the incorrect start value is flashed that results in an inquiry, the correction will be noted and the inquiry will be marked 'void'. This voided inquiry will not count toward the two permitted inquiries."

Circle one:YESNONOTES: to make sure that if wrong start value is flashed, coach wont be penalized if submitsinquiries and it was already the start value. It was being used verbally, but not it will be in writing.Blaise: this could add time, why bother writing and not just have it flashed right the first time.Perhaps keith could separate the proposal and vote on both.

## IHSA Advisory Board proposals

#### Proposer: Frank Novakowski & Doug Foerch

**Proposal**: Sectional seeding formula

A. Sectional Host The IHSA Office will assign all schools entering the state series to one of five (5) Sectional complexes. On Tuesday, March \_\_\_\_\_ the IHSA will determine the five (5) Sectional hosts based on the seeding information provided. Fifteen (15) Sectional team assignments will be made based on the seeds determined by the IHSA. The highest seeded non-hosting school will automatically go to the lowest seeded hosting school.

The assignments are as follows:		
Sectional A: Seeds 1, 10, 11		Sectional A: Seeds 1, 12, 13
Sectional B: Seeds 2, 9, 12		Sectional B: Seeds 2, 9, 14
Sectional C: Seeds 3, 8, 13	or	Sectional C: Seeds 3, 8, 15
Sectional D: Seeds 4, 7, 14		Sectional D: Seeds 10, 4, 7
Sectional E: Seeds 5, 6, 15		Sectional E: Seeds 11, 5, 6

The five (5) highest seeded teams in the state will have the first option to host if its principal has signed the "Sectional Host Consent Form" agreeing to host. If the highest seeded team cannot host, then the next highest seeded team in the assigned Sectional will host if its principal has signed the "Sectional Host Consent Form". After the first ten teams are assigned to a Sectional host the team and individual state series assignments will be determined by the IHSA according to geographic location.

Circle one:	YES	NO
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NOTES: this would seed so sectionals are not stacked.

Frank: this has been proposed before, and shot down. This year there were several teams who did not host, if happens again, spread out teams so there is not a challenging sectional vs a weak one. Blaise: are you treating individuals same as well? Could seed in a way that awards are backed up with top teams.

Scott Hagel: how did numbers end up the way they did? Frank: if there are teams that cant host it would affect number of seeds who go to which meet. These are possible scenarios, but IHSA would work on the actual assignments. Vote for snaking best we can. We can add something for vote that these are just sample matrices.

**Proposer: Doug Foerch Proposal:** Amend Article V

#### V. Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings

A. Sectional Meet Schedule:

Sectional meets will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, afternoon, each in single session beginning at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of the Saturday sessions with shall begin at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. All the events shall be conducted concurrently. The six (6) events will be Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Long Horse Vaulting, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar. Teams shall perform in Block Style, according to the provisions of the IHSA Boys Gymnastics Sectional Managers Checklist furnished in this manual.

Circle one:	YES	NO
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NOTES: this is being encouraged by IHSA. No reason to start at 7, start earlier during week. On Saturday, moving meet to 6, would also move meet to 1pm to allow for judges to drive. Frank: this could prevent a team from getting there on time, Doug: girls are doing it at 6, so we should be able to get to 630. May have to ask to leave school early.

## IHSA Advisory Board proposals (continued)

#### **Proposer: Doug Foerch**

**Proposal:** Make number of passes equal to number of medals awarded at state meet Make the number of passes and number of medals that the IHSA gives out for teams at the state meet the same. Currently IHSA allow teams 25 passes but only gives out 20 medals.

#### A. State Final Passes:

1. Team Qualifiers:

a.

State Final Passes: Team Qualifiers: One pass for each team member listed on the List of Participants (maximum of 25).

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C. Team Awards

2. State Final: Trophies will be presented to the top three placing teams at the State Final Meet. In addition, twenty-five (25) team medallions shall be presented to the top three placing teams at the State Final Meet.

#### Circle one: YES NO

NOTES:

Coming from IHSA as well. Would equalize number of participants with number of medals given. That way if have more, don't have to choose who gets them.

#### Proposer: Frank Novakowski

**Proposal:** Fall Season for Boys Gymnastics Change IHSA Sport Season By-Law 5.090 to read: Boys Gymnastics shall not practice or participate in interscholastic contests earlier than Wednesday of Week 6 or later than Saturday of Week 20 in the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Season start date will be August 8, 2016 and the state series will be November 19, 2016. Pros and cons contributed along with Bill Cordts, Blaise Blasko.

Pros

- 1. Summer camps become an important prelude to the fall sport season.
- 2. Safer for athletes because in physical shape for skill learning.
- 3. Longer season than we currently have.
- 4. 15 contests will be spread over a longer season.
- 5. Availability of officials will increase over a longer season.
- 6. We may not lose "snow bird" officials.
- 7. Decrease the conflict with USAG competitions making these athletes available for high school competition.
- 8. No conflict with spring break, prom and other end of school year activities.
- 9. Motivation for freshmen to join a sport is higher in fall.
- 10. No conflict with cheerleading.
- 11. No indoor male sport in the fall sport season.
- 12. Gain athletes from baseball, lacrosse, volleyball.

Cons:

- 1. Conflict with coaches that are currently coaching a fall sport. Lose coaches.
- 2. Availability of facility for state series.
- 3. Two week overlap with girls starting their practice.
- 4. Meet dates may have conflict with girls volleyball dates.
- 5. Contact with freshmen as a fall sport.

6. Lose athletes to football and soccer.

	Circle one:	YES	NO
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NOTES:

Frank: doing what I can to encourage sport growing. This is another way to potentially make sport stronger. There are several positives to get more enrollment. Also, coaches could potentially come from clubs

Scott H: I would lose a coach as would others and I would lose numbers. Could not recruit. Could not keep a lot of coaches. We would lose kids to soccer and football as so many frosh play that sport these days. Wrestling is a nice transition to gymnastics. Our recruiting from them would end. We host open gyms in fall and that is where they are exposed to gymnastics. Also if gymnastics is part of PE or a short demo, that is how teams get guys.

Frosh incoming night- could get guys, most walk by to football, and don't want to listen to gymnastics speech. Frank: to only look at negatives. With cooperation with clubs, could grow sport and quality of sport. Should stay open minded as to how we increase participation. Increase participation of teams vs number of boys.

Erik Bostrom: could gain quality or number of club kids, but would lose numbers in programs in general and would falter, and would lose number of boys currently on team because they'd have to choose between their fall sport and gymnastics.

Dustin: judges availability could increase if in fall

Mike Opsal: if had to choose, many boys would be faced with the thought of switching. Most kids joined due to word of mouth and friends. Some would stick with it, some would not due to sport obligations. I polled my boys because I was curious, and you guys could do the same.

Ryan Brown: would hate to compete against football which runs the state- no one is allowed to have games on Fridays. It would be serious competition. Will have to vote with what will have to help my team. Mike Opsal: you may add a few programs but could lose a few as well.

## IHSA Advisory Board proposals (continued)

#### Proposer: Frank Novakowski

**Proposal:** Change Sport Season By-Law 5.090 to afford Boys Gymnastics the same number of actively competitive weeks as Girls Gymnastics by adjusting the start and end dates of the boys' gymnastics season based on the IHSA Standardized Calendar.

Two options to discuss:

A. One week overlap with girls gymnastics.

1. Start the season on Monday of week 33, February 13, 2017.

- 2. Host the state meet on Friday and Saturday of week 47, May 26-27, 2017.
- B. No overlap with girls gymnastics.

1. Start the season on Monday of week 34, February 20, 2017.

2. Host the state meet on Friday and Saturday of week 48, June 2-3, 2017.

Pros:

1. Equity under Title IX by affording boys and girls gymnastics equal number of competitive weeks during the season.

2. Possible elimination of season overlap between boys and girls gymnastics.

3. Safety is increased by providing more effective learning progressions through scaffolding of gymnastics skills.

- 4. Going from an 11 week to 13 week season spreads 15 meets over a longer time.
- 5. Going from an 11 week to 13 week season allows more availability of judges.
- 6. A longer season will decrease legal opposition to coaching techniques.
- 7. Reduces administrative conflicts with granting exceptions for USGA national competitions.
- 8. Illinois high school gymnastics becomes more compatible with the national gymnastics world

#### Cons:

1. Facility availability.

- 2. Objection to longer work season.
- 3. Senior meet date.

YES	NO
	YES

#### NOTES:

Frank: two ideas behind, Option A- one week overlap, later, avoiding national meet conflict. Other one would get rid of overlap with girls season, often lose a full week to not having equipment up and girls in gym.

Erik Bostrom: consider national meet is not always on same weekend.

Scott H: Graduations would affect, may 26 all seniors would be done and state meet would still have to take place.

Frank: other sports, volleyball, track baseball go on or beyond graduation. And it doesn't hurt our sports.

Summer all star may have to be altered, or go back to mixed pairs, or find a solution.

Scott: would rather have to make a decision based on 49 kids instead of 1 club kid. If we keep

schedule not basing a decision on one club kid, it could get hairy basing it on. Why is our season only 13 weeks?

Blaise: title 9, we balanced girls and boys and flip flopped seasons, 2 and 2.... We went to spring. Lost conflicts, regionals, etc.

## IHSGCA Constitutional proposals / resolutions

#### **Proposer: Chad Jaros**

**Proposal:** Require a quorum of voters to pass a constitutional amendment.

Overview:

This is a proposal to modify Article IX, Section F of the constitution.

The primary change is to add a paragraph requiring a minimum number of eligible voters to be represented in order to take a binding vote on a constitutional amendment. An exception to the quorum requirement is granted to the two historically most attended meetings; May and December.

A minor grammatical mistake is also fixed in paragraph 4, changing 'discussing' to 'discussion'.

#### Rationale:

Most organizations have minimum requirements for attendance and voting on matters which can fundamentally alter how that organization functions. It seems prudent to require IHSGCA constitutional amendments to have a minimum number of eligible voting members represented in order to be adopted.

Though unlikely in practice, it is theoretically possible for a small number of members to pass one or more constitutional amendments at a meeting with low attendance. This change aims to prevent that scenario from being possible in the future.

#### Proposed Text:

F. The Constitution may be amended at any regular Association meeting or at a special meeting called for the specific purpose of amending the Constitution.

- 1. Only Full/HOF members in good standing can submit a proposed Constitutional amendment(s).
- 2. The Secretary can only accept the written proposal under the proposer's name.
- 3. A proposed amendment must be seconded by a Full member to be brought before the membership for a vote, otherwise it will be dropped from further consideration, but in

either case, no discussion of the proposal will be allowed at this time, only questions for the purpose of clarification.

- 4. At the next Association meeting, a debate on the proposal will take place, with changes if necessary by the one who proposed the amendment.
- 5. The proposed amendment shall be made available to all members of the Association before a vote is taken on the proposal.
- 6. At the next Association meeting (after paragraph 4) one pro and one con opinion will be allowed before voting takes place.
- 7. A quorum of 20 members who are eligible to vote must be present or represented, including valid proxy votes, in order for a vote to take place on a proposal.
  - a. No quorum is required for a vote to take place at the December meeting or at the May meeting.
  - b. If no quorum is present, the pro and con discussion (see paragraph 6) and voting on the proposal may be postponed until the following meeting.
- 8. It takes a 3/4 majority vote of the voting members present, or through proxy vote, and eligible to vote and pass any amendment.
- 9. For the actions of the Steering Committee and any reactions available by the membership towards the Steering Committee concerning amendments, see Article IX, Section D, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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- 6. At the next Association meeting (after paragraph 4) one pro and one con opinion will be allowed before voting takes place.
- 7. It takes a 3/4 majority vote of the voting members present, or through proxy vote, and eligible to vote and pass any amendment.
- **8.** For the actions of the Steering Committee and any reactions available by the membership towards the Steering Committee concerning amendments, see Article IX, Section D, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4

#### Circle one:

YES

NO

NOTES: have enough people at a meet to pass a constitutional amendment. Otherwise constitution votes should not be made.

## IHSGCA Constitutional proposals / resolutions (continued)

#### **Proposer: Jeff Wronkiewicz**

**Proposal:** It is being proposed that there be a one week grace period after notification is sent out to coaches or the interpretation is posted online before it goes into effect.

Circle one:YESNONOTES: get people time to read and get acquainted with interps.NO

#### **Proposer: Jeff Wronkiewicz**

**Proposal:** It is being proposed that there be a cut-off date for new interpretations to go into effect during the current season. I propose the cut-off date to be two weeks before the start of the state series. Any new interpretations after that will not go into effect until the beginning of the next season.

Circle one: YES NO NOTES: give time to get interps ready to go before state series- not too close to make changes for coaches.

**Proposer: Greg Gebhardt** 

**Proposal:** Amend Article III in the Constitution to include officials.

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.

#### Circle one: YES NO

NOTES: includes judges into association. Have a voice but not vote. Grants votes to them. Pay dues, etc. would give full memnbership status.

We didn't assign number and left as "actively judging" because not all judges choose the meets they get and cant control number of meets they get.

Proposer: Blaise Blasko

**Proposal:** Boys gymnastics rule interpretations will not be made, for the current year after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Circle one: YES NO

SEE ABOVE, would not allow changes too close to end of season. Would give a full month to get it in. FIG gives cut off of January. Would benefit coaches and judges.

## IHSGCA Constitutional proposals / resolutions (continued)

#### **Proposer: Blaise Blasko**

Proposal: Amend Article VII Rules Committee

D-1 One of the members shall be elected from the Rules Committee by the Rules Committee each year at the May Association meeting, as the Chairman with the primary responsibility for Section A.

Chairman of the Rules Committee shall be the IHSA Rules Interpreter.

<u>D-2</u> The IHSA Rules Interpreter and the IHSA Head Clinician will be permanent members of the Rules Committee.

G-2a Six (four) INSERT: FIVE members receiving the highest total votes being elected on the odd calendar years.

Circle one:YESNONOTES: permanent members should be on rules meeting and right now it is possible they don't getvoted in, so put it in writing to make sure they get into rules committee. In order to allow for votingand the 2 automatic, it should read: FIVE members receiving highest total votes elected in oddcalendar years.

**Proposer: Blaise Blasko** 

**Proposal:** All evening meets during the week shall start at 6:30.

Circle one: YES NO

NOTES: In order to encourage coaches to be judges, make the meet a half hour later to allow for coaches to finish practice and get to meet on time.

#### **Proposer: Blaise Blasko**

**Proposal:** Athletic Conferences that have scheduled meets on the third Wednesday of March and April shall reschedule that date to another day of the same week.

Circle one: YES NO

NOTES: try to encourage coaches to attend assoc. meetings, cant come if have meets. Try to get conference not to schedule meets those days.

Voting Eligibility:

Reminder:

- Full members must attend two meetings *before* the May meeting to be eligible to vote on association matters.
  - The Winter Clinic <u>does</u> count as one meeting.

<u>Calendar:</u> Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> (winter clinic) Wednesday, January 20th

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

HOF: Monday, May 16th

#### For the good of the Membership/Additional Items

- ZACH: GET WORD OUT: get coaches openings filled- couple of head and lots of assistant. Talk to old coaches who have stopped, former gymnasts, etc. We need to fill these spots!!!
- Frank: try to have triangular meets to reduce nights of judging and number of judges needed. Would help the judging situation. More practice time with less meets. Address it with ADS during pre season meeting as schedules are made a couple years in advance.

Zach: Motion to adjourn, Mike Opsal Seconds, 9:16pm.