

IHSGCA Meeting MINUTES

January 20th, 2016



Call to order:

7:12pm

Attendance:

Zack Crandall, Erik Bostrom, Ryan Brown, Mike Opsal, Frank Novakowski, Ryan Dul, Blaise Blasko, Jarrod Amolsch, Mike Galfi, Bill Watts, Vic Avigliano, Gregg Didich, David Donaldson, Eric Harima, Howard Rubin, Bob Esposito, Chad Jaros, Alex Banasiak (Total = 18)

Current Balance:

12,407.46

State Meet:

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

Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet:

- Thursday, May 19th, 7pm
- Hoffman Estates HS
- Thanks to Ryan Brown and HEHS staff for hosting again!

Lagunitas Fundraiser Debrief

- Better turnout than last year (22 coaches)
 - Thanks to all those who came and brought friends/family!
- Raised \$1,182.10-
 - *made almost \$500 more than last year when we consider the extra costs this year, still a good fundraiser. Stay tuned for future years!*
- Thanks to Tim and Frank for coordinating the fundraiser
 - *It was asked what other revenue we make- lagunitas, all star- option for casino nights is still there but there are fee and staffing issues involved which we will continue to investigate*

HOF:

- Hall of fame nominations are due before the February meeting.
 - Nominations can be submitted through the website:
<http://ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=15>

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

- Monday, May 16th, 2016. Morava Center
- Possibilities to increase attendance at future HOF Banquets (after this year)
 - One possible option:
 - Move award ceremony from state meet to HOF Banquet, making it a Coaches Awards Banquet/Hall of Fame Banquet
 - Another possible option:
 - Move HOF Banquet to the same night as our May association meeting, have the banquet immediately following the meeting. This could involve moving the May meeting to Monday, rather than Tuesday, to accommodate out of state family members of the inductee(s).

- *Any other thoughts or ideas to boost attendance?*
 - *Frank: week of State meet- coaches getting guys ready- could be a little busy of a week for some people to attend the meeting/banquet.*
 - *Mike- Moving Association shouldn't do too much going from Tues to Mon*
 - *Eric: If we have a strict cut off transitioning from assoc. meeting to Banquet – our meeting could go long and be difficult to end due to rules proposals or state issues- hard to have a banquet without a set time.*
 - *Frank: could garner more interest if announcing all coaches awards during HOF instead of at state meet. Keep kids awards at same time.*
 - *Eric: it might be nice to have kids see the coach being awarded. Could just announce, and then give actual plaques at the HOF banquet.*
 - *Mike- if give awards out at kids portion of state meet- probably still wont get guys to HOF just to pick up certificate.*
 - *Dave- could we combine HOF and All Star?*
 - *Howard- when inducting 2 or 3 into HOF- sometimes families, former gymnasts, etc come to event, and can get crowded to go against what we have seen the last couple of years of not having inductees. Perhaps see what happens this year as far as attendance.*
 - *Gregg- hard when many retirees/inductees are in Florida.*
 - *Vic- could invite A.D.s, Principals etc or former admins (who were in charge during coaches tenure) to bolster attendance and the honor of the inductee.*

Judges' Clinic:

- Unofficial clinic for beginners
 - Tues. 1/19 at Glenbard West, 7pm – 9pm
 - *This went well and went over some good basics. 28 attended both veteran and new. There was a lot of info and not a lot of time, but it seemed most info got across to people. Discussed responsibilities, attire, requirements on the event, different styles of judging sheets, focus on strengths, and began looking at videos of common skills on each event- which will be viewable for coaches and judges to see once we post it. Would like to maybe break down into multiple nights of info or events.*
 - *Could we put anything else online to help people? Other judging sheets? Element group reference sheets? Could we get this all on the resource page under a judging section?*
 - *Go back and forth on taping and putting online as we want to get guys out to the actual meetings.*
- Official 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.
 - *This is for official credit for IHSA, but also to help your coaching, so it is very helpful for all for a refresher.*

Conference Reps:

Responsibilities include:

- Communication for each conference
- Collect contact information for ALL conference coaches and send it to execs.

One thing that helped last year- If possible, could conference reps please get a list of Names and Emails of all current head and assistant coaches that would be great so we

have updated lists of all coaches in IHSA. This could take place at your Pre Season Conference meetings.

-Reports COY and Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet information to Secretary

- CSL – Doug Foerch
- MSL East – Zack Crandall
- MSL West – Scott Hagel
- DVC – Greg Gebhardt
- WSC Gold – Mike Galfi
- WSC Silver – Frank Novakowski
- Independent – Lee Wood
- South Suburban – Peter Kallend

Calendar:

ASSOC: Wednesday, January 20th

ASSOC: Wednesday, February 17th

ASSOC: Wednesday, March 16th

ASSOC: Wednesday, April 20th

ASSOC: Tuesday, May 10th

HOF: Monday, May 16th

For the good of the Membership/Additional Items

- Coaching openings
 - *Take a look at Bill Stone's email of current openings- Still several openings, including a couple of head coaches at Downers South and Lake Park. PLEASE contact possible coaches (and judges) including your former gymnasts even current college students, we do not want to lose these programs and all are at risk if we don't get coaches.*
- *Blaise: Can someone please check if the National Federation publishes the high school age competition state results as some states are posted so we should start posting Illinois results from the State meet. USAG is working with NFHS to try to form more opportunities for high school gymnastics as well as posting high school and club results to get the students more exposure. Let's make sure our results are posted on there so we have the publicity. They have Illinois from two years ago but after the state meet we need to remember to send results. We should build this relationship further. In states that don't have high school gymnastics, they want their club athletes recognized for their club accomplishments – so they are posting these results to get them some recognition. For example if a school has 3 club athletes, you could combine their scores to be posted as a team score as a "state champion" and an individual with the highest all around score who is a high schooler could be put up as the all around state champion on this website. NFHS has a booklet for club coaches on how to get their club athletes recognized for their efforts.*
 - See attached article about this program
- *Blaise: Did the IHSA send to coaches the interpretation of the rule from Tracie-*
 - Yes

- *Vic Motions to adjourn the meeting, Zach Secods 8:02pm*