



IHSGCA Meeting Agenda/Minutes

Feb. 11th, 2019

Call to Order: 7:12 - Erik Bostrom

Attendance: Scott Phillips, Julian Basler, Joon Yun, CJ Patton, Ryan Dul

Adrian Batista, Keith Mukai, Scott Hagel, Jim Lutz,
Tim Whelan, Luke Badger, Blaise Blasko, Zack Crandall,
Chad Jaros, Michael Costa, Jason Brandenburg,
Erik Bostrom, Eric Harima

If you would like to attend digitally next time- please click the below link to login to see a stream of the meeting. You may need to sign in with your email or Gmail, and/or download a plugin in order to do so. You may listen in, and if your Mic is on, speak when you have something to input.

Google Hangout -- <https://meet.google.com/fde-abmb-dhf>

We have been having trouble getting internet to work at Rolling Meadows. We are trying to work out the kinks. If you tried to log on to the hangout, but couldn't please let us know. Thank you for your patience!

Current Balance: \$11,933.46, Last year at this time: \$10,590.55

Fundraising:

- Revolution Brewery: To be held on Monday, Aug. 5, 2019
- Another date at Lagunitas if there are available dates
- 50/50 Raffle -
 - If you are a conference host, please find out at your pre season meetings if you are able to run a raffle - or find out in advance if you can in case you host a sectional.
 - Prior to the conference and sectional meets, 50/50 kits will be given to hosts with letters, instructions, posters and tickets
- Senior All-Star Meet Donations
 - The assn. and host will work together this year to amp up any potential door donations, shirt sales, etc. to raise funds for the assn.
 - Perhaps shout outs, program advertisements, solicited donations, charge for entry, can generate funds and asking for volunteer workers instead of paid could help as well.
- Open Gym: USGTC & Gymnastics Shop
 - **First Open Gym Fundraiser: SUNDAY FEB. 24th From 2:15pm-4:15pm at the Gymnastics Shop, 600 N. Wheeling Road Mount Prospect, \$10 Entry**
 - **Please see Flyer attached, with waiver included**

- A second open gym will be held most likely on the tail end of Spring Break or potentially on Friday April 19, let us know if you have date preferences.
- Thank you Julian Basler for offering these fundraising open gyms!
- Athletes will need to sign waivers (attached) to participate.
- A coach should represent their athletes if they attend.
- \$10 entry fee - all proceeds go to IHSGCA

- Thank you Julian Basler for hosting
- Fill out waivers please!!!

- Pheasant Run- Repeat additional Team set-up and tear-down of club invites
 - Fast, easy, and large sum of money
 - Several dates are open this year at Pheasant Run, and will gain \$1500 approximately each time.
 - **NEXT DATE IS FEB 22nd and 24th- times will be finalized, but are usually around 7pm-9pm. Please let us know if you can get some guys to help with this cause - which in turn helps our cause!**

- good way to explain to our gymnasts why we have an association and what it can do for them and their teammates
- Frank has more information so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact him.

- **VIRTUAL STARS MEET - Please Speak with Jason Orna if interested, to come up with a collective date that works for all! Only a few coaches have expressed interest thus far, and we'd like to finalize details.**

- Josh Levin can "host" Intersquad meet - best gymnast from each level on each event
- Coaches would Upload videos of routines & judged on-line
- Great way to start a season; can do during spring break; don't have to go anywhere!
- Money earned will be donated to the IHSGCA
- \$150 entry fee per team - breaks down to \$10/gymnasts
- If 7 schools enter: Total of \$1050
- There should be 105 gymnasts/routines being scored. The website charges \$3/gymnasts or routine. The site makes \$315 and the IHSGCA would get the remaining \$735.
- There could be accolades for winners and this provides good opportunities for all participants and our association.
- **If you think this might be something you are interested in doing please let us, or Jason Orna know - We will need to know ASAP to organize!!**

- Teams would NOT have to do this all on the same day
- Contact Jason Orna if you are interested

2019 Season:

Season Begins:

- Monday, February 11, 2019
- Rules Video goes live February 12, 2019 (open through 3/19)
ALL COACHES remember to log in to do this, and “get the red out” by completing all required items- judges ratings, top 15, etc!!!
Judges - contact Tracie Henry so you don't have to view twice

Sectionals:

- Seeds due March 26, 2019
- Sites TBD, posted March 28
- Monday April 29 - Saturday, May 4, 2019
- List of Participants due April 15

State Meet:

- Fri.-Sat., May 10-11, 2019, Hoffman Estates High School
- **Friday Team State Meet WILL START AT 5PM, NOT 6PM**
- Hoffman Estates High School, 1100 W. Higgins Rd, Hoffman Estates.
- NOTE - we will look into and communicate potential parking issues & school hours so as to arrive before students depart to avoid parking lot problems.

HOF Nominations:

- **2020 Hall of Fame nominations are due BEFORE the Feb 11. meeting.**
 - Nominations completed/submitted online
 - <http://www.ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=15>

Golf Outing / HOF Banquet:

- Monday, May 13, 2019, 7:00pm
- Morava Center 110 W Camp McDonald Rd, Prospect Heights
- Inductees: Greg Gebhardt and Scott Phillips
- Coaches awards will be announced before state competition on Saturday
- Certificates will be handed out at the HOF Banquet
- Old Orchard Golf Club in Mt. Prospect
- Golfing is optional; please make every possible attempt to attend the HOF Banquet to support these fantastic coaches and all they do.

Brinkworth Senior All-Star Meet:

- Tentative host and details: Hinsdale South
- Friday, May 17, 2019, 6:00pm
- Date flexible, Last year was a great meet, Thank you to Anthony Colant for hosting. If others are interested we can discuss options for this season.

Judges' information:

- Saturday Judges clinic went well, thank you to those who attended.
- We had around 20 for a total of about 35 ish coaches/officials across the two clinics
- 8 and then 15 were registered officials (slightly less than most years)
- If you were unable, but still want to judge, please see an assignor to make this happen.
- Assignors can *ONLY* assign judges *IF* your names are on the registered list. If they are not, they cannot assign you to any meets. They will also not see you if you haven't passed the concussion exam.
- Number of meets need to be filled.... ~~60~~ **52 SPOTS LEFT TO BE FILLED- Thanks to those who stepped in, please continue to do so! See lists- If these do not get filled it sends a bad message to A.D.s and coaches will have to judge their own meets!!!**
- 11 judges have not re-registered or come back this year. We need coaches to help out!
- Taking just one or two meets helps tremendously- take an early season or under-level meet to start
- Take advantage of shadowing opportunities for your own education or for the \$25 incentive
- Take, or make your own, flyer to advertise at your meets, or on twitter, to reach potential judges
- Niles West is hosting a new Freshmen Invite in which they only want NEW JUDGES so that they can get experience. Contact Adrian Batista if you are interested in either judging in this meet or getting into it as a team.
- If you're hosting an intersquad meet - ask for judges to be there as it is a great opportunity for NEW JUDGES to gain experience! Tell the assignors about your intersquads.
- Any head coach who is also an official can email Tracie so that they do not have to watch the rules video twice (**Rules video goes live 2/12/19**)
- 3/19/19 is the last date to take the test
- Officials will need to sign up for Arbiter Pay for state series. This is how the IHSA will pay officials now.
- Please be sure you have updated and completed your concussion exam as well.

- If every coach were to become a judge and take at least 1 meet, that would fill around 40 of the 52 remaining judging spots

Rulebook:

- The most current edition of the rules, rules addendums, interps, FIG book, etc. which IHSA Boys Gymnastics abide can be found at
 - <http://www.ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=19>
 - All updated on the website and IHSA page

Rules Proposals

- Results from the Rules proposals voting in December can be found in the December Minutes:
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1avb5P7NFkU5yGIDnvbcRk6benPC0g-TIAMcVW-BjhgEU/edit?usp=sharing>
- Due to the new Voting timeline, if you wish to make a rules proposal for next year, you must have submitted your Rules Proposals in writing before the MARCH meeting, with discussion in April, and voting in May.
 - Be aware of this if you are wanting to submit a rules proposal
- In May- Voting will take place following the announcement of the proposal, one pro and one con; no further discussion is to be had and Full members must have attended two meetings before voting to be eligible to vote on association matters.

IHSGCA Meeting Calendar:

Assoc: MONDAY, February 11, 7:00pm @RMHS (HOF nom. due BEFORE)
Assoc: MONDAY, March 18, 7:00pm @RMHS (Rules Prop. due BEFORE)
Assoc: MONDAY, April 15, 7:00pm @RMHS (SGOY, Schol. Noms. due)
Assoc: MONDAY, May 6, 7:00pm @RMHS (voting takes place)
HOF: Monday, May 13, 7:00pm @Morava Center

For the good of the Membership/Additional Items:

UIC

- [UIC Men's Gymnastics](#)
 - <http://www.uicflames.com/index.aspx?path=mgym>
 - The pressure on the university is ongoing to reinstate the team, but more is needed - Please continue through phone calls, emails and letters. Please do your part if you haven't and even if you have send some more.
 - What else can we do?
 - To show the area's support for the UIC gymnastics teams, please do everything you can to get yourself AND your team to their home meets. There are very few and we need to show the admin and NCAA that there is a fan base. **Announce at all home meets to encourage parents and gymnasts to attend.**
 - **Some schools will schedule a bus. Conference Reps bring it up at Conference meeting. Perhaps conferences can share a bus across schools. Schaumburg and several other schools bring bus or vans of gymnasts to UIC every year as a team outing, and it is a great inspirational experience for them.**
 - UIC Home meets:
 - Sunday March 10th, 2pm, at the UIC pavillion (Credit Union 1 arena), Vs. William and Mary
 - Charley Nelson- UIC
 - 3124981948

■ cnels4@uic.edu

● **Other ways to help:**

- UIC can potentially get the money for renting/set up of equipment submitted back to them to put towards the money they need to raise to keep their program. In order to do this, they need people to help volunteer for set up and tear down of the meet/equipment. If you or your gymnasts can provide help for this - This is the link to assist with sign up: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XTMkJ_ZVz5Yo7hEAuKANNRF5q2rUcUYkd3yLrEmTfIM/edit?usp=drivesdk . I know many high schools expect their athletic programs to partake in philanthropy events. Here is an idea to give back to their sport.
- Jim Barnd email is: jlb1149@comcast.net if you have any questions.
- 1. Publicize the t shirts that are being sold by migsp.org. This is an organization that supports men's gymnastics at the collegiate level in general, but the proceeds from this shirt go back to UIC specifically. There is a link on their website for donations as well. Flyers will be distributed in the near future as well.
- SIGN PETITION AND POST WHEREVER YOU CAN
- 2. Contact Paul Ziert, who is the publisher of International Gymnast Magazine, at paul@intlgyrnast.com. They are based in Oklahoma and have Bart Conner and Nadia Comaneci as two of their editors. They may be able to help us reach more people nationwide, especially alums. They need to hear our story!

NAIGC – National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs

- [List of club teams throughout the country](#)
 - https://www.naigc.net/club_list.php
- Please promote NAIGC to our coaches/gymnasts
 - A Great way to get gymnasts involved post-high school. Many athletes don't want to be done after graduation, but are forced to. Publicize these clubs for them in case they aren't aware their college has one.
- Possible means of recruiting coaches/judges
- UIUC Flippin' Illini currently has 3 former SHS gymnasts, 1 Mundelein among others
- Northern Illinois University is growing their program and encouraging any local athlete to join whether or not they attend NIU. Josh Levin has been working with a few people to try and turn NIU into more of a varsity level team. There are a few teams that are involved in Gym Act: Temple, Washington, Arizona State, Northern Cal United, Southern Cal United and most recently NIU. Gym Act goes by NCAA gymnastics rules and Gym Act teams compete against NCAA teams. A few of the boys at NIU work out at Aerial but most of them work out at Energym in Sycamore. Please contact Josh Levin for more info: (joshlevin10@hotmail.com)
- Please see attached cover letter from the NIU club for more information as well

The Midwest Open Collegiate Meet

- Sunday, March 3rd @ Hinsdale South High School
- Gym Opens 10:45am, March in 12:15pm
- It will feature a few NAIGC teams: University of Iowa, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin and Northern Illinois University.

- Cost: \$15, Proceeds of The Midwest Open will donate money to each of these schools competing to help build their NAIGC programs.
- Please see attached flyer
 - Basler - Josh Levin mentioned that there is a possibility of graduated high school gymnasts to compete in this meet. Contact Josh to get more details if you know of any alum interested.

IHSGCA Meeting Mini-Clinics

- Following each of the association meetings, mini-clinics will be run by fellow coaches.
 - If you'd like to run a mini-clinic, or have a topic you'd like to hear, please let us know.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Glenbard North Coaching position - If you know of someone interested in the recently open Head Coach position at Glenbard North- please reach out to the A.D. Matt Bowser ASAP! (matthew_bowser@glenbard.org)

Doug Foerch - Deerfield will have a Physical Education and Head Coach opening come next year. If you know of anybody or are interested, please contact Doug.

Remember as season begins to start rating your officials, fill out your TOP 15 list, etc.

Discussion in regards to getting judges

- Blaise - there is a serious judging issue: there is a real possibility that a class of judges may not be judging next year (retirees). If this does occur, that could leave open another 48 meets without judges on top of the already existing meets where we struggle to get judges
 - Are there any suggestions from the association on how to get more judges? We need answers sooner and before this possibility comes to fruition. It is up to the association to get this solved.
 - Jaros asked what has worked in the past to get judges?
 - Answers that were out there - moved to tri-meets, shadow program, getting outside judges, USAG judges
- In response to getting USAG judges - are the rule differences holding them back from joining high school meets?
 - Jaros - look into changing the 10.0 start to align more with the rules they know?
 - Hagel - talk to USAG judges and find out why they would not want to judge a high school meet?
 - Bostrom - spoke to the regional leader who mentioned to try to have the association move the season to Fall again to help get more judges when they are not in season
 - could hurt our programs in getting athletes out for season before school even starts

- Mukai - How many local USAG judges are there?
 - Blasko responded - maybe 5
- Basler - How many head coaches are judges? No real answer came about
- Batista - What about an unsaid rule - every coach should judge one meet?
 - We'd have to get that many coaches on board to do so and get certified
- Whelan - The inexperienced coaches and home life could easily be what's stopping or holding back coaches from judging.
- Whelan - How about reaching out to the community such as local park districts and clubs and even gymnastics parents who have an extreme interest in the sport and the possibility of those to judge?
- Overall - recruiting is going to be key no matter what and no matter from where
 - Crandall - mention the issue to parents and gymnasts to try to get an interest in gaining more judges
 - Batista - practice judging during practice with coaches and gymnasts to get an idea of what judging is like.
- Blasko - Are start times an issue? What about moving meets to a time that is later to allow judges to get to the meet without having to miss practices and allow for travel. Most other sports start an hour or more later than we do and the athletes don't get out of their games until 9pm ... we would still be getting out before then even with a later start time.
- Basler - What about strong-arming people into doing. Not just leaving an open-ended discussion, but personally calling and reaching out to people to get them to judge - people have a much harder time saying "no" when the conversation is personal and aimed towards them rather than discussed in a group.
 - **Basler promises to judge next season if Erik Bostrom calls him**
- Ways to judge meets with limited judges was brought up.
 - Harima - if a meet only has one judge, why couldn't the coaches judge the lower levels while the varsity is judged by the solo judge? This could help ease the situation of less judges and/or meets that still need judges.
- Blaise - Recommends that the steering committee sets 2-3 goals to get judges and then present those goals to the association in March so that we have a direction and something to attain.
- Batista - run mock judging clinic at association meetings (or following them) and/or have judging be one of the first portions of the winter clinic rather than later when several coaches leave for "x" reason.
- Costa - can the judging clinic be broken up into smaller sections spread out over more days rather than just one session for a lengthy period of time?
 - Blaise - that is a possibility but would have to be presented to Tracie Henry and okayed through her
- Reach out to Frank for doing a mini-clinic in March

Not Judging related ...

- Blaise - the NCAA was really impressed with the turn-out from last year that the IHSGCA was able to bring. The NCAA championship this year is being hosted in Champaign (UofI) and we should make it a goal to have just as good as a turnout there.

We know that it is a little further away, but can we get good attendance from our association there for this year?

Meeting Adjourn: 8:30 - Erik Bostrom, seconded by Adrian Batista