IHSGCA March 21st 2007 Meeting

Agenda Items:

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Scott Hagel

-Current Balance: \$24,020.49

We are still owed from the national account--\$3,820.42

-Upcoming Dates:

Association Meetings: Wednesday 4/18, Wednesday 5/9

www.ihsgca.org

-Membership:

\$25.00 Head Coach, \$20.00 Assistant, \$15.00 Associate Member

Please pay dues to Chris Cassidy. Checks can be mailed to him at 2901 Central Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Make checks payable to IHSGCA. Many coaches still have not paid for this year.

-Casino Nights:

The March casino night has been cancelled (the site it was to be held at is having problems with their license). April 3rd is still on, but the girls will host that night. The dates for this year are September 13th, November 13th, and one more date TBA.

-Golf Outing: Tuesday May 15th Glendale Lakes (Map on Website). 1st tee time at 3:30. Banquet following

-Hall of Fame: Thursday May 10th at 7:30. Mark Sohn and Dave Oliphant will be inducted. Current Committee Members 2006-Bruce Beiersdorf & Scott Phillips, 2005-Brad Foerch & Steve Kafka, 2004-Al Galatte & Ed Raymond

Resumes are due for new nominees: Jeff Austin (nominated by Curt Austin), Mark Watman (nominated by Eric Liva). The nominees from previous years are Dave Schieble, and Rob Brown.

-Clarification of IHSA Rules:

Here is Kurt Gibson's response to teams working out at clubs:

"It's not a situation where they ask for or receive permission from us. A school can use a club facility for their practices, but they shouldn't be practicing/interacting with a club team while they are there. If they are using a club and they are the only ones present, there is no problem or violation of any of our by-laws."

-Rules Interpretations (Doug Foerch):

- SR and PB: Shoulder stands are parts of no value at varsity w/a .2 deduction.
- SR-The straight arm bail should be given regardless of holding handstand as long as the handstand is shown.
- SR-Cross to front lever=upgrade on front level
- FX-Punch dive roll could be a springing skill -back full, back full would be treated the same as back, back in regards to repetition.
- PH-From middle turn to back loop position and dismount=B, doesn't count as working the end of horse even if the hand touches the end as he is dismounting.
- -Same as above, but finishing travel on end with a back loop off.=C, this would count as working that end
- -same as above, but with 2 back loops=C+C
- V-Tsuk w/ ½ turn is the same value as w/o the ½ turn.

-Gymnastics Stats Website http://home.earthlink.net/~illinoissgs/index.html

All head coaches should check this site after a meet to make sure your team score was posted. If your score is not on the website please contact Mike or Bill.

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Mike and Bill get many updates from the results listed in the papers. <u>If you host a meet make sure the results are faxed to the newspapers that night.</u>

-Possible concern over co-ops:

Ed Raymond brought up the point that present (and possible future) co-ops cause high school gymnastics to lose teams and coaching positions. We have to make sure coaches are pushing to dissolve co-ops when possible. Co-ops often have an unfair competitive advantage. Is it a possibility for co-ops to practice together, but compete separately?

-Concerns about meet start times and dates of meets:

The steering committee discussed a concern of meets starting at 6:00 instead of 6:30 in many conferences. The pros for keeping the starting time earlier included: students get home earlier to do homework, parents have commented that they prefer getting home from meets earlier, and kids have less "idle" time after school. The main concern was coaches that judge have less time to spend with their teams at practice. It was also brought up that changing more invites to Saturdays would allow more judges to be available. Dick Quagliano (of the Chicago Sun-Times) also mentioned that he would be able to cover more gymnastics invites if they were held on Saturdays.

-Suggested State Series Change (From Skip Adamson):

See Handout

A discussion over the pros and cons of this proposal was held. After the discussion, Blaise proposed that we table this proposal until next month. This will give the association a chance to discuss it and think about it more before we decided on what course of action to take.

-Link to purchase pictures that were taken at some meets:

http://4himphotography.smugmug.com/invite/120161893045ff5bd87ec714.70754338

-Advisory Committee Meeting Update (Blaise Blasko):

- Five contestants per event with no all-arounder required will be presented to the advisory board.
- Proposal-Sectional seeding will go out to 25 teams for next year, so it will be less based on geography. Our association has to voice support to the advisory committee so that this passes.
- Substitution rule: After the scratch meeting, you can change an entry as long as it goes in the slot that you scratched.
- Next year proposal-Max # of team passes for the state meet: 25 plus 3 coaches. Three coach's passes will be given for individual qualifiers—but they must be used for their high school coaches, not as athlete's club coaches.
- Ten medals at state is not going to happen. Dead issue.
- Team awards—25 team medallions will be allowed for teams with that many athletes.
- No more flip-flopping of team order in competition rotations. You will always follow the same team throughout.

-Coaches looking for positions:

- Chris Watts will be looking for a P.E. and coaching position for next year. Contact Bill Watts for more information: wwatts@d214.org
- Eric Liva is looking for a P.E. and coaching position for next year. He also has an administrative type 75 certificate. Contact him at 630-215-6483 for more information.

-Schools looking for coaches/teachers next year:

- Fremd High School is looking for a coach and has openings in Science, Social Studies, and Math for next year. Contact Jim Guest for more information: jguest@d211.org
- Homewood/Flossmoor Head and assistant coach, possibly head girls, teaching special ed., P.E., Spanish, Science, Math, and possibly English.
- Glenbard East needs an assistant boys coach.

-Important April Meeting Deadlines

- John Brinkworth Scholarship-The deadline to apply is 4/27. The application is available on the IHSGCA website and as a handout at this meeting.
- National Team Applications due-Application can be printed off of the IHSGCA website
- Senior Gymnast Applications due-Apply Online on the IHSGCA website
- Nominations for HOF = 2; Al and Ed's terms will expire after this year
- Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer
- Nominations for Steering Committee (5 positions available)
- Nominations for Rules Committee (6 positions available)
- Nominations for Sportswriter of the year
- Nominations for State Meet Special Recognition Award

-Other Business?

A reminder that all sectional seeding scores/sectional host consent forms must be faxed in to the IHSA by March 27th. Here is a link to the forms page on the IHSA website: http://www.ihsa.org/activity/gyb/forms.htm

Motion to adjourn, Greg Gebhardt, seconded by Jeff Robertson at 8:47