

# IHSGCA Steering Committee Meeting

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008



**Call to order by President Frank Novakowski at 7:18 p.m.**

**Sign in sheet with email; attendance - 26**

**Agenda Items:**

Current Balance:

\$25830.20

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## Philanthropy:

Steering Committee is working on an open-ended mission statement which would enable the Association to donate up \$1000 annually. The donation(s) and amount(s) would be agreed upon by the Steering Committee. Unused funds could be applied to the following year.

- philanthropic donation guidelines would be an addendum to the constitution
- donations could be applied to scholarships offered by the Association
- requests for funds should be submitted to the Steering Committee

## State Meet:

**Host:** Schools expressing possible interest: Lake Park (will advise of intentions), Lincoln-Way (athletic director has written a letter of interest to IHSA), Rolling Meadows, Leyden (would like to see an example budget from the girls state meet).

**Equipment:** Jerry Fontana indicated that AAI does not lease equipment but did offer to install floor plates at a host school (\$1200 / gym), if necessary. There may be a possibility of obtaining equipment from another company. Rationale for this is to provide for eventuality of a non-high school host. Schaumburg borrowed equipment from Hoffman Estates High School when they hosted; district supplied the transportation.

**Funding:** Steering Committee agreed that the Association will not offer Association funds to host school on the grounds that it is the IHSA's responsibility. The technology (specifically projectors) does not seem to be a major expense because most schools have this in place. However, renting the technology would be a large expense (~\$4000 not including staffing).

**Volunteering:** Workers, being a large expense, may necessitate the Association soliciting volunteers. IHSA supplies T-shirts to workers. John Schrammel stated that the host school must be prepared to absorb financial losses.

## IHSA Advisory Board:

### Recommendations:

- Pertaining to state series meets: In the event of an injury, team substitution during the meet would grant a 1.5 minute warm-up for the replacement gymnast on the meet equipment. Meet referee would have authority to allow more than 1.5 minutes in the event of extenuating circumstances. It is the collective opinion that coaches would not be inclined to take advantage of this rule. PASSED for 2009 (still must be approved by Board of Directors)

- Seeding of top ten teams for sectionals - PASSED for 2009 (still must be approved by Board of Directors)
- presentation of the new officials mentoring program crafted by Chris Cassidy. IHSA has funds to promote such programs.

#### Report by Blaise Blasko:

- state meet could function without projection system if necessary; this is more for the spectators than the coaches and athletes
- Kurt Gibson stated that establishing a host site prior to the 2008 state meet is not critical but would be helpful
- Advisory Board is looking to replace Judy Harwood (Stevenson), Brad Foerch (Naperville North), and Howie Rubin (Schaumburg) as their terms expire. Interested individuals should request a recommendation from their AD and submit to Marty Hickman with a cc. to Kurt Gibson at the IHSA.
- Barrington High School is no longer hosting our state meet because they are shifting their focus to hosting state series for swimming and track.
- Kurt Gibson seemed pleased with the letter sent by the IHSGCA to the athletic directors regarding hosting the state meet. This well-written document was drafted by Chris Cassidy and Frank Novakowski.
- Most high schools have already established their '08-'09 calendars. If a school decided to host, the Advisory Board would be open to the possibility of changing the state meet format. For example, hosting team on a Thursday and finals on Saturday.
- IHSA is looking into restructuring the seeding system to accommodate top 10 teams. Currently, the girls gymnastics program runs 16 regionals (13 with 4 teams and 3 with 5 teams).
- Board of Directors has asked the IHSA to examine all sports and activities for level of participation.
- Judy Harwood proposed girls gymnastics prelims be held in one session.

#### Judging:

- The program is off to a good start with several new judges entering the arena, including John Schrammel, who is returning after a 25 year hiatus.
- The program will be added as an addendum to the constitution.
- Chris Cassidy suggested that the mentoring program replace the new judges' clinic he has run in the past.
- Jason Orna has done a fine job with the alumni newsletter. Perhaps this would be a conduit for eliciting new judges.
- Judging vouchers may be submitted to executive board at monthly meetings for reimbursement.

#### Hall of Fame:

- Hall of Fame nominations and resumes were due at the February meeting. Please submit them within the next week.

## National Team:

### Selection Committee nominations:

Conference	Nominee	Nominated by:	Seconded by:
SWSC	<b>DON RAYMOND</b>	Peter Kallend	Pat Cole
CSL	<b>STEVE GALE</b>	Steve Foerch	Rick Meyer
MSL-W	<b>PAUL KIM</b>	Bill Cordts	Jason Suchy
MSL-E	<b>CHRIS CASSIDY</b>	Scott Hagel	Bill Watts
WS-Silver	<b>SAM ZEMAN</b>	Steve Kafka	Pat Cole
WS-Gold	<b>JASON SUCHY</b>	Bill Cordts	Ben Anderson
DVC	<b>CHAD DOWNIE</b>	Scott Hagel	Chris Cassidy
Independent	<b>KEITH MATUNE</b>	Dan Lobraco	Chad Downie

All nominees: Unanimously passed.

Nominations for National Team are due at the April meeting (nomination form is available on the IHSGCA website)

- Reminders: nominee's coach must be member of IHSGCA. Nominee must be a senior of excellent character and must be a 3 year high school gymnast. Coach must have participated in Association fund-raiser to be considered for financial assistance.

### Rules Proposals:

Due at April meeting, discussion at May meeting, voted on in December.

### Fall Retreat:

Position open in 2009; duties include:

be an IAHPERD member and be in the NED district

attend NED meetings (usually about 4 a year).

manage a checking account / budget

assist in planning, registration, and management of workshop

Check with Ed Raymond for more details if you are interested.

### New Business:

1. Updated rules interpretations will be posted on the website this week (?)
2. Please help Jason Orna by submitting items for the alumni newsletter.
3. Ed Gombos: 630-832-2346 (International T-shirts are still \$3.00 and custom shirts are \$5.50 with a \$20 set up fee).
4. John Brinkworth Scholarship form is available on the Association website. **DUE APRIL 25- FAX to Betty A. at 847-437-3447**
5. Glen Reimers alerted us to the fact that John Lies (Naperville Central, assistant) is very ill. John has devoted 34 years of service to Illinois Gymnastics. Cards are welcome but no visitors please.
6. Kathy Krebs needs judges for April 10 at Andrew High School versus Lincoln-Way.
7. Glenbard East will be looking for an assistant coach with the future possibility of head coach. Contact the school at 630-627-9250 or Bruce Beiersdorf at 630-424-7166
8. Palatine has two assistant coaches who are looking for teaching positions in physical education and math. Contact information for PE position: Mike Opsal, [opsberg13@aol.com](mailto:opsberg13@aol.com) (630-452-3849)

9. Bill Cordts: move boys gymnastics season to fall.

Rationale:

- less pressure on athlete pool due to fewer fall sports
- spring junior high recruitment would lead to summer camp which is a natural segue to season (perhaps run a spring break mini-camp)
- essentially, we would have 9 weeks to prepare for the first meet vs. the current 3
- may pull in more club gymnasts and strengthen the relationship between club and high school
- no overlap with girls gymnastics season
- draw in male cheerleaders
- no spring break to interfere with rhythm of season
- no club gymnastics season conflicts

Cons:

- programs may lose their gym in the spring due to outdoor sports utilizing all indoor facilities resulting in loss of the aforementioned mini-camp
- fall season necessitates starting before school begins (hamper recruiting?)

Motion to adjourn: Scott Hagel, seconded by Steve Gale (8:50 p.m.)