

IHSGCA Association Meeting

May 7th, 2008



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Agenda Items:

Current Balance:

\$ 24547.10

Reminder: Golf Outing and Hall of Fame Banquet will be combined on Wednesday May14. Golf will be at Old Orchard Country Club across from the Morava Center at 3:30 p.m. Hall of Fame Banquet to follow at 7:00 p.m. at the Morava Center.

To sign up, use the link at the bottom of the IHSGCA website.

Note: Bruce Biersdorf needs help introducing the inductees: Mark Watman and Andy Kostick. Please notify Bruce if you can assist.

Philanthropy: Mission statement to guide the general philosophy of allocating funds from the Association.

- to promote the development and well-being of the members within our gymnastics community.

Guidelines are outlined below to provide direction for the Steering Committee:

Philanthropic matters:

shall be presented to one or more members of the steering committee.

shall require a vote by the steering committee.

- any combination of number of donations and/or dollar amounts up to a maximum of \$1000/year
 - annual review subject to the availability of funds
- steering committee recommendation -- up to \$500/occurrence
- unused funds may be applied to one or more IHSGCA scholarships the following year
 - application available online

Mission statement will be proposed as an addendum to the Constitution.

The IHSGCA scholarship(s) would target the “home-grown”, “un-sung hero”, high school gymnast. Ability and accomplishment would not be a factor but they should have three consecutive years in Illinois high school gymnastics and absolutely no prior gymnastics experience. GPA (on a four-point scale) would need to be provided but would not necessarily be a factor for selection. Further criteria might include exemplary practice/meet attendance, never a quitter, gives 100% always, etc.

As always, coaches would use professional and personal discretion in submitting only deserving candidates who embody the criteria.

The Steering Committee would review the applications and make any selections.

State Meet: Lincoln-Way has submitted a letter of interest. Conant is awaiting approval for a ½ release from the superintendent.

Fall Retreat: Mike Costa has graciously agreed to speak at two sessions: co-ed tumbling and conditioning. The remaining two sessions will be round table discussion. Moderators/leaders are needed to help facilitate discussion.

IHSGCA Constitutional Amendment: This will be proposed in May, discussed in November and voted on in December.

Article XIII

Hall of Fame

Guidelines for the Illinois High School Gymnastics Coaches Associations Hall of Fame

D. Criteria

9. Nominees shall remain eligible for consideration for a three-year period. If the three-year period expires without being inducted, the individual must be re-nominated (with a resume).

It was suggested that a form be made available on-line to submit names and resumes.

Voting:

At large Coach of the Year: Steve Kafka, nominated by Frank Novakowski, seconded by Blaise Blasko.

Rules Committee:

Nominator	Nominee	Seconded
Skip Adamson	Blaise Blasko	Steve Kafka
Frank Novakowski	Chad Downie	Scott Hagel
Scott Hagel	Chris Cassidy	Frank Novakowski
Blaise Blasko	Mike Galfi	Skip Adamson
Bill Cordts	Keith Matune	Dan Labrocco
Blaise Blasko	Jason Suchy	Chris Cassidy
Chris Cassidy	Scott Hagel	Greg Gebhardt
Steve Kafka	Skip Adamson	Chris Cassidy

Results:

Rules Committee: Blaise Blasko, Chad Downie, Chris Cassidy, Jason Suchy, Scott Hagel and Skip Adamson

Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Dengel

Sportswriter of the Year: Mike Considine

Steering Committee: Greg Gebhardt, Bill Watts, Sam Zeman, Mike Galfi, Blaise Blasko

Hall of Fame Committee: Eric Liva, Brad Foerch

State Coach of the Year: Steve Kafka

Rules Changes:

Change gymnastics to a fall sport (see written proposal attached by Bill Cordts).

New Business:

1. Mike Considine and Bill Stone to receive a \$100 gift certificate each for their contributions to Illinois gymnastics.
2. Concern was expressed about the financial imposition on our athletes selected to the National Team. Given our current balance, can we abide by our mission statement and subsidize the members of the National Team?
3. Steering Committee would like to set up guidelines to better publicize the criteria for National Team selection. It was suggested that we go back to selecting only an elite few to the National Team as opposed to the current practice of an "A" and "B" team.
4. The importance of working casino nights was emphasized with respect to a coach's athlete being eligible for National Team selection. Also, the substantial financial gain for the Association.
5. A "Senior Meet" was suggested as a means of helping select the National Team.

Motion to close at 8:23 p.m.: Scott Hagel, seconded by Chris Cassidy