

Association Meeting

Agenda/Minutes



Call To Order

2020 January 19

7:00 pm

On Zoom

Attendance

<i>Eric Harima</i>	<i>Brian Bekkedal</i>	<i>Ryan Dul</i>	<i>Joon Yun</i>
<i>Blaise Blasko</i>	<i>Tom Huml</i>	<i>Adrian Batista</i>	<i>Sam Zemen</i>
<i>Jason Brandenburg</i>	<i>Zach Crandall</i>	<i>Keith Mukai</i>	
<i>CJ Patton</i>	<i>Doug Foerch</i>	<i>Howard Rubin</i>	
<i>Vic Avigliano</i>	<i>Carlos Fuentes</i>	<i>Alex Pajor</i>	
<i>Scott Hagel</i>	<i>Greg Gebhardt</i>	<i>Janet Donaldson</i>	
<i>Frank Novakowski</i>	<i>Dan Bajek</i>	<i>Mike Costa</i>	
<i>Paul Kim</i>	<i>Matt Meyer</i>	<i>Lora Kalka</i>	
<i>Andy Foerch</i>	<i>Steve Foerch</i>	<i>Mike Opsal</i>	
<i>Gregg Didech</i>	<i>Tony Ciezadlo</i>	<i>Mike Galfi</i>	
<i>R. Scott Philips</i>	<i>Xavier Barry</i>	<i>Hilary Carlson</i>	

Balance

- Current Balance: \$8775.53
- Balance at this time last year: \$9729.70

Future of IHSA State Series

Finances

2020 Association Fees

- Head Coaches: \$25
- Assistant Coaches: \$20
- Judges: \$15

- Hall of Fame: \$0
- December Clinic: \$45 + normal fee

Fundraising

- Probably not possible to do this year due to circumstances

Philanthropy

- Brinkworth Scholarship

Taxes Update

- **No update, disappeared off the face of the earth - Ryan**

2021 Season

Positions of Note

Conference Reps

Conference reps: Please give your coaches a call to determine projected numbers for this year. Additionally, ask them what their goal for recruitment is this season.

MSL East- Joon Yun,

MSL West- Scott Hagel

CSL- Adrian Batista

WSC Gold- Mike Galfi

WSC Silver- Sam Z

IND- Greg G

Responsibilities will be slightly more this year to contact coaches to ensure that ALL INFORMATION IS COMMUNICATED. Also can entail making calls/emails to coaches for up-to-date rule information, getting to show up for association meetings, judge recruitment amongst ALL coaches within their Conference.

COVID-19 Impacts

- Enrollment/participation
 - “Don’t settle”. Yes COVID makes numbers hard, but if we cut our losses it could have lasting effects on our program for years to come
- Are there programs in jeopardy?

Open Positions

- Highland Park – Assistant coaches
- Buffalo Grove– Assistant coach
- Hinsdale Central – Head coach
- Lake Park - Possible Assistant Coach -contact Frank Novakowski

Freshman Recruiting

- If you’re in school, please work hard on recruiting. Increasing participation numbers is a key metric for retaining the state series.

This can have a large impact on how the IHSA views our sport.

- Discussion
 - Allow freshman some freedom, they may not start out appreciating gymnastics
 - Teach them stupid stuff, like breakdancing, backflips, trampoline
 - Then retain after they’re hooked
 - Open gym the first day of school
 - Send out a blind email to all freshmen.
 - Run a park district program.
 - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY on posters.
 - Showcase skills at an assembly.
 - Have sophomores - seniors recruit
 - Ask every gymnast to bring a freshman friend
 - Pay a freshman \$1 for each friend - (don’t tell your wife)
 - Schoology group, keep it updated, send out notifications
 - How do you keep freshman to senior year?
 - Keep touch - high touch, follow ups
- Freshmen recruiting Survey - Courtesy of Brandon Tucker
- <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dX9Wo8kN28z4wSZmMslmN0EafjoM6vi9yPOWxBGtyHQ/edit>

Coach Participation and Recruiting

Participation in the Association

- Call your friend coaches, ask them to come
- Bring your assistants

- Peer pressure works

Recruiting new coaches

- Please help us collect emails for graduating seniors and recent graduates using the following form
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdr3EBpbOI0bpFhfzJ6fHjbUmxnWbe2IQhe1JI397YMCJf5Zg/viewform?usp=sf_link
- We will attempt to regularly contact them to recruit for judging and coaching positions

Judging

- Please sign up if you have not. First year judges do not have to pay a late fee

Judges Training Videos

To help with your training for both judging and coaching- Brandon Tucker has graciously begun to develop judges training video tutorials on youtube for those of you who could not attend the clinics or mini clinics. Please view these videos and consider joining our team of judges, and thank you Brandon for developing these! They can also be found on the association webpage.

- [General overview](#)
- [Floor Ex](#)
- [Rings](#)
- [Vault](#)
- [Parallel Bars](#)
- [High Bar](#)

If you have underclass routines, please send them to Brandon Tucker.

Officials Checklist

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UJ1veOox1du-YyKO3r7ZV>

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Judging Clinics

- Feb. 6th on Zoom 9am-2:30pm
- [2021 Boys Gymnastics IHSA Officials Clinic](#)

No registration required

Rules & Interps Updates

<http://www.ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=19>

Recent Changes

- 2019 May
 - Freshman FX - Can receive credit for Bonus #5 (back tuck) without completing Bonus #4 (second flip flop)

Upcoming Dates

- 2021 January 19th
 - 7pm
 - IHSGCA Association Meeting
 - Zoom/TBD
- 2021 February 16th
 - 7pm
 - IHSGCA Association Meeting
 - Zoom/TBD

For the good of the Membership/New Business:

Email from the IHSA: Tier 2. Girls season could start as early as this week.

Costa - Rolling Meadows practice starting, but boys season may get pushed back due to late start

Carlos - IHSA seems to really want a state meet to happen, at the very least a regional or sectional. Possibly thinking of dividing gymnastics into two 10-week seasons, girls with the first and boys with the second. Low risk sports are looking a lot more optimistic than high risk sports like basketball and football.

IHSA board will meet again on January 27

Fall, Spring and Summer sports can begin IHSA contact days beginning on January 25th

Greg Gebhardt - **Remember this is a *lot* of conjecture. Everything is changing daily.**

Keep the line of communication open with your AD to get the most relevant information.

Lost our not-for-profit status due to not filling our annual report. The accountant we've been using has not been consistently communicating with us and did not fill out the annual report as they should have. So we have to file a reinstatement claim.

Could take months, could be shorter, but ultimately we have to get this done ASAP.

Blaise - Can the executive board decide whose responsibility it will be to maintain our tax-exempt status and make sure that each year the new person responsible is aware of everything they need to do in order to keep our status.

Dan Bajek - "make sure you're keeping your parents in the loop, will make the transition process a lot easier once we get back. I personally use the remind app and email to keep in touch with parents and the gymnasts"

Blaise - As a former AD, our association cannot let the situation arise where we are going to judge our own athletes. Have participated in numerous meetings and it would be a terrible thing if we are stretched thin to the point of judging our own gymnasts. Finding judges is paramount and should be priority number 1.

Eric - now's a pretty good time to learn how to judge. Fewer meets, lower stress level meets. Everyone should try to register

Alex Pajor - @Blaise, is this the first time we've had such a judging shortage. Is there anything you guys have done prior that we can utilize now?

Blaise - in 1968, every head coach and almost all assistant coaches judged twice a week AT LEAST. We did it, because we were the only ones who know our sport. Its not the easiest thing to train up a recently graduated senior to judge a competition on all six events. It's the coaches who know the sport the best. They're the ones making the routines, constructing the routines and calculating start values. We are only going to survive with our own people. It's tough to get graduates in, they're trying to get their own lives under control. The next best group outside of our own coaches would be USGTC judges, since their rules are fairly similar.

(in chat) - How about asking USAG/club coaches to judge? I.e Diab

Gregg- most coaches coach until about 9

Vic- We have to contact kids as soon as they graduate, because otherwise they leave for college and very rarely come back to high school.

Gregg - You have to look at scheduling too. You cannot have so many meets on the same night, that spreads judges out too thin.

Eric - maybe we can talk with the conference reps and the steering committee to come up with a more cohesive schedule

Costa - dual meets are pretty archaic, we should try to implement more tri meets. (in a post-covid setting)

Blaise - @Frank, how many registered officials do we have?

27, about half of what we had last year (28 if you include Keith who still has to do his concussion exam)

What if each of those 27 arm-twisted a coach and came to his school like a few times a week to mentor a head coach or an assistant coach and taught them how to officiate before/during/after practice?

It's time to stop asking nicely?

Costa - it's possible, maybe in the last 30 minutes while we send our kids off to do conditioning. It wouldn't be easy but it's definitely possible.

Adrian Batista - Keith would go with the other teams at meets and sit them down and work them through their kids routines and help them learn the process. Brandon Tucker did the same thing with me.

Blaise - So how can we get the coaches who are learning certified and assigned to their own meet? When Keith was doing this, did you or Steve feel put out while Keith was over there with the other team judging? Or did you understand what he was trying to accomplish?

Adrian - I absolutely understood! If I can cover the spotting, it's 100% fine for him to go to a meet to judge. That's what we need as a sport.

Eric - If you have downtime during the meet, you should try to judge along with another judge at the meet and compare your score with the judge. Practice makes perfect

Hilary - One thing that always helped me when I judged girls, one of the coaches would tell me "just so you know all the difficulty will be in dance". Having that kind of 'foresight' helps new coaches IMMENSELY. Especially if your gymnast is doing something kind of unique or something that can't be found immediately in the code.

Blaise challenges Eric to judge one meet this year. Threatens him with Costa.

CJ will also judge one meet this year.

Frank - #HereOurVoicesIllinois - sending a message via twitter to the IHSA to allow our students to participate in their sports. Should we help promote this cause within our association?

Meeting Adjourn

@8:30 PM