

Association Meeting

November 15, 2021 @ 7:00pm
Agenda/Minutes



Call To Order

7:06PM

Attendance

Ryan Dul, Alex Pajor, Greg Gebhardt, Christian Lunsford, Keith Mukai, Scott Philips, Brandon Tucker, Dan Bajek, Adrian Batista, Carlos Fuentes, Shawn Riley, Tony Ciezadlo, Andy Foerch, Howard Rubin, Tom Huml, Frank Erwin, Mike Galfi, Brian Bekkedal, George Joseph, Frank Novakowski, Jason Brandenburg, Blaise Blasko, CJ Patton, Dave Donaldson, Vic Avigliano, Eric Harima, Bruce Beiersdorf, Mike Costa, Eric Bostrom, Howie Sokol, Dennis Wellman, Sam Zeman, Mike Opsal,

Balance

- Current Balance: \$8,336.16
- Balance at this time last year: \$9,080.53

State of Gymnastics in IHSA

Updates from IHSA

- State Meet is set and at Hoffman Estates again
- Review year for participation numbers - down last year in teams
- Rules Book Update
 - We are good for one more season under the “old book”
 - NFHS - no longer backing our book following this season
 - USAG has agreed to back our book along with modifications

Individuals do count as a “program” but the IHSA will look much more favorably on a full team. Teams of 3-5 athletes. Frank Novakowski spoke with the USAG President, and he agreed to support our rulebook which is level 9 with a few HS modifications. In the long run, cutting out the NFHS removes a step involved in the approval of our yearbook while still maintaining recognition from a national governing body.

Updates from Advisory Board

- Keith Mukai is the officiating rep and Greg Gebhardt is the coaching rep on the advisory board.
First years as reps to the IHSA - communication with them about our current state as a sport.

Updates from the President

- IHSGGCA (Girls Gymnastics Coaches Association)
 - They are under new leadership and willing to bridge the gap that exists between our associations. This is good for the health of our sport in general. Other positives/benefits that could occur from a mutual relationship:
 - More potential coaches & judges for Boys Programs
 - Increased potential to start boys programs for schools who ONLY have a girls programs - The IHSGGCA Coaches can communicate, promote, and support to their AD’s

- Joint Coaching Clinics
- Fundraisers
- Potential to restart old meets (ie: Mixed-Pairs Meet)

Updates from Coaches

- Recruiting should start now for gymnasts (from Sam Zeman - email was sent)
- Coaching Vacancies (see [Open Coaching Positions](#))

Stevenson needs a head coach, risks losing the program. Relying on members of the association to find someone to be recommended for the role.

Blaise Blasko: asking about West Suburban freshman team statuses

Mike Galfi: Willowbrook had a frosh team but no varsity considering they were so young

Carlos Fuentes: Silver conference had maybe 3, difficult to distinguish JV or freshman kids on JV

CSL: 4 freshman teams out of 9

Emphasizes the importance of recruiting as early as possible. Work to network with the coaches/teachers that you do know to reach out to some freshman/younger athletes so we can keep participation numbers up.

Blaise: Lincoln way - Skip made every freshman do all around. Could be a useful tactic for coaches now.

Freshman teams are a must.

How do we combat the pandemic in regards to our recruiting efforts?

Finances

Tax & Non-Profit Status

The Executive Board has been working hard and is in the process of completing and filing all forms to get our association back up to speed in regards to the state of Illinois. All forms will be filed before the Winter Clinic and an update will be provided as soon as possible. We still maintain our 501(c)3 status with the IRS.

Updates will be given as the

We have been refiling as an executive board

Total cost : ~\$400 for filing fees, late fees, etc.

2021-2022 Association Fees

- Head Coaches: \$25
- Assistant Coaches: \$20
- Judges: \$15
- Hall of Fame: \$0
- December Clinic Fee: \$45

Fundraising

- No Fundraising other than contributions in 2020-2021

Individual contributions made by Julian Basler - \$1,500.00

- Ideas for 2021-2022?
 - Brewery Fundraisers ... maybe not a good idea given that COVID still remains a factor?
 - Casino Nights (cannot do until we are reinstated as a non-profit organization in Illinois)
 - Gym Set-ups - time is of essence. We would need to commit now.

Potential opportunities here -Pineapple meet / Greg Didech. B Tucker - Girls' state meet could also be an opportunity (Feb/Mar). Brandon Tucker has volunteered to find out where the girls' club state meet will be held. Only worth it if we can get the assoc. On board. Meaning - we need athletes to volunteer, we need coaches to find those athletes and make a firm commitment.. Let's get a google Doc going now.

- Spring/Postseason Family Cook-out with raffles, games, etc ...

Ryan Dul has volunteered his lakehouse.

- Virtual Meet - Jason Orna has suggested this for several years.

Please share any other ideas we may have as an association for fundraising. Email the President and exec board with any suggestions.

Philanthropy

- Special olympics - judging and using the team as score runners and flashers. Brandon Tucker has done this in the past with Zach Crandall **Easy to split morning and afternoon shifts with another team. Good opportunity to teach athletes to judge/ Flash scores. Bring captains from multiple schools would be a unique and fun way to get more teams represented at a volunteer event.**
- Any other ideas or suggestions? **Please share ideas**

2021-2022 Season

Positions of Note

Conference Reps (as of 2020-2021)

- CSL - Adrian Batista adrbat@d219.org
- MSL East - Zack Crandall zach.crandall@d214.org
- MSL West - Scott Hagel shagel@d211.org
- WSC Gold - Bill Cordts bcordts@leyden212.org
- WSC Silver - Sam Zeman samzeman@att.net
- Independent - Greg Gebhardt greg.gebhardt@cusd200.org

Executive Board

- Ryan Dul - President rdul@glenbrook225.org
- Jason Brandenburg- Vice President jbrandenburg@d211.org
- CJ Patton- Treasurer CJGymnast7@gmail.com
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- Frank Novakowski fnovakowski@lphs.org
- Brandon Tucker btucker@glenbrook225.org

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- Doug Foerch dfoerch@dist113.org
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Future Meetings

Association Meetings

Rolling Meadows is able to host our association meetings in-person. **A minimum of 3 meetings must be attended virtually (or one + clinic in person)** before the voting meeting in order to vote.

- Monday, November 15, 2021
- Friday, December 3, 2021 (December Clinic)
- Tuesday, January 18, 2022
- Tuesday, February 15, 2022
- Monday, March 14, 2022
- Monday, April 18, 2022
- Monday, May 9, 2022
- Monday, May 16, 2022 (HOF Banquet)

Dates to Note

Season Starts:	February, 14, 2022
1st Contests:	February, 28, 2022
Sectional Seeds Due:	March, 29, 2022
List of Participants Due:	April 18, 2022
Sectional Week:	May 2-7, 2022
State Meet: Ind. Pre/AA:	May 13, 2022
State Meet: Team/Ind Finals:	May 14, 2022

December Clinic

Justin Spring will be a keynote speaker. Part of which is a Q&A portion, so get your questions ready.

Logistical Information:

- Location: United States Gymnastics Training Center (USGTC)
405 Enterprise Parkway
Lake Zurich, IL 60047
- Date: Friday, December 3, 2021
- Times: See Itinerary on link above.
- Clinic Fees (Association Dues + Clinic Fee)
 - Head Coaches: \$70
 - Assistant Coaches: \$65
 - Judges: \$60
 - Hall of Fame: FREE

Judging

Updates

- A couple retirees this year, so we're going to need people to pick up the slack
- Only 28 current registered judges, down from 40+ last year and the year before.
- Only 9 certified "state-ready" judges
 - Anybody that is eligible for a promotion should apply to be promoted
 - F novakowski: Make sure that you see the Hate Speech presentation in order to be on the list. Frank has emailed everyone who looks eligible for promotion to remind them to apply for that promotion.

Recruiting/Signing-up

- Please sign up if you have not.
- First year judges do not have to pay a late fee
- It might be a good opportunity to try to reach out to Club judges and see if they'd be interested
- Ideas to get more judges?!

We should get more assistants to sign up to make it easier to take that next step once they're ready to begin judging, if not simply for appearance's sake.

Blaise: Point of Discussion: of those 9 officials (eligible for state series), how many of them will have teams in the competition. There will hypothetically be 6 officials with experience and eligibility to judge the state meet. That is not enough. How do we get officials to gain the experience necessary to judge the state meet - what can we be doing to ensure quality is there from the judges if not the necessary experience.

Ryan Dul: The simplest answer at the moment is for coaches to RATE your OFFICIALS.

GGebhardt: Head coaches have to judge. We need coaches who can judge. Coaches with experience who know what they're doing so that we as coaches can have confidence in the official sitting in the chair judging the athletes in the finals. We can zoom judge routines to practice. It was easy, convenient, and provided experience.

K Mukai: Can we work with the assignment chairs to help keep the Varsity invites judged by younger, but promising judges in order to get their experience in big varsity meets rather than the already experienced judges?

Gebhardt: it is hard enough as the assignment chairs to cover all the meets without trying to assign and deny specific judges to the meets.

Blasko: Makes a motion that every coach attending the meeting tonight be put on a list to undergo training in order to make them state qualified officials.

How do we administer this? Getting the coaches here trained to judge now, this season? How Many training sessions are necessary?

Howie Sokol: Necessary to move the meet start times back to 6:30

Zoom Training sessions on Saturdays. Can we get coaches to run them?

Brandon Tucker: practice judging at your own team practices

Dul: mini clinics at the end of association meetings 5 association meetings before the state meet.

Blasko: Is it possible that Greg, Keith, Brandon, Frank, Adrian be a judges committee to speak at our December Clinic about implementing some of these suggestions.

Harima: judging clinics are a lot of information to take in at once; if judges can break down the volume of information and increase the frequency of the clinics, it may be more effective.

All of the volunteers have agreed to meet as a small committee and make a recommendation regarding the path forward and the above suggestions to train judges this upcoming season.

Blaise Blasko, with the formation of the committee, has withdrawn his motion to get all coaches present tonight to sign up for training sessions this season.

Judging Clinics

- Dates: Saturday, February 5th
 - In-person or virtual? ... What are your thoughts as an association?

Judges Training Resources

[New Judge Starter Pack](#) **Click the link.**

Click on the link above which will provide a new judge (or even a veteran judge) with all of the resources possible to help aid them with anything judging related.

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](#)
- [POMMEL HORSE SKILLS VIDEO](#)

Rules & Interps Updates

To be reviewed by Tracy: do we need to vault at level 7 for one more year until a new book is approved or can we move forward with the rule change regarding the vault height this season?

See link for most recent updates: <http://www.ihsgca.org/index.php?pageID=19>

For the good of the Membership/New Business

Ideas & Suggestions regarding to supporting/promoting our sport

- [Problems & Solutions Chart](#)
 - Keep continuing to add to it **Click the link above. Please add suggestions.**
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Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

Stevenson	Contact Trish Betthausen	Athletic Director	tbetthausen@d125.org
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Assistant Coach Positions:

Highland Park	Contact Brian Bekkedal	Head Coach	bbekkedal@dist113.org
Deerfield	Contact Doug Foerch	Head Coach	dfoerch@dist113.org
Schaumburg	Contact Eric Harima	Head Coach	gymnastshs@gmail.com

Continue the search for new coaches. Anybody and everybody.

Looking for Invites/Meets:

Have open spots for Invites/Meets:

Meeting Adjourn

8:14pm

Seconded Vic Avigliano