# **Association Meeting**

February 15, 2022 @ 7:00pm Agenda/Minutes

#### **ZOOM INFO:**

Join Zoom Meeting: Link expired

#### Call To Order

7:11 second: Frank Novakowski

#### Attendance

In-Person: Ryan Dul, Eric Harima, Jason Brandenburg, Frank Novakowski, Bob Russell

Virtual: Keith Mukai, Ryan Brown, Brandon Tucker, Dan Bajek, Paul Kim, Chad Hosman, Tom Huml, Christian Lunsford, Don Raymond, Scott Phillips, Hilary Carlson, Dave Donaldson, George Joseph, Scott Hagel, Carlos Fuentes, Frank Erwin, Eric Bostrom, CJ Johnson, Zach Crandall, Julian Basler, Sam Zeman, Howard Rubin, CJ Patton, Alex Pajor, Blaise Blasko

#### Balance

- Current Balance: \$9,542.14
- Balance at this time last year: \$8,800.53
  - Still anticipating \$1,600.00 deficit after large expenses without fundraising efforts

## **Finances**

#### **Taxes & Non-Profit Status**

We are still waiting to officially hear from the Office of the Attorney General in regards to our standing with being a Charitable Organization. State has deposited the check, status is in process

### 2021-2022 Association Fees/Dues

If you have not paid yet, please do so! You will not be able to vote come May if you do not pay dues.

A list will be compiled by the VP, Tres. and Sec of the board. List will be communicated to members whose dues (& winter clinic) are still not paid.

#### **Fundraising**

Putting our focus on only two things this year in which if we do successfully, we can earn up to \$5,000 plus.

- Gym Set-ups
  - USAG Girls Gymnastics Level 6, 7, & 8 State Meet Set-up & Tear Down. This will earn around \$1200 for set-up and around \$1200 for tear down.
    - Set-up: Thursday, March 31 @ 6:00pm



- Tear-Down: Sunday, April 3 @ Late Afternoon (exact time TBD)
- Location: Athletico Center (1900 Old Willow, Northbrook)
- o SIGN UP HERE
  - Goal is to get a minimum of 30 people. This will make sharing the work much easier and things will fly by. Getting 30 kids and adults for each night should be feasible and will make the work go much faster.
  - Please examine the sign up sheet so that the set-up and tear-down are evenly balanced with our volunteers
  - If your team doesn't have a meet, and you are able to get some kids to go. Please do. As an association we have decided to do this regardless of the amount of volunteers that sign up; please don't leave the work to a small number of our members to do by themselves.
- Casino Nights
  - We are looking into setting up a date for early summer. In order to get the most amount of volunteers, we need a time that would be suitable for most.
    - To think about when hosting and volunteering for a Casino Night:
      - 3 shifts 2-6pm, 5-9pm, 8-12am. We had previously relied on retirees to run the early shifts, but if we do it over the summer, those who have a teaching schedule would be available.

### Philanthropy

- Special Olympics! This would be a great opportunity for our gymnastics community to come together for a great event.
  - We are very excited to announce the return of the Special Olympics Illinois Gymnastics Qualifier! This year we will host the event on February 27, 2022 at Palatine High School. We have almost 130 athletes registered this year in the sports of Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics. We are looking for volunteers to assist as Group Leaders, Awards Distributors, Results Runners, Score Flashers, Music Coordinators and Judges.
  - We are extremely short on judges and other volunteers this year since we are hosting the meet earlier than normal and are up against a big club meet, so I would love to have both your groups out if possible.
  - Please contact Brianna Beers (Director of State Championships Special Olympics Illinois) if you are available
    - bbeers@soill.org
    - Schedule is as follows:
      - 7:30am volunteer check in
      - 8:00am warm ups and volunteer training
      - 9:00am competition begins
      - 1:00pm competition end (latest may even be earlier)

R Brown: Brianna Beers has stated that this event will fulfill NHS hours for students who are volunteering There is no sign up sheet. Reach out directly to Brianna Beers

## 2021-2022 Season

#### **First Days**

How's it looking so far? Feel free to share them in the notes or email Ryan Dul after the meeting

Ryan Brown @ Hoffman Estates: very encouraged by the amount of Sophomores that have shown up. Wondering if first year sophomores will be able to compete at the freshman level? Probably a conference decision. Though it is unlikely that will be the case.

Gbrook North: 8 freshman, about 33 total athletes in the gym

Lake Park: 5 freshman, 20 total

Conant: 7 frosh, 20 in the gym

Buffalo Grove: 8 freshman, 20 total

Lyons: 8 freshman, 23 total

GBrook South: 10 frosh, 20 total

Gbard West: 8 frosh, 20 total

Maine East: 5 frosh, 20 total

N. Central: 5 frosh, 15 total

Palatine: 12 frosh, 30 total

Prospect: 4 frosh 18 total

Hinsdale Central: 6 freshman

R Dul: It's okay to tell kids who try out for other sports that they can come out for the team even after the season starts (a week or 2 after it starts)

### **Association Meetings**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 Hall of Fame Nominations due by this association meeting.
 Monday, March 14, 2022 Rule Proposals & Changes due by this association meeting.

Monday, April 18, 2022 Discussion on Rules Proposals

Monday, May 9, 2022 Voting Meeting
 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

## **Judging**

#### **Updates**

- Number of current registered judges
  - o 39 and still waiting on some

- There are about 100 open judging spots left for meets
- If you are up and able to become a certified judge, please apply as soon as possible.
- Judging Survey Results Keith Mukai will attach separately if needed

Every sport at all levels is short of judges, but how do we address it in our sport? We have to make a concerted effort to address the shortage and counteract it before we have to begin judging our own meets.

### **Recruiting/Signing-up**

• Continue to advocate during meetings, etc ...

### **Judges Training Resources**

Aside from what we currently already have ...

- New Judge Starter Pack
- Videos provided by Brandon Tucker available on our website (https://ihsgca.org/)
- \*NEW\* Google Classroom Resource
  - To be used as an ongoing resource for officials and coaches
    - "Pop-up" practice judging assignments
    - Use to set-up "mini-clinics"
    - Use to ask, discuss, and collaborate with others
  - To get into the classroom, please use the link below and be sure to LOGIN WITH AN EMAIL
     OTHER THAN YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL. The classroom will NOT work if you try to use your school email.
    - https://classroom.google.com/c/NDY0NzUzOTA4MzU3?cjc=tyavea5

This is a very unique and useful tool created by Ryan Dul. Highly encouraged to sign up. It will be an excellent resource for us to use as an association and more importantly to practice and prepare as judges.

- Skills Chart
  - From Brandon Tucker
- Shadowing Program

Learning how to judge in person with another judge. Association will pay \$25/meet for up to 3 meets for shadowing judges. There is no better way to learn how to judge and get comfortable in the chair.

"Mini Clinics" following some Association Meetings

Next one? Today!

Who? All are welcome!

What? Time to practice judging routines

Eric Bostrom wrote in the chat: that starter packet judging sheets may need rules updates/bonus updates/element groups/etc. Perhaps original authors would be willing to update their sheets. Will message Ryan Dul with the names of the authors.

## For the good of the Committee/Association/New Business:

CJ Johnson: The IHSGCA coaching list on the website needs to be updated, it is showing the 2014-2015 list.

CJ Johnson: Is it necessary to attach standardized testing scores to a SR Gymnast of the Year award application? Dul response: Historically it has always been on an honor system and not necessary

Eric Harima: There are only 5 people in person at this meeting. We need to transition back from virtual attendance and push for in-person attendance at the meetings. We as an association are much more effective when we have more people in attendance in person.

Ryan Dul: until the situation revolving around the pandemic takes a turn for the better, we are okay maintaining a hybrid attendance policy.

Eric Harima: I am more so trying to encourage more in-person participation in association meetings. If you can be there in-person, be there in-person and don't fault to going virtual simply because it is easier. I am not trying to change or say that a virtual option should be gone. We need to encourage in-person attendance.

#### **Updates/News:**

- Rule Proposals are due by March Association meeting
  - All proposals will go to Alex Pajor (secretary). They must be written and given to him no later than March 14, 2022 BEFORE 7pm. Email is preferred.
    - pajor.alex@gmail.com
    - A new rulebook will be coming this year. Review the new rulebook to propose rule changes for the upcoming year.

## **Open Coaching Positions**

#### **Head Coach Positions:**

All Filled

#### **Assistant Coach Positions:**

Deerfield	Contact Doug Foerch	Head Coach	dfoerch@dist113.org
Schaumburg	Contact Eric Harima	Head Coach	gymnastshs@gmail.com
Barrington (2 assts)	Contact Ryan Trostrud	Head Coach	rtrostrud@gmail.com
Glenbard North	Contact Dennis Wellman	Head Coach	dennis_wellman@glenbard.org
Glenbard West	Contact Carlos Fuentes	Head Coach	juan fuentes@glenbard.org

#### **Invites & Meets:**

Looking to get in:

Have open spots/in need of teams:

## **Meeting Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned: 8:07pm

Seconded: Alex Pajor

Now heading into the Mini Clinic! Please stay tuned on Zoom and in person