

November Association Meeting

November 14th, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Agenda/Minutes



Call To Order 7:06

Attendance-

In person-

Frank Novakowski	Adrian Batista	Jeff Gronkowski	Alex Pajor
Howie Sokol	Zach Crandall	Vic Avigliano	Eric Rosenwald
Mike Costa	Dave Donaldson	Jason Brandenburg	

Virtual-

Christian Lunsford	Tony Ciezadlo	Gregg Didech	Luke Badger
Ryan Brown	Scott Phillips	Chris Stanicek	Greg Gebhardt
Juan Fuentes	Tom Huml	Dan Bajek	Howie Rubin
Josh Cimo	Brandon Tucker	Brian Bekkedal	Sam Zeman
Paul Kim	George Joseph	Joon Yun	Dennis Wellman
B Grey (?Beth Grey?)	Jeff Levin		

Balance

- Current Balance: \$8,675.43
- Balance at this time last year: \$8,336.16

Finances

Tax & Non-Profit Status

- Waiting to hear back from AG's office


State of Gymnastics in IHSA

Updates from IHSA

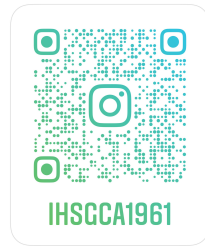
Timeline since our last meeting

- A letter was sent to the IHSA BoD explaining why gymnastics is so necessary for our kids. No response from the Board... (No response from BoD, Tracie Henry did respond)
- Meeting with Krystin Campos (IHSGCA President)
 - We will work together on this:
 - Contacting gymnastics clubs
 - Using Social Media to support one another
 - Very positive and supportive meeting
 - Spoke together at the Girls Association, explaining the importance of being united
- Spoke with Tracie Henry. She said that she would try to set up a meeting with some members of our Association. She mentioned:
 - Other “emerging sports” are looking at Boys Gymnastics and saying “Our numbers are comparable or better. Why don’t we have a State Series?”
 - Compared it to a class not running due to numbers not being there
 - It would be in our best interest to not ask for a change in policy
 - There would not be an opportunity for questions to be asked
 - We would simply present our case of why gymnastics is needed and all of the positives that it provides. The Board could then ask questions to us if they want after
 - Meeting would take place sometime between now and June
 - Some AD’s are looking for an earlier decision than June, for budgeting, summer, etc. Our timeframe may be changed and much earlier than the June deadline
- WGN aired a segment outlining our situation (on the IHSGCA Instagram Page)
- Efforts by Betty Axelson-McClelland
 - Contact with Chicago Park District
 - Working with Betty Axelson to help us. She continue to be an unbelievable support of boys gymnastics

Plan of Action that we are moving forward with

- Letter to Club Gyms was sent out earlier today
 - Letter to Gymnastics Clubs
- Gymnastics Club Call Google Sheet (**THIS IS A LIVE DOCUMENT**)
 - Gymnastics Clubs
 - We need volunteers to look through the list and start making calls (preferably that you have a connection with)
 - What should you say when calling
 - Prompt for club gym calls
- Possibly reaching out during the Pineapple Invitational Early December, Schaumburg Convention Center Renaissance. Didech said we can have a table at the meet. 12/16-12/18
- Social Media Push
 - <https://www.savehsgymnastics.com/>
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 - Follow the [IHSGCA Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts (@ihsgca1961 on both platforms) to stay up to date with the latest news and make sure other gymnastics parents and supporters do the same.

- Please tag IHSGCA Instagram (name may change but the account will be the same), there will be challenges and other things to promote high school boys gymnastics



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- Get approval from ADs with what you can and cannot put on your school social media
- My AD talked with me about going through the proper procedures when speaking with media sources.
- Brandon Tucker has volunteered to look into how our Association could prepare in the event that we are no longer IHSA back. He is looking for volunteers to join him in this effort.
 - If you are interesting in volunteering with him reach out to him at: btucker@glenbrook225.org
 - We should look for 4 to 5 people for our Plan B in case IHSA does not waver. Please reach out to Brandon Tucker asap.

What you can do after this meeting

- Talk with your kids and parents ASAP (an email was previously sent out with a template to follow)
- Take time for your kids to handwrite or type letters explaining what gymnastics means to them and the impact that it has had on their life.
 - IHSA Testimonials: Instructions for current gymnasts
- Volunteer to contact club gyms ALL HANDS ON DECK for this.
- Make sure your team follows our association accounts
 - C Luncsford- sent email to 5+ high schools, but no response yet.
 - Have students use personal email if possible, but coaches should speak with the AD and know the school's stance. If the AD at your school says not to use school email, then follow your AD's directions. Please discuss with your school's admin.
 - It has been recommended (Tracie Henry) that we push testimonials AND a viable plan to increase teams in the sport.
 - Costa- what comprises a team...3 events at varsity + must compete in 6 meets, virtual meets are allowed They do not necessarily have to be live. (a team could compete in a tri or quad meet and get 3 to 4 meets in one competition)

December Winter Clinic

- 2022 Winter Clinic Registration & Itinerary (Association)
- Date: Friday, December 9th
- Location: USGTC in Lake Zurich
- The Association Meeting will be virtual
- Clinic Fees/Association Fees
 - Head Coaches: \$80 (\$25 w/o clinic)
 - Asst. Coaches: \$75 (\$20 w/o clinic)
 - Judges: \$70 (\$15 w/o clinic)
 - Assoc. Member: \$70 (\$15 w/o clinic)
 - HoF n/a
- Agenda(times are subject to change):

- 8:00-8:30 - Breakfast & Check-in
- 8:30-10:00 - Association Meeting
- 10:00-11:00 - Rules Committee Presentation
- 11:00-11:45-Lunch & Break
- 11:45-12:20 Paul Hamm Talking Points
- 12:30-2:00 - Breakout Sessions with Paul Hamm

Fundraising

- Meet setups were successful last year. Options for this year:
 - Charlie Nelson contacted me about set-up/tear-down for BIG Gymnastics club meet on
 - Set-up: Feb 16th
 - Tear-down Feb 20th
 - Romeoville
- Brandon Tucker and Northbrook meet, set up/breakdown.

Judging

- If you are a judge, **find just one new judge for this year**
- More judges could look favorable in the eyes of the IHSA
- New judges have until March 15th to register.
- Get alumni to sign up.
 - Melissa Burt from the IHSA- fees would be waived for newly graduated high school applicants. They would just need a letter from their school AD sent to mburt@IHSA.org.

Judging Clinics

- Feb. 4, 2023 @ Lake Park High School
- East Campus 9am-3pm
 - Do we have judging resource? Yes, we will find it and send it out.

For the good of the Membership/New Business:

Frank Novakowski - reunion for the state meet, seeking input from coaches, looking for gymnasts from the 60's, Doug Kesos. 630-740-6903

A shirt store can be created so individual alumni can buy their own shirt, including high school, graduation year, events etc.....

Honor past state champion teams.

Create a google form to collect names and so forth.

Sad news.... Sandy Oldham passed away, Palatine coach and judge. If information is available, we will send it out as soon as possible.

Updates/News:

Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

Assistant Coach Positions:

Glenbard West	Contact Carlos Fuentes	Head Coach	juan_fuentes@glenbard.org
Buffalo Grove	Contact Zach Crandall	Head Coach	zach.crandall@d214.org
Schaumburg	Eric Harima	Head Coach	eharima@d211.org

Continue the search for new coaches. Keep in touch with alumni for coaching and judging.

Does anyone have connections with Texas High School Gymnastics,...if the IHSA stops supporting our state series, we can learn about how they run their state and so forth. This would be great for

Meeting Adjourn

Motion to adjourn - 2nd Sokol

8:10pm