

December Association Meeting

December 9th, 2022 @ 8:30 am
Agenda/Minutes



Call To Order

Attendance-

In person-

Virtual-

Alex Pajor	Mike Galfi	Mike Benning	Juan Fuentes	Tom Huml
George Joseph	Howie Rubin	Frank Irwin	Dennis Wellman	Gregg Didech

Balance


- Current Balance: \$8,585.11
- Balance at this time last year: \$8,336.16

Finances

Tax & Non-Profit Status

- Waiting for our Articles of Incorporation to be approved

Proposed 2023 Budget

-  22-23 Budget Proposal

State of Gymnastics

Updates

IHSA:



- Recently contacted Tracie Henry again about having our representatives attend a meeting with the Board of Directors
 - She said, "I have communicated to our Executive Director that Boys Gymnastics would like to be a part of one of the upcoming Board Agenda's. I will follow up with him."
- This June, when the decision has to be made on Boys Gymnastics for the 2024 season, will there be a review and vote (as in the past seasons) or will this be an objective decision based solely on 2023 team numbers?
 - Tracie's response, "No, I do not think the language requires a vote. However, I can ask our Executive Director for clarification"

DFoerch- They do not call it a vote, they "decide" on it. Their decision will be based on the board members. New Trier AD said the decision should be a lot sooner than June.

Traci said they are NOT meeting before June.

There will be contract issues with school districts.

Gymnastic Clubs: **We need this to be done**

- Gymnastics Club Call Google Sheet (**THIS IS A LIVE DOCUMENT**)
 -  Gymnastics Clubs
 - **We need volunteers to look through the list and start making calls.**
 - What should you say when calling
 -  Prompt for club gym calls

Teams must be filed and done by Feb 1st.

We want to push clubs teams to have three competing individuals, but if it is only one or two gymnasts, we want to encourage it.

Blaise- two ways to compete in the IHSA meet- individual or a team. If you want to compete as a team, you must have 6 DATES on the schedule to be seen as a team.

Keith Mukai- The IHSA will focus on the list of competitors, not the scores.

Ryan Dul - Why would an AD consider a team or not? Blaise - No financial difference, ethics would be the only issue (need 6 competition dates, an school rep and a coach)

Co-ops- can they be split?

Some schools have pushed back on creating a team. Parent involvement is huge to push AD's to create a team.

Schools:

- Batavia High School
 - A parent reached out expressing interest in having her son compete and form a team
 - AD was willing to have him compete individually, but not form a team
 - I contacted AD with how to go about starting a team and offered assistance
 - His reply, "Thanks for reaching out. We will not be starting a boys gymnastics team at Batavia High School. We've sent out surveys annually for interest in any sport that we don't currently offer. We have no data or finances that would support a new team."
 - I contacted the parent again and asked if she could get data that supports the want for a team at Batavia High School.

Plan of Action

Hawaiian Pineapple Invitational **Please join to support**

- Competition Schedule: <https://www.hpinvite.com/schedule>
- Table Sign-up: [HPI Table Sign-up](#)

Testimonial Letters

- 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](#)
- **All letters should be received by Dec. 23rd**

Please reach out to athletes, parents, alumni, alumni parents, coaches, judges and anyone positively impacted by boys HS gymnastics. This is key to showing the IHSA the positive impact of gymnastics.

State Meet

- Location/Date:
 - Hoffman Estates High School
 - Friday, May 12, 2023
 - Individual PreLims & All-Around
 - Saturday, May 13, 2023
 - Team and Individual Finals

- **65th Reunion**
 - Goals- Have all schools promote 65 years of High School gymnastics
 - Alex Pajor is working on talking to Alumni. Get a big push to bring in everyone to celebrate
 - Communication and advertising Celebrate this accomplishment
 - Concepts and ideas/suggestions
 - Possibly have HOF members represented at the meet
 - Create t-shirts per school, maybe with events
 - Start promoting the state meet as soon as possible.
 - Website :
 - FaceBook (search this) [65yearhsgymnasticsreunion](#)

Fundraising

- \$125 was raised through the sale of Save Gymnastics t-shirts
- Meet setups were successful last year. Options for this year:
 - Charley Nelson contacted me about set-up/tear-down for BIG Gymnastics club meet on
 - Set-up: Feb 16th
 - Tear-down Feb 20th
 - Romeoville
 - We need many teams to come and help... great way for gymnasts to meet other gymnasts, fun bonding experience.

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
- Judging resources

Rules Committee Considerations of May 2022 Association Rules Proposals

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eqfl02u015lk_uWiQD8tFwBePdOKa8Gs2-kHr9Ocewc/edit?usp=drivesdk

Fresham All-Star Meet (new business)

Brandon Tucker to speak on this.

Freshman State Meet- Ryan McDonagh Freshman State Meet

We will decide on the actual format (should be freshman level gymnasts)

Top two gymnast on each event will receive \$250

We need every team to commit to this meet. Most likely free! Bring the whole team!

Fundraise at this meet. (snap raise, vertical)

Teams in: GBS, NW,

For the good of the Membership/New Business:

Please fill out the following form: [Google Form](#)

Blaise and Brandon

Talk to your AD NOW, will your AD support your team as an emerging sport. Will they give stipends? How many levels, transportation, facility use, trainer access, insurance issues. If the AD says no, would the school allow individuals to compete.

Coaches- would you judge, coach at a club with your team, would gymnast pay,

If we become an emerging sport, should we move to the fall. Work on your AD's. The two "emerging" sports are two football teams, with 15 teams in each. (girls flag football, 8 man football). No sport has been dropped in decades. This could lay down a route for other sports to be dropped- let other sports know this could come their way.

Conference Reps

CSL - Brandon Tucker

WSC Gold - Bill Cordts

WSC Silver - Sam Zeeman

MSL East - Julian Bassler

MSL West - Ryan Brown

Independent - Greg Gebhart

Updates/News:

Pay via Zelle : cjgymnast7@gmail.com (it will show

Please put in the memo the name

Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

Assistant Coach Positions:

Glenbard West Schaumburg	Contact Carlos Fuentes Eric Harima	Head Coach Head Coach	juan_fuentes@glenbard.org eharima@d211.org
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Continue the search for new coaches. Keep in touch with alumni for coaching and judging.

Meeting Adjourn

10:31 am

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Rule Updates

 2022_23 IHSA Gymnastics Clinic - Coaches

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eqfl02u015lk_uWiQD8tFwBePdOKa8Gs2-kHr9Ocewc/edit?usp=drivesdk

USAG will support our Rule book (modified Level 9), then sent to the IHSA. We are allowed to update yearly, instead of every three years. Currently no additional rule update document. (non-diagramed skills are currently in the book). USAG is very supportive of our process. Committed to support us as long as we need.

Highlights....

Look at Frosh FX. PH, major changes

Look at Varsity Still Rings changes

Swing to hand (deduction is .3).

Vault - Handspring value lowered

PBar - .1 bonus for swinging B

HB - No deduction for change of directions

Kip Cast Piro - (no grip specifications)