

February 2023 Association Meeting

February 13th, 2023 @ 7pm Agenda/Minutes



Call To Order

7:04pm

Attendance:

In Person:

Jason Brandenburg	CJ Patton	Brandon Tucker	Jeff Wronkiewicz
Adrian Batista	Keith Mukai	Julian Bassler	Alex Pajor
Frank Novakowski	Vic Avigliano		

Virtual:

Bill Cordts	Mike Naddour	Abi Diaz	Bajek
Christian Luncsford	Paul Kim	Jarrod Amolsch	Juan Fuentes
Ryan Brown	Gergg Didech	Ryan Brown	Scott Phillips
Tom Huml	Mike Galfi	Doug Foerch	George Joseph
Xavier Barry	Eric Harima	Luke Badger	Blaise Blasko
Don Raymond	Sam Zeman	Dave Donaldson	Howie Rubin

Balance

- Current Balance:\$10,394.84
- Balance at this time last year: **\$9,342.14**

Finances

Tax & Non-Profit Status

- We are approved and up to date

Association Dues: **Double check association dues**

Clinic Fees (includes membership dues):

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 Member	No Fee

Methods of Payment (receipts upon request):

- Check (make payable to IHSGCA)
- Zelle Payment - treasurer@ihsgca.org
- Cash

State of Gymnastics

Updates

IHSA Board of Directors Meeting-

- Tony Medina, Palatine HS Principal-
 - emphasized the impact that gymnastics provides for under-represented students
 - Many gymnasts wouldn't be involved in anything else
 - Majority have not competed in gymnastics prior to high school
 - For parents, coming to an event like a Senior Night, this is the only time that they come in to the school
 - Strong tradition at PHS that needs to continue, it is too valuable to the kids and culture
- John Catalano, Glenbrook North AD-
 - Also spoke on the importance that gymnastics has for the kids
 - Also, many have not competed prior to high school
 - Why the change in policy, is it financial, gym space, participation?
 - If it is financial, work with the association about reducing costs
 - If it is gym space, know that it will be 2 sports that you are affecting (boys and girls).
 - Negative publicity
 - This decision will not look good for the IHSA
 - If schools and districts decide not to have the sport, let them make that decision, not the IHSA.
 - Asked for an additional 3 years of support after this season to allow for growth
 - Thought this is a fair number
- Frank
 - Our association has been trying to grow, but ran into some unforeseen circumstances
 - Working to re-engage CPS
- Jason
 - Our sport was hit particularly hard from Covid, but we are already showing growth again
 - This growth shows that there is a want and need for gymnastics
 - We need IHSA support to continue this growth


- Craig Anderson, IHSA Executive Director- IHSA will make a decision in June

MSL HC meeting-

- If IHSA does not support, then Superintendents would meet this summer to make their own decision on MSL moving forward
- District 214 schools are already reaching out to local gymnastics clubs for outsourcing gym space
- Barrington High School
 - does not have any talks about building a gymnastics gym
 - Boys/girls will be going to Kiaga
 - Gym at Barrington High School will be revisited if numbers start to drop
 - They are keeping their equipment though (so apparently they have space to store all of it, who knows)

Moving Forward

Keep the momentum moving

- Dick Quagliano with the Daily Herald said that he will be writing an article in the coming weeks.
-  To Do List- IHSGCA

Testimonial Letters

- Now that we are getting our boys in the gym. Have them write letters (See above "To Do List" Doc)

Upcoming season

Ryan McDonagh Freshman State Meet

- Frosh State Meet at Glenbrook South on Wed 5/17 6PM
- Gymnasts qualify through conference meets
 - we compete 5/event/conference
 - bring 2 alternates per event per conference
 - we can add alternates per conference if some are less represented
 - shooting for 30-35 gymnasts per event
- We compete with conferences but no team award, just individual
- Scholarship nomination (similar to IHSGCA scholarship will be created). Nominate up to 2 gymnasts/team who could use help to attend a summer camp
- We need to know if we have enough interest. A **google form** will be sent out, please fill it out.
- A coach **MUST** be present.
- It would be great if all conferences would be involved.
- Working on ways to have this in case some conferences can not have freshmen compete beyond frosh conf
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Senior All-Star Meet

- Looking for a new location.
- Week of May 16th-19th

National Meet

- Mike Naddour NGA Men's Program Administrator on hosting National Meet
 - Recommended emailing IHSA about positives of gymnastics
- Focus of gymnastics seems to be winning gold at olympics/world games, not focused on HS/Club
- National Meet has been there for girls, but no mens meet
- NGA has been there for 3 years
- Looking for ways to build and grow our sport.
- NGA wants to help grow high school sports and host a national meet.- in New Orleans
- "High School National Championship Meet"
- \$35 per kid for insurance.
- Logistics- biggest expense- hotel and travel.
- Want to bring in some local judges.
- Looking for an all-star team, any level. If anyone wants to compete beyond the all-star team, Naddour feels he can make it happen.
- Q? Would you be open to more than an all-star, and a high school wants to go, fine by that.
- Individuals are welcome
- Date: June 17-22, New Orleans Convention Center
- All 6 events, individual & team medals.
- Optional routines only. FIG rules. NGA Level 8 rules.
- mnaddour@nationalgym.org
- Mike Naddour 480 326 8877
- Volunteer(s) would be needed

Fundraising

- No one responded to the meet setup on Feb. 16.
- Any additional opportunities?

Judging

- **Total judges registered for this season-41**
- [Russell judging assignments](#)
- [Gebhardt judging assignments](#)

Future Meetings

Association Meetings-

- Monday, February 13, 2023 (first day of season)
- Monday, March 13, 2023
- Monday, April 17, 2023 (Moved from 4/10)
- Monday, May 8, 2023
- Monday, May 15, 2023 (HOF Banquet)

For the good of the Membership/New Business:

Updates/News:

Gary Morava Center HOF Wall Renovation

Possible new set up and use a touch screen instead of pictures. They will be renovating the building.

Please email adrbat@d219 (Adrian Batista) your ideas. **Please mail your ideas ASAP.** The Morava Center will be moving on this in the next couple weeks.

Open Coaching Positions

Head Coach Positions:

Assistant Coach Positions:

Niles North Contact Andy Foerch andfoe@d219.org

Highland Park Contact Brian Bekkedal Head Coach

Leyden will be looking for two girls team coaches, one male coach for the boys next season, and there is a physical Welfare position for 2023-24.

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

Meeting Adjourn

8:17pm

Second Frank Novakowski