

IHSGGCA Minutes 12/18/2020

Attendance: Judy Harwood, Terry Theobald, Robin Straus, Kim Estoque, Bill Stone, Maureen Kermend, Betty Axelson McClelland, Carlos Fuentes, Kristyn Campos, Hilary Calson, Kori Kronenberger, Elizabeth White, Hilary Carlson, Sarah Mikrut Doyle, Jake Luketin, David Calisch, Jeff Wronkowitz, Karyn Domzalski, Angela Tomkins, Carrie May, Bella Schneider, Jen Pistorius, Carol Myers

- I. Call to Order: 8:07
- II. As reported by Judy Harwood, Tracie Henry did discuss plans for 2020-2021. The IHSA is doing what it can to move forward on a season.
- III. The committee continued to discuss the 2020-2021 Awards and the Hall of Fame. The IHSGGCA recognizes that there are substantial limitations to this season. It's possible to induct members but celebrate in 2021-2022.
 - A. The Coach of the Year award may be deferred due to the constraints of the season.
 - B. The Gymnast of the Year can still be awarded which would include an announcement along with publicity of the honor. There will not be a ceremony but there is potential for a virtual honor.
 - C. It was also recommended to consider more than one senior gymnast since the coaches wouldn't have the opportunity to evaluate the athletes' entire body of work.
 - D. Bill Stone suggested that nominees and awardees could be presented through Zoom and uploaded to the website for parents and teams.
 - E. Nomination day remains the same day. This is the Monday of Regionals week with a date TBD because of the current schedule.
 - F. Maureen Kermend will create a ballot of senior gymnasts and other awards using Google Forms.
 - G. Nominations for the Brinkworth Award will be needed for this special recognition.
 - H. The Judges Award was also discussed. There was dialogue to leave this up to the Judges Association though it was eventually decided that the IHSGGCA will move forward with a Judge of the Year.
 - I. For the Rookie of the Year, the association discussed that we can defer this award to next year potentially giving two awards (one for a freshman and sophomore). Carlos reminded the group that adding other awards were discussed at the February 2020 association meeting. The list included a Specialist of the Year, and a separation between a

true Rookie (freshman) of the Year, and a Newcomer of the Year. Judy Harwood will make a sheet to organize this plan.

J. There will be no in-person awards ceremony this year, only virtual.

IV. The Association discussed any other current news.

A. The advisory committee has nothing to report at this time.

B. There has been no talk of the current season, only shifting the calendar to accommodate the limitations of the current calendar.

C. The association is optimistic that we will resume a schedule in January. The move towards students participating in school in person may also help, especially with the use of saliva surveillance. The coaches reported that many of their principals and A.D.'s conferred the expectation to resume in January. However, Governor Pritzker is not currently holding meetings with the IHSA.

D. There is exploration of an overlap of the Winter and Spring seasons. This could pose some logistical issues seeing that many gyms cannot furnish both boys and girls equipment at the same time. Furthermore, many of the members coach both the boys and girls teams.

E. Gymnastics does have an advantage seeing that we are a low risk sport.

F. There may be an opportunity for invitationals with staging areas to keep teams separate from each other.

G. Virtual meets are still in consideration but can be problematic with the amount of hours for judges and competitors.

1. Hilary discussed the issue with coaches filming from different angles while a few coaches said that certain angles are unavailable because of spacing limitations.

2. Jake L. and Carlos suggested that larger meets could be held in larger facilities to mitigate this issue.

3. Judy mentioned Flip 10 as a virtual platform while other coaches shared the ease of uploading routines to a Google Drive. A meet could also be simulcast to keep the integrity of the uploaded performances/competition requirements.

4. The IHSA is allowing specific sports to run a state event seeing that they are using a virtual platform. The IHSGCA is considering this. Although not ideal, this may be the best opportunity for a culmination event this year.

5. Many coaches would like to limit virtual meets except for travelling constraints and/or mask limitations.

V. The next Association meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 15th.

VI. Meeting adjourned: 8:55 pm