MIAA GYMNASTICS COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 4, 2017
10:00 am
Lunch Will Be Available at 11:30 am

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Minutes of October 20, 2016 Meeting – Motion Bill Martin, Jess Winders 2nd – passes 8-0

3. Minutes of February 27, 2017 Sub-Committee Conference Call

4. Special Recognitions:
   a. MIAA Girls Gymnastics Coach of the Year Heather Fulginiti (Shrewsbury HS)
      Coach of the Year Banquet @ the Doubletree Hotel (Milford)
      Thursday, May 25th @ 6:00 pm
      Contact Nancy Huntley for tix
   b. Boys Gymnastics Official of the Year Martin Butler
   c. Girls Gymnastics Official of the Year Mary Beth Richardson
      Official of the Year Banquet @ the MIAA Wednesday, May 31st @ 6:00 pm

      Need more nominations...large packet, lots of paperwork/time and supporting documentation –
      committee and spec Paula Chausse will help communicate and get recognition, is an honor....Dick
      Baker puts together a subcommittee to vote and if necessary nominations are carried over for 2-3
      years – application is on the website

5. Tournament Directors Reports
   a. Boys Gymnastics – Mike Denise unable to attend
      Ann/Rich tournament went great, 117 boys/5 schools, Lowell HS Team Sportsmanship Award – able
      to sustain 5 schools/teams – very thank ful to MIAA for keeping the sport going
      i. State Championship Meet – 2/10 @ Newton North HS
      ii. USA Gymnastics
   b. Girls Gymnastics – attachment – thank you Amelia
      i. North & South Sectionals Meets 2/25 @ Hudson HS
         1. North and South
         2. Volunteers set-up and breakdown
Additions to Amelia’s written report:
Feb 11 – all around competed, Feb 12 – sent out all-around results, Feb 13 by noon sent out to everyone else via email

Add to seeding format submit/enter letter ONLY if you plan participate – teams qualifying and opting out makes seeding more difficult and incorrect information being disseminated
**Idea that gymnasts/coaches are violating the BonaFide team rule, not competing going to play other sports – maybe add language to the form?

Lastly, formalized seeding Oct 17, 2017

Might want to look into having a separate Club Price ahead of time to up the attendance; i.e. Club buys a certain number of tickets in advance. Announcer can announce Clubs in attendance – get Youth to see what HS gymnastics looks like...can we offer group rates for Clubs? Need to promote HS to increase participation AND spectatorship

Club price might be $4/tix with a minimum of 50 tickets (discounted)

ii. State Championship Meet – 3/4 @ Algonquin Reg. HS

6. Coaches Association Report

   b. Girls Gymnastics – insurance covers for State Individuals, Senior National was a great event, Feb 20 State Individual at Shrewsbury – best meet ever! – 160 kids, used Jess Wilkey, Wilkey’s Gym Tewks HS.

   1st Senior Scholarship – looking to inc budget to include more – had to write an essay on impact of gymnastics
   Represented whole state – Senior National in Fort Meyers

7. Officials Association Reports
   a. Girls Gymnastics
      i. MIAA Rules Clinic in September
     Pursuing rule modification (Kathy O.) **I think this was the rule about inquiring about a judge’s score?
     New judges clinic → MIAA Office - no charge, July 24-26th 5-9pm
     Eileen Flaherty → can we have the coaches’ clinic prior to start in Western Mass? Will ask Kathy O.

   b. Boys Gymnastics – Gratitude to Mr. Fontecchio → officials association for boys, 10 year member with MIAA

9. Bag Tags

10. 2017 West Sectional Tournament
   a. Saturday, 11/11/17 – 4:00 pm @ Westfield HS

11. 2017 West Sectional Format (approval needed) – Eileen motion, Paula 2nd, passes 10-0

12. Discussion – Investigating the Possibility of MIAA Girls Gymnastics Season Moving from the Winter to the Fall
   a. Survey results – MIAA member schools
      Coaches polled:
      40 – move to fall
      7 – keep in winter
      Cons: length of season, no USA Gymnastics, spring floors (don’t use in Western Mass), facilities
   b. Comments
      Need to come up with a more comprehensive survey, will continue to talk about this issue...sides are equally divided and both have valid points; Club season overlap, schedule changes, coaching changes and conflicts, facility availability
      Eileen – not to accommodate the individual athlete – wouldn’t happen in any other sport
      Ann – facility based discussion
      Johanna – gymnastics is a different sport – need to understand the uniqueness of gymnastics, huge conflict of interest - HS/Club with so much overlap and may not have coaches if we don’t move the season...which becomes a huge safety concern – can’t have just anyone coaching this sport

      Paula Chausse will help formulate a sub-committee to further discuss the consideration of Girls gymnastics moving from the Winter season to the Fall Season.

13. NFHS Girls Gymnastics Rule #5, Article 7, Section b
   a. Board of Directors Waiver for 2017-18 (June 1st Meeting) and then again for 2018-19?
   b. Rules Change Proposal for 2019 (must be submitted by June of 2018)?

14. MIAA Gymnastics Page to be Updated

15. Old Business - None

16. New Business - None

17. Next Meeting Thursday, October, 19, 2017 – 10:00 am