MGJA Fall Board Meeting

September 15, 2020 – 7:00PM

MINUTES

Ellie Berg, Krysta DeLong, Rockie Ramacher, Amy Schmidt, Kelsie Koppel, Ali Neisen, Dan Dussl

GENERAL/ADMINISTRATIVE TOPICS

* Positions up for election this year
  + Treasurer
  + Secretary
  + MSHSL Charter Clinician
  + Vote for these positions will take place at the fall meeting. Amy will advise of open positions with minutes email. Interested candidates will advise Amy by October 29th.
  + Amy will advise they will be asked to share a few comments in the meeting about their interest in the position.
  + Voting will take place via zoom polling
* Judges retiring/not judging this year
  + Discussion regarding judges that are retiring and/or deciding not to judge this year for personal reasons
* Website update
  + Kelsie updated the website the week of 9/7/2020
* Dues increase…did we communicate to the members of the dues increase?
  + Yes we did and will remind them in the minutes email from the end of season board meeting; will remind members in this minutes email
* MGJA Fall meeting:  date, location, virtual or in person or hybrid?
  + Will do a zoom meeting November 5th - 7PM
  + Kelsie will coordinate zoom meeting

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

* Onboarding – do we have new judges this year?
  + None at the time of the meeting, will still seek new judges
* Recruitment – in June we discussed going to D3 schools within a few hours’ drive to introduce ourselves to college gymnasts and entice them to judge, etc. What is our plan?
  + Kelsie has reached out to coaches; we can’t do visits, etc. right now but Kelsie has emailed and reached out to coaches

PLANS FOR SEASON/ASSIGNER UPDATES

* Discussion on COVID and our thoughts/plans as an association
  + Krysta shared what USAG is doing and their protocols for meets
  + Rockie shared the discussions she has had with MAGA already
  + MAGA plans to have a season; HS is yet to be determined but based on fall sports decisions there is expectation that there will be some kind of season, just unsure what kind
  + Ellie and Amy will put together COVID safety measures we would expect of judges and host clubs/schools and share with other associations and the league to inspire a conversation so we are all on the same page for expectations
  + Dues will remain the same, we expect to have seasons and the organization still needs to pay for paid positions as well as Arbiter, etc.
* HS Assigning Update
  + Krysta is working on Arbiter access and will work with Dan to pay for this next season of Arbiter.
  + Krysta is in contact with the HS league on updates/status of a winter sports season
  + Krysta and Rockie are coordinating the use of Arbiter
  + We are behind in scheduling due to the unsure nature of what the season will look like
  + Judges should email Krysta their HS season needs/judging preferences
* MAGA Assigning – what update does Rockie have? What support from the board does she need?
  + Discussion that per our by-laws; judges they must be “in good standing with the association and MSHSL” in order to judge MAGA; ie: they must sign up with and complete all required tasks for the HS league regardless of a HS season
  + Once registration deadline for MSHSL has passed Ali will share the complete list of eligible judges to Rockie to use for MAGA.
  + At this point MAGA is following the guidance from the leagues for HS in MN/WI as well as that of USAG
  + Coaches have reached out to schedule meets
  + Due to COVID restrictions, meets will be smaller…expect we will have a lot more # of meets but smaller meets
  + Sent MAGA Board our expectations regarding COVID safety and protocols from us as judges – (ie: we will do our beam/floor timing – if the score flasher can be 6 ft away ok, otherwise we will flash our own scores, we will not require carpooling, etc.)
* HS Requirements – do we know yet what the new rules are? Who has the new rule book?
  + While Ellie has a new rule book and is working with other associations (and Mike) on training for this year, Ali does not have a book yet
  + Rule changes are still being reviewed and will be covered in the regular pre-season trainings and webinars
* What kind of training will we provide to judges this year at our fall meeting?
  + Will still do training in the meeting via Zoom
  + Topics will include:
    - Connections on beam/floor
    - Clear hips, up rises, extra swings, on bars
    - Vault spotting, bonus
    - Communication styles when talking to coaches
  + Potentially have a mid-season zoom call to check in given new rules and uniqueness of the season, will advise members at a later date of a mid-season check in call.