MGJA Spring Board Meeting

June 5, 2020

Virtual Meeting – Google Meets

In attendance: Amy, Ellie, Mike, Rockie, Kelsie, Ali

**President**

* Reflections on the year; what went well; what needs to be adjusted for next year?
	+ **As a whole, things went pretty well**
	+ **Discussed ideas like a survey or others to get feedback from judges as it seems time to seek feedback again**
	+ **One of our biggest challenges is having enough judges to cover all the meets we are being asked to judge**

**MSHSL Clinician**

* 2020-2021MSHSL Officials eligibility and level system will change for the next year
	+ **Regular Season Official** (eligible for regular season events only): Will have the requirements of: payment, concussion module, background check, online meetings and exam.
	+ **Section Tournament Official** (eligible for regular season and be considered for section events): Will have Regular Season requirements and in-person clinic attendance requirement
	+ **State Tournament Official** (eligible for regular season and be considered for section and state events): Will have Section Tournament requirements and additional requirements yet to be determined, which could include the viewing of training videos, completion of a mechanics exam or other sport specific requirements.
	+ Probationary status will no longer be offered.  Officials who do not complete the minimum requirements for the Regular Season Tier will **not** be eligible for any varsity contests.
* There will no longer be coaches ratings of officials
* All HS League information will continue to be through Arbiter
	+ Discussion held regarding giving feedback to the HS League about the need for Arbiter to be more user friendly to complete pre-season requirements, etc.
* Update on trivia
	+ We sent 7 questions – Dec to Feb
	+ Usually had between 6-12 responses on each question – was more than prior year
	+ Feedback was that trivia was really good this year…even if people are not responding they are reading and learning
* End of season feedback; what went well; what should be adjusted for next year?
	+ Will want to review training at fall meeting again – always looking to improve year over year
	+ This season it will mostly be about the new rule book
		- Most feedback Ellie got from coaches (especially MAGA coaches) was that we were not consistent as judges (comp & spots on salto vaults) so these should be areas of focus for training
		- A lot of differences between officials/questions regarding deductions on clear hips and uprises – another topic for training
		- Connection of back handsprings on beam – Ann said she was going to get a ruling? Kelsie will email Ann about this (this was an issue that came up at a meet where a gymnast has h an arm swing between handsprings)

**Onboarding specialist**

* End of season update; what went well; what needs to be adjusted for next year?
	+ This year was very quiet – only had 2 show interest and only 1 followed through
	+ Discussion regarding recruiting of new officials
		- Can we go to local D3 universities and seek out graduating college gymnasts/contact D3 coaches, etc.
		- HS League was going to have a recruitment plan; Kelsie was asked to do a video; emails sent; however seems to be on hold for now given uncertainty of sports for this next season
		- Important to have face to face with potential judges to show that they are wanted
		- Kelsie can take a look at a potential recruitment strategy
* Revamp/update of the website
	+ Want to do a complete overhaul
	+ Want to find a new server/host

**Treasurer report**

* 2020-2021 Dues proposal – increase MAGA dues from $25 to $50
	+ In 40 years the members of our association have never seen an inflationary dues increase until last year when HS MGJA dues were increased by $25, but MAGA dues were not increased. This would make the dues be $75 high school and $50 MAGA for a total of $125.
		- Motion was made to increase MAGA dues to $50
		- In favor – All; Opposed – none; Motion passed
* Discuss potential impact of COVID on 2020-2021 and dues payments
	+ HS League position is to go forward and register officials; HS league is not going to refund if the season does not exist; officials must register by deadline in order to avoid added charges
	+ Arbiter will need to be paid regardless – assigners start their work early October
	+ We won’t ask members to pay MGJA dues until we can confirm what seasons will exist
		- As far as we know…MAGA has now been allowed to start practice so we fully expect that they will have a season

**High School Assignor**

* Mike has formally resigned from the HS Assignor position; we will hold a vote this summer like we did last year to fill the position
	+ Amy will coordinate the voting process including communications, timeline, etc.
* Mike will remain on the HS committee
* Key notes from Mike regarding the position/things to remember
	+ Important to keep up relationships with the AD’s and coaches; we have a very positive favor with these individuals and it is important to keep that
	+ Important to keep the Fairbault invite in good favor
	+ The role must work well with the other association assignors as there is always coordination all season

**MAGA Assignor**

* End of season feedback; what went well; what should be adjusted for next year?
	+ Thanks to all those that helped Rockie on the first year
	+ Discussion regarding the use of officials from not within the association:
		- We ultimately have to as we do not have enough judges to fill the spots
		- Discussion on making sure we always ask our own members first (even those that don’t normally judge MAGA)
		- If we are going to have judges from another association judge MAGA meets through Rockie’s assigning (when we need them) we will have them pay dues
			* $75 will be due before they judge the first meet
		- We need to continue to clarify the mileage expectations at the fall meeting
			* Kelsie will also mention expectations in the on-boarding process to the newer judges to reinforce the expectations