



NYS Gymnastics Board Meeting Minutes 1/20/2021

Committee Members in attendance:

Bill Borges - present
Gail Caspare - present
Barry Coss - present
Al Drozdowski - present
Gary Gregory - present
Dan Hassoun - present
Dana Marion - present
Val Stoughton - present
Steve Swider- present
Robin Thomas Harper - present
Jamie Winkler - present
Sharon Sparling - present
Mary Bakke Spadaro - present

The following are my notes from our last zoom meeting. I record the meeting and then watch it back to make sure that I have all of the topics covered.

Went over thoughts on a virtual vs live state meet

- Many gymnasts do not feel ready with states being only 6 weeks away and having to quarantine on and off
- Vaccines are running low
- Most everyone would rather do live but we have practiced virtual and it would work
- Many downstate coaches would rather not compete than do virtual
- Virtual might be a big problem with the whole state compared to our 20-gymnast practice meet
- Good possibility of numbers being low if states are live

Many large live meets coming up within the next few weeks

- All are kept to small sessions (30-40 kids per session, 300-500 kids total)
- Spectators are limited and cleaning is planned out throughout the whole weekend

We discussed the possibility of having an upstate, mid-state and down state championships. Would the judges travel and judge all three meets? This would allow us to have consistency in judging.

Gail Caspare, Sharon Sparling and Val Stoughton will be contacting the judging officials to see if they feel comfortable traveling and possibly staying in a hotel.

Once again went over how many state meets and where they would need to be held to cover the entire state while.

Possible sites:

Bright Raven: (Western, Finger Lakes, Central, Southern tier)

New Image: (Long Island, New York City)

Need gym in the Capital Region

Would also need judges to be able and willing to travel to different parts of the state.

***Please look at this map and think of possible gyms or sites. Is Gotham Gymnastics in the NY City Region? If they held a meet, we could connect Long Island, NYC and Mid-Hudson.

Valley Gymnastics could also be a site (Mohawk Valley) which connects with North country, Capital, and other regions.



Motion made by Gary Gregory for the 2021 season we extend the declaration date to March 8th, 2021

- Second by Barry Coss
- Motion passes

***If we are going virtual, we need to notify Michelle Archer to be put on her list of dates. We also need to give the venues of the Level 9/10 and Level 7/8 state meets notification that we would not be using them.

This is a unique time in our lives and there really is no perfect answer as to how we will have state meets. We need to decide what is best for the athletes and make a decision. There will be unhappy people with every decision. That is inevitable.

Next meeting: Wednesday February 3, 2021 -8:00 pm

Be prepared to make final decisions regarding the state meets. Are we going live or virtual?