

**Tonka Area Gymnastics Association (TAGA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**A special meeting to review proposals was held on
September 3rd, 2020, 8:00 p.m., using Zoom virtual meeting.**

QUORUM. A quorum was present based on the attendance of the following Directors:
Ranae Hendrickson, President
Christine Myers, Vice President
Angie Atkinson, Secretary
Ryan Sandquist, Treasurer
Jodi Sweatt, Member at Large
Alicia King, Member at Large

Absent: Ryan Bisson, Member at Large

Meeting called to order at 8:05 pm.

PROPOSALS. The board discussed the following proposals presented by Minnetonka Club Team Gymnastics Head Coach and Minnetonka High School Gymnastics Head Coach, Christine Myers.

Dear TAGA Board of Directors,

Thank you for your time and dedication to Tonka Area Gymnastics Association. The Minnetonka gymnastics experience has been improved through the efforts of this support organization.

As you know, I have thoughts about how to grow the opportunities for the gymnasts, expanding TAGA support to include the Minnetonka High School gymnastics program. Many of our competitive gymnasts are part of the Minnetonka School District. This would provide a smooth transition for those that have grown-up in the Minnetonka MAGA program but want to experience competing for their high school.

This is also similar to programs at other schools, where the competitive club teams feed the high school teams, making both programs stronger. The effort that the families put into the program as members of the competitive team are not lost as the gymnast moves to high school.

TAGA Mission is to:

- Maintain an athletic association dedicated to the promotion of the sport of gymnastics;
- Provide opportunities for youth to participate in organized gymnastics activities; and
- Promote the principles of teamwork and sportsmanship in such activities.

This goes hand in hand with the idea to be inclusive of all Tonka Area Gymnasts. The vision for the future of TAGA is one that is inclusive of both the Club gymnast and the High School gymnast, where both benefit from the Tonka Area Gymnastics Association and its efforts to make the gymnasts' experiences better.

My proposal is three fold and has different levels of protection and inclusivity involved. I believe many of these steps will help to not only improve the TAGA organization, but also protect our Organization, TAGA Board members and our Gymnasts.

Proposal 1 - Expansion to include MHS Gymnastics

Allow the Minnetonka High School Gymnastics team to be part of TAGA. Maintain separate finances; the MHS Gymnastics team maintains their own checking account under TAGA.

Funds are not shared (except for specific purposes approved by the board, for example cooperation for equipment or invitational meet hosting). TAGA offers two Board member positions to MHS gymnastics parents. One to the MHS Gymnastics Treasurer and one additional at large Board member. Note: Two ways you can be a part of this is through Club or through MHS. If you go to a different HS, you can still opt in.

Motion to expand/include MHS Gymnastics, unanimously approved.

Proposal 2 - Insurance

Part A: Obtain a Directors and Officers Liability policy to cover the TAGA Board of Directors.

This protects TAGA individuals or as a group for decisions made. I have researched other gyms (OGC- also a 501c3) to find the appropriate policy and coverages necessary to do so, at a cost-effective rate. The approximate cost annually is \$367.

Part B: Obtain a Commercial General Liability policy

A Commercial General Liability policy can help protect TAGA in regards to property damage or bodily injury to others. It does not provide any coverage for participants (gymnasts). \$1,00,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate. Naming Minnetonka High School as an additional named insured. This is standard policy and required to host events at the Minnetonka High School. The approximate cost annually is \$485.

Part C: Obtain an athlete accident policy as this is a mandatory policy in order to get the General Liability policy. The Accident policy covers any players (30 Club gymnasts and 20 HS gymnasts) coaches, managers, or volunteers in the TAGA organization. Up to \$10,000 in medical costs in the event they are injured. Up to \$10,000 coverage for death and dismemberment. I have completed the application to get the quote. Total is approximately \$660.

Part D: Create a Parent /Gymnast Waiver for all TAGA members to sign. This is an additional way to cover TAGA and is typically used during an event we might hold such as a clinic, open gym, or camp. I am in the process of creating this document and securing legal advice in regards to it.

Motion to purchase insurance, unanimously approved.

Proposal 3 - MHS Gymnastics Open Gym

TAGA hosts a Fall Gymnastics Open Gym at MHS starting 9/9/2020. New opportunity this year for MHS gymnasts to practice as a team in the off season run by MHS parents of TAGA while following the rules of the Minnesota High School Sports League.

Motion for TAGA to host MHS Gymnastics Open Gym, approved. (Approved by all but Ryan -as he had to step away from the meeting momentarily).

The future of Gymnastics at Minnetonka is bright, and this is in large part to the work that the TAGA organization has been doing since 2013.

It is rare that we find a group of parents so vested to work so hard to do what TAGA and the parent group has accomplished thus far.

I am grateful to our forefathers/mothers who started this organization, and did all the initial work it took to get it up and running. Now is our time to continue to carry TAGA to the next level.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Next meeting: October 8, 2020 at 9pm via Zoom. Include in agenda: discuss inclusion of gymnasts outside of Minnetonka. (Parents Meeting is October 20th at 7pm).