

2010- 2011 Season

Welcome returning members to the new season, and welcome and congratulations to new Mid-Michigan Gymnastics (MMG) team members, from the Mid-Michigan Gymnastics USA Booster Club (MMGBC). As a member of the MMG team/pre-team it is required that you also join the booster club. You and your gymnast will both benefit, from becoming as active as you can. We would like to provide you with an overview of our booster club. This overview is subject to change and revised as needed.

The purpose of the MMG Booster Club is to support the MMG gymnasts both financially and emotionally. We have many fundraisers throughout the year that will help offset some of the expenses your gymnast will incur. We also help plan special events such as the spring banquet, group outings and more.

Finally, the booster club is a good opportunity for you, as a parent, to gain support and understanding from other parents who have made the same (big) commitment to the sport of gymnastics that you have. As your gymnast travels to competitions out of town and even out of state, it is nice to know other parents with whom to share information, a ride, a hotel or a meal.

We welcome your ideas, your enthusiasm and your support. Welcome to our gym family!

Organization

The MMGBC consist of elected officers, members at large and general members. The officers elected are **volunteers** and consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Members at large. The offices are filled by an election in May of each year. The booster club follows the established articles of incorporation and by-laws.

Meetings

During the season we meet as a booster club at the gym, at least once per quarter. All active members of MMGBC should attend all general meetings and have voting privileges, but are limited to one vote per family. Copies of the general booster club meeting minutes will be emailed to each member at the email address provided by that member, and will be posted on the bulletin board near the team folders in the MMG lobby. Please make sure your current email address, home address and phone contact numbers are up to date with the booster club, as well as the gym. Updates to the booster club can be sent to mmgbcsecretary@aol.com. The bulletin board should be checked at least weekly for booster club communications and sign up sheets.

Membership

To be an active and voting member in MMGBC, membership requires per annum dues of a set amount per family, currently \$25. To receive gymnastics financial support you must be an active and voting member in MMGBC. This \$25 needs to be paid by the last day of the month that your gymnasts joins the team. If you are new to the booster club, no fundraising can be done until your membership fee is paid. Inappropriate conduct by a booster club member towards another booster club member, gymnast, board member, or MMG staff can result in removal from the booster club and loss of all MMGBC related group discounts, fundraising privileges, entry of your gymnast by MMGBC into meets, and access to non-profit raised funds, etc. This will be determined by the gym owner **and** a majority vote of at least a quorum of the current board members. In the event of removal from the booster club, all coaches fees and expenses at least equivalent to those paid by the booster club members according to your gymnasts level, meet fee's, team fee's, spring banquet fee's, etc and all related fines must be paid to MMG. Any positive balance of non-profit raised funds will be forfeited to the MMGBC general fund. Reinstatement to the booster club can be requested in writing and any outstanding debts to the booster club must be paid in full and submitted to the MMGBC President. Reinstatement must be approved by the gym owner **and** a majority vote of at least a quorum of the current board members.

Mission

MMGBC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of competitive team members of all levels. The major objective of the booster club is to raise significant funds annually through the active participation of parents, and use these funds for the betterment of Mid Michigan Gymnastics, USA team and pre-team gymnasts within the meaning of Section 501C-3 of the internal revenue code.

Team Parents

At the October meeting we will choose team parents. Each level has 1 or 2 parents per level who volunteer to organize special events within the team. Team parents are responsible for reporting scores after meets, providing meet bags or organizing sign up for parents to rotate providing meet bags. Team parents are also responsible for gathering contact information from each family and bringing it with them to all meets in case a parent needs to be contacted. With permission of each family, contact information should be distributed to each family with a gymnast in that level to help facilitate carpooling, sharing hotels/staying in same hotels, etc.

Uniforms

All MMG team and pre-team members are required to purchase uniforms. Pre-team (levels: 1 – non-competitive 4) uniforms consist of a short sleeved leotard. The cost of the leotard is around \$40. Team (levels competitive 4 – 10) girls require the short sleeved leotard, long sleeved leotard, and a warm up jacket and pants. Boy gymnasts require a full uniform which consist of shirt, shorts, pants, warm up jacket and warm up pants. Jodi is in charge of getting your children's uniform ordered. She will be in contact with each family shortly. If your booster club has a positive balance after all expenses are deducted members can request that amount be applied to uniform costs.

Fundraising

The purpose of fundraising is to generate funds in support of competitive team members of all levels and to promote gymnastics in the community. The funds earned will help support, but not limited too: coaches fees, travel to meets and meet hotel expenses, coaches education, judges, meet fees and the annual banquet.

To help our MMGBC members with season expenses while remaining within the restrictions of our nonprofit status, the booster club will provide fundraising projects. Families must meet a minimum level of fundraising participation appropriate to their competition level. The minimum fundraising level will be determined annually by the MMGBC board. Each family's fundraising will be tracked by the fundraising coordinator and the treasurer. In addition each family will be **required** to help support the meet hosted by MMG each year by volunteering. Should a family choose not to fundraise, they may opt to "buy out" for an amount appropriate for their level. The fundraising requirement may be met by participation in any combination of fundraisers and/or the "buy out". Participation in the annual MMG/MMGBC hosted meets are a requirement by MMG and are covered in your MMG handbook. Donations to the meet concessions, judges and coaches food for meets are a requirement as a member of MMGBC.

Funds from the MMGBC fundraising will only be disbursed for actual costs incurred through the support of gymnastics for it members. No single person or group will be the sole receiver of this support, nor will any single person receive funds that are above the cost incurred. Proper accounting procedures are followed and all transactions into and out of the booster club accounts are recorded. These records are maintained in a timely manner and a monthly financial summary is prepared for every meeting.

Your payments (if amount is owed) will be due on July 1st, and the 1st of each month thereafter. Accounts not paid by the 10th of each month will be charged a \$10 late fee, and \$10 per month thereafter. The booster club cannot enter gymnasts into meets if the member's account is not in good standing. This can result in the gymnast missing entry deadlines into meets, or being withdrawn from meets not paid for. To enter your gymnast you will have to do it through the gym and you will be responsible for all late fees and fines.

Examples of Fundraisers for 2010/2011 Season

SCRIP- Ongoing, please contact SCRIP coordinator asap regarding this program. It is an easy way to make money towards your account throughout the year by purchasing gas cards, gift cards, etc for your monthly expenses.

Meijer Rewards-Ongoing- our account # is 102862

Annual golf outing

Cookie Dough

Pancake breakfast

Football Frenzy Tickets

Mums

Pizza kits

Dinner or breakfast/Silent auction
Wreaths/grave blanket
Avon
MMGBC/MMG competitive hosted meet

Fundraising requirements and meet fee requirements will be set by August 30th. Your family will have a complete breakdown of your financial commitment to MMGBC by the middle of September. The fundraising commitment papers will be placed in the team folders. Amounts billed from July through August will be estimated from the previous years budget and meets, and adjusted as needed.

Team Folders

Please check your team folders daily. Information placed in your folder can include meet information, your account balance report, fundraising activities and more. The team folders are located in the office in the file keeper.

Leaving the program

MMGBC will require two written notifications when a gymnast leaves the program. One notification should be addressed to the booster club secretary and the other to the booster club treasurer. The treasurer will close out your booster club account. By law, no money from fundraising can be refunded from your account.

Proposals

We welcome all ideas from our members. If you have a great idea you would like to share with the booster club, please make a proposal. We have a binder located near the team folders with proposal forms in it. This binder also contains past proposals. All proposals will be reviewed at the next board meeting and if within booster club, MMG and non-profit rules, by-laws and articles of incorporation, it will be read at the next booster club meeting. If voting is required the proposal chairperson will make and distribute the ballots. Please see voting.

Voting

Any changes to the MMGBC current season's approved budget have to be voted on by the general membership. MMGBC will set our budget before the meeting in September. At the September meeting we will vote to approve the budget. Any changes in the budget after that point in time must be voted on. If something needs to be voted on, ballots will be made and placed in each team folder. The results of the vote will be read at the next booster club meeting.

Spring Banquet

Each year MMG and MMGBC host a special banquet to honor the gymnast and the coaches. The banquet is usually held the first week of June and consists of dinner, awards and a video slide show.

The best way to stay informed about the booster club is to attend meetings and ask questions. We welcome all ideas, suggestions and volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help organize a fundraiser or help with some administrative duties please contact a member on the MMGBC board.

Board Members

President – Paula Peters paulap65@aol.com

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