

GASL Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2020

1. Approve November Minutes

- a. *Motion: Approve November 2019 Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*

2. Old Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$10,590.88.
- b. Starting Date for 2020 Season *Motion: Start the season on June 13, 2020, and don't hold any meets on the weekend of July 4, 2020. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*
- c. 2020 Schedule Information - Due March 1, 2020
 - i. Pool Availability: All of the teams were polled to identify any potential conflicts that they may have for hosting meets; Jake Miller recorded the information to support schedule development. Still need availability information from Hunt Meadow, Evergreen, Bay Hills, and Mayo.
 - ii. Meet Hosting Capacity: Elicited interest in hosting championship meets; teams expressing interest were Hillsmere, Bay Hills, Ulmstead (if needed), Indian Landing (no Bronze), Bay Ridge (if needed), and Chase Creek (if needed).
- d. Communications Tiger Team Report and Recommendation (Lisa Gebbia, Anne Canaday, Laura Falsone, and Sandy Avery): The GASL web site was not enough for communications, and the team evaluated free and paid options for email, file storage, and messaging. The short-term recommendation is to continue to use the GASL web site and GASL email addresses, and reactivate Shutterfly for file uploading, retrieval, and messaging (note that the current Shutterfly contact list will be purged and updated with the current league emails). Long-term recommendation is to obtain non-profit status and activate the free G-Suites Basic for Non-Profits for email, file upload, and file retrieval. To access your team email address until we switch to G Suites, go to swimgasl.org/webmail and enter your team email address (i.e., ahst@swimgasl.org) and password. If you cannot remember your password (or if you just want to forward your emails to one or more email addresses you already use) contact our Webmaster, Sandy Avery (443-995-0372 or savery422@gmail.com). Instructions for accessing Shutterfly for the Message Board or File Upload/Retrieval will be sent out to the teams in the near future. *Motion: Accept the plan as outlined above. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*
- e. Family Championship Meet Committee Report and Recommendations (Danielle Brooks, Becky Crosby, Jared Calish, Lisa Gebbia, Kate Foran, and Nicole McCarver). The Committee evaluated the Family Championship Meet concept along with other ideas that could improve the overall swimmer and family experience at

Championship Meets, but did not present any Family Championship Meet options for a vote (which could have included maintaining the status quo or recommending some variant of the Family Championship Meet concept). Instead, they made the following general Championship Meet recommendations: (1) Host one Bronze Meet instead of two; (2) Modify eligibility standards for Silver swimmers to compete in Bronze relays; (3) Move the Bronze Meet to Friday morning or mid-day (with the weather date on Saturday); and (4) Revise the time standards for the Gold Meet since it is typically oversubscribed. *Motion: Maintain status quo for 2020 season and review Family Championship Meet concept for 2021 season. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*

- f. Jake requested a volunteer to review the time standards for the 2020 Season and present them at the May 2020 meeting. Sandy Avery agreed to evaluate and present her recommendations in May.
- g. Proposed Rules Updates/Results (Kevin Avery)
 - i. Kevin Avery requested teams to provide him with any gaps or changes that they may have with the rules.
 - ii. Kevin reinforced the Anne Arundel County requirement to have a certified lifeguard and pool operator on site for both practices and meets. Teams are to ensure that all coaches understand this requirement.
 - iii. Due to the dive restrictions at Evergreen, they are entitled to conduct one time trial provided that it's properly supervise and staffed with officials. No other time trials will be conducted in the league.
 - iv. Swimmers shall have no more than four splashes per meet, including relays.
 - v. The backstroke flags must be at a minimum height of 5'11" above the water in accordance with the rules.
 - vi. Home team must supply watches, and visitors should provide backup watches. Visitors should also bring their starting system as a backup.
 - vii. Kevin reinforced the fact that coaches must not enter a swimmer in an event unless they have a plausible chance of swimming a legal stroke.
 - viii. Kevin reinforced the rule to post results within four hours.
 - ix. Kevin remind the teams that the host teams do not own the staffing of Championship Meets for officials; rather, the Officiating Committee will recruit officials and League Officials will partner with the host teams.
- h. Officials Report
 - i. Officials Survey Results (Jerilyn Deitch)
 - 1. 46 officials and seven League Reps participated in the survey.
 - 2. 70% of those surveyed read the Standing rules every season; Officials, League Reps, and Coaches should read the Standing Rules every year.

3. 74% of those surveyed read the USA Swimming Technical Rules (blue pages) every season; Officials, League Reps, and Coaches should read the USA Swimming Technical Rules (blue pages) every year.
 4. Jerilyn emphasized that Officials should review the Stroke and Turn Briefing in full before the start of every meet.
 5. 90% of those surveyed found that the Pre-Meet Briefing was helpful; however, only 30% of the Lead Officials conduct a detailed Stroke-and-Turn Briefing.
 6. 78% of Officials recognize the advantages of two-lane jurisdiction.
 7. 70% of Officials conduct some type of shadowing for new officials.
 8. Many Officials identified a number of rules that should be clarified.
- ii. SOP Documents for Lead Official, Starter, and Head Timer (Jerilyn Deitch): SOP documents were created for the Lead Official and Starter (the Head Timer SOP is being developed). Copies will be posted on the GASL web site and provided to everyone during the pre-season training session.

3. New Business

- a. All teams should inform Kate Foran (srcstingraysinfo@gmail.com) of any ribbons that their team does NOT need for the 2020 season by March 1, 2020, so she can complete the ribbon order.
- b. Any team that did not bring a \$200 check for 2020 GASL dues to this meeting should mail them directly to Noelle Semmes at 922 Preserve Drive, Annapolis MD 21409
- c. Next GASL Meeting will be held on May 21, 2020, at 6:30pm at Harting Farms.