

# GASL Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2019

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## 1. November Minutes

- a. *Motion: Approve the November Meeting Minutes. Motion was Seconded.*  
*RESULT: All teams voted Yes by voice vote and the motion carried.*

## 2. Old Business

- a. Treasurer's Report
  - i. GASL League fees were collected by Treasurer, Noelle Semmes. If you missed the meeting or did not bring a check, please mail a \$200 check payable to GASL to Noelle Semmes, 922 Preserve Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409 before May 16, 2019.
  - ii. No changes to Treasurer's Report since last meeting
- b. GASL Website Update
  - i. Sandy Avery provided an overview of the information that's being included on the web site, which is currently live at [www.swimgasl.org](http://www.swimgasl.org).
  - ii. All content will be moved from Shutterfly to the new site within the next few days.
  - iii. A central email address will be created for each team (i.e., [HMST@swimgasl.org](mailto:HMST@swimgasl.org)) that can be maintained by the team as representatives and other points of contact change.
  - iv. A Webmaster will be needed to keep the site up-to-date; Sandy agreed to be the Webmaster for the first year, if necessary.
  - v. Dues will not be increased for the teams since sufficient funds were available to support web site development.

## 3. New Business

- a. Tech Training
  - i. Bruce Reiter will conduct Tech training on May 8, 2019 at the Bay Ridge Club House at a time to be determined.
- b. Stroke and Turn (S&T) Training
  - i. Training will be conducted at both Harting Farms and Bay Ridge; they will confirm which dates work best for them.
  - ii. S&T Training PowerPoint decks will also be available on the GASL web site.
- c. Lifeguard Training
  - i. Mayo will not be able to organize the lifeguard training this year.
  - ii. Bay Hills may be able to host the training again this year; other teams will also check to see if they can host the training.

- iii. Lifeguard training is required for coaches every two years at a cost of \$25/coach
- d. Scoring and DQing 6&Under Swimmers; many opinions were presented, including:
  - i. There could be a lot of pressure on 6&Under swimmers if they are scored.
  - ii. The league wants to instill a love of swimming in younger children, and encourage 6&Under swimmers to finish their events.
  - iii. 6&Under swimmers can still compete in an older age group and be scored.
  - iv. It's important to DQ swimmers who don't follow the rules, and to learn that lesson early (it's not the end of the world).
  - v. Part of swimming is also how swimmers should treat their teammates, especially when they get DQ'd; it's meant to be a learning experience.
  - vi. There should be no sliding scale for officiating, irrespective of the swimmers age (i.e., it's either legal or it's not).
  - vii. Not scoring 6&Under swimmers provides a no pressure situation for younger swimmers to improve their strokes.
  - viii. 6&Under swimmers are swimming in the meet, so why shouldn't they be able to score?
  - ix. What's the benefit of scoring 6&Under swimmers? They can learn the lesson that there will always be both better swimmers than they are and worse swimmers than they are. Everyone on the team should have the same opportunity to score points. Are 6&Under swimmers part of the team or not?
  - x. *Motion: 6&Under swimmers should be DQ'd following the same rules as older swimmers. Motion was Seconded. RESULT: All teams voted Yes and the motion carried.*
  - xi. *Motion: 6&Under swimmers should be scored starting this season. Motion was Seconded. RESULT: 11 teams voted Yes, 7 teams voted No; the motion carried.*
- e. Schedule & Championships
  - i. The results of the revised voting via email for the three schedule options are as follows: Option 1 - 10 votes; Option 2 - 2 votes; and Option 3 - 7 votes. RESULT: The season will start on June 15th; regular season meets will be held on June 15th, 22nd, and 29th, July 6th and 13th; Championship Weekend will be held on July 20th and 21st. The Bronze Meet will be held on Wednesday, July 17th.
  - ii. Some teams who voted for Option 1 also said that they couldn't host the first meet.

- iii. All teams were requested to notify GASL President Jennifer Busse ([jennifer.Busse@rsmus.com](mailto:jennifer.Busse@rsmus.com)) by Friday, February 22nd if your team is UNABLE to host any regular season or championship meets or your team WANTS to host a championship meet.
  - iv. The schedule is expected to be finalized and posted in March 2019.
  - v. It was noted that it's challenging to develop a standard methodology to assign championship meets. Currently, teams who provide volunteers (i.e., board and committee members) are initially eligible to host Championship Meets, and that process will not change.
- f. GASL 2019 Standing Rules Update
- i. Kevin Avery presented the first draft of the updated Standing Rules
  - ii. The goal was to make minimal changes, improve clarity, fill-in gaps, incorporate new ideas, simplify sections, etc.
  - iii. The draft document will be published to the Team Reps within the next few days so they can share it with their teams, who are requested to provide feedback by mid-to-late March 2019.
  - iv. Team Reps will be able to collectively make comments and ask questions in an online version of the document.
  - v. Kevin brought up the need to clarify the policy on Time Trials (which may be held after a meet) and "Time Trial Meets." The policy needs to be transparent and consistent. Three questions need to be answered: (1) Should Time Trail Meets be held before the season? (2) Should we allow exhibition (i.e., unscored) swims at the end of a dual meet? (3) Can swimmers sign-up for more than 4 events with extra events being exhibition (i.e, for qualifying times only and not scored).
  - vi. The league needs to outline the issues with Time Trials and distribute them to the Team Reps so they can have time to digest them and provide feedback.
  - vii. One Team Rep raised the issue with the Evergreen pool; namely, that swimmers are unable to dive in the pool at the start, which results in slower times for any meet held at that pool.
  - viii. Kevin indicated that the default decision (if no action was taken) would be that swimmers would swim in a maximum of four events in a meet and get a time (which could be scored or not scored).
  - ix. *Motion: Only count the times swum during sanctioned dual meets toward Gold Meet qualifying times. Motion was seconded. RESULT: Vote was deferred until some Time Trails language could be drafted (see next Motion).*
  - x. *Motion: Table the Time Trials discussion until May. Motion was not Seconded and no vote was taken, but the consensus of the Team Reps was*

*to defer the discussion until volunteer Team Reps could help Kevin draft the revised Time Trials rules.*

g. Ribbons

- i. Team Reps are requested to email Kate Foran ([paulkat99@yahoo.com](mailto:paulkat99@yahoo.com)) if they do NOT need Participation or Heat Winner ribbons. Also, please turn-in any leftover Championship Meet ribbons to Kate.
- ii. *Motion: Hand out Heat Winner ribbons after scoring is completed for all teams (currently Heat Winner ribbon distribution is a pool preference). Motion was Seconded. VOTE: 4 teams voted Yes, 16 teams voted No; motion failed to carry and Heat Winner ribbon distribution will remain a pool preference.*

h. Next GASL Meeting will be held on May 16th at 6:30pm at Harting Farms.

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