

DSSL Board Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2022

Attendees: Current board, outgoing president (Christopher Newman), parent reps.

1. New Board Member Selection
 - a. President/VP rotate through teams in alphabetical order; next president from Black Horse Run: Kai Sung; President-Elect from Brightleaf: Candice Offield
 - b. New board nominees presented:
 - i. Secretary/Publicity: Jen Finch (replacing Kristen Weaver)
 - ii. Treasurer: Kelly Giovanello (returning)
 - iii. Officials: Arlene Song (returning)
 - iv. Statistician: Kristen Weaver (replacing Jennifer Johnson)
 - v. Champs Chair: Starr Husketh (replacing Sandy Falise)
 - vi. Awards: Kat Murray (replacing Starr Husketh)
 - c. Motion to approve (Starr); Second (Eric); New board approved
2. Proposed Schedule for 2022 Season (presented by Kristen Weaver)
 - a. See attachments with proposed meet schedule by week and team. The 2022 schedule mirrors the 2021 schedule, just updated to the appropriate day of the week.
 - b. Due to COVID, the divisions were frozen and based on 2019 roster numbers (vote on this decision occurred at January 2021 board meeting). Discussion around if this is still the most appropriate approach, but decided that this will be the structure for 2022, and going forward we will return to the previous pre-COVID approach where this year's roster numbers (2022) will be used to decide the divisions for the 2023 season.
 - c. Discussion around re-balancing the number of home vs away meets. Goal is to have 2 home/3 away and alternate this pattern year after year. Will look to address any discrepancies next season.
 - d. Teams should be on the look-out for an email from a new statistician account and each team needs to be thinking about who will serve as the statistician for their own team this year.
 - e. Plan to make a decision at the April meeting on how meets will proceed this year: completely in-person, hybrid, or virtual. Will use the most current COVID information to make this decision.
3. Treasury Report (presented by Kelly Giovanello)
 - a. See attachment with full treasurer reports.
 - b. Key highlights:
 - i. Excellent job anticipating cost increases and adjusting team dues and splash fees accordingly as budget was balanced with a net revenue of \$1,134.17.
 - ii. Cost increases were largely due to utilizing TAC for Champs as it was much more expensive than other facilities.
 - iii. DSSL laptop was replaced (cost \$483).
 - iv. Plan to increase splash fees for Champs this year from \$8 to \$12.
4. Championship Meet (presented by Starr Husketh)
 - a. Planned for July 9th at TAC; Starr to finalize details of contract (including start time) in meeting with Mark on January 31st.

- i. Discussion around utilizing other facilities; however, in order to have meet on a weekend and only one day, TAC is the only option. Next year, will look into GAC and Koury as alternatives. For this year, both of these facilities were fully booked. Kelly will f/u with Koury.
 - b. Hopeful that kids will be able to be on the deck, and spectators will be able to be in the stands, but that will be determined by COVID protocols. Based on recent meets held at TAC, it seems likely that this may be possible, but not certain at this time. If kids are not able to be on the deck, will need to address safety issues around kids lining up in the stairway as last year the wet/slippery floors were noted as a hazard.
 - c. Change in plans for hospitality this year. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and each team will be responsible for taking care of their own volunteers. Plan to have each team provide denotations of water and snacks, and there will be 1 to 2 volunteers on the deck to distribute these snacks.
- 5. Concerns from Last Year (roundtable discussion – only teams with comments and concerns listed below)
 - a. Parkwood – plans to look into Swimmingley this season
 - b. UP/JCC – need to work on redistributing the home/away meet schedule in 2023
 - c. GF – alignment on paper vs electronic meet operation – confirmed that both teams must agree on the format
 - d. FO –
 - i. Question around finding a banking solution that does not charge monthly fees – Coastal Federal Union suggested as a solution
 - ii. Question around how to manage team registration fees with the increase in splash fees – other teams noted that they build this into their initial registration dues to avoid asking for additional money later in the season and make assumptions on how many swimmers likely to participate by using historical data
 - e. Brightleaf –
 - i. Emphasized the need to make a decision with regards to meet format (hybrid vs in-person) and agreed to April meeting date as a good time to make that decision
 - ii. Provided feedback/encouragement around the adoption of Swimmingley; noted that they received positive feedback from parents and overall felt that it was a cost savings in terms of label, paper, and time. Noted that it relies on a router (provided with product) to cover the pool deck and compatibility was better with iPhones and older android models. Also suggested that any team considering using Swimmingley ensure that they order a connector to the starter soon due to slow turn around time. Primary issue noted with Swimmingley is inability to talk to Hi-Tec. Hi-Tec is needed for Champs (otherwise all times/entries must be manually added). Need to further look into how to make Swimmingley compatible with Hi-Tec.
- 6. Next meeting planned for April 10th. Plan on in-person meeting to distribute ribbons. More details to come on time and location.