

HSL Board Meeting Minutes
Date: October 2, 2019
Location: Harford Aquatic Wellness Center

1. Roll call of members present.
 - a. Executive Board
 - i. President - present
 - ii. Secretary - present
 - iii. Statistician - present
 - iv. Treasurer -
 - v. Head Official – present
 - b. Team Representatives
 - i. Aberdeen (AB) - present
 - ii. Aqua Culture (AQ) - present
 - iii. Arena Club (AR) - present
 - iv. Bel Air (BA) - present
 - v. Belcamp (BP) - present
 - vi. Emmorton (EM) - present
 - vii. Fallston Club (FC) - present
 - viii. Fountain Green (FG) - present
 - ix. Joppatowne (JT) -
 - x. Maryland Golf (MG) -
 - xi. North Harford (NH) -
 - xii. Rockspring (RS) - present
 - xiii. Valleybrook (VB) - present
 - c. Call to order.
 - i. Meeting called to order 7:05 PM
2. Correction and adoption of minutes from previous meeting.
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3. Reports of officers, committees, and coordinators.
 - a. President:
 - b. Secretary:
 - i. Report on action items from September – several teams have not submitted responses to the September board meeting action items. Secretary will email those teams directly requesting input.
 - c. Statistician
 - i. Present 4 generic 2020 schedule options
 1. Option 1 – as we have always done it
 2. Option 2 – 2 divisions made June 17 a free schedule meet week (no Bye since everyone only has 7 meets)
 3. Option 3 – 3 division June 14 & July 11 out of division meets (
 4. Option 4 – 3 division free schedule meet on June 17 July 11 out of division meet
 5. Consider making 6/14 & 6/17 out of division up front to allows weeks before school is out. Additional discussion included in discussion of three division league structure.
 - d. Treasurer:
 - i. No report
 - e. Head Official:
 - i. No report
4. Unfinished business.

- a. Elections for Executive Committee
 - i. Motion to close nominations for open Executive Board positions
 - 1. Raised: Statistician - Chris Bley Second: Aberdeen – Val Ryan Passed unanimously by verbal vote
 - ii. Statistician
 - 1. Nominee: Christopher Bley (incumbent)
 - 2. Elected unanimously by verbal vote
 - iii. Head Official
 - 1. Paul McEndree - His kids swim Bel Camp and YMCA. He was a starter and official this year. He is a YCM official as well (which is “pretty much USA swimming at this point”)
 - 2. Elected unanimously by verbal vote
 - iv. Treasurer
 - 1. Crystal Gallup - Parent of 2 HSL swimmers, I have been involved in the league for over 5 years. I feel like I am qualified for the Treasurer position because I have been a CPA for over 15 years. My experience varies from Executive level to Business Consulting at varying sizes of business. I have also served on the Board at Aqua Culture Swim Team.
 - 2. Elected unanimously by verbal vote
 - b. Motion to change bylaws to allow alternate division structures.
 - i. Raised: BAAC - Chris Bley Second: Fallston - Jill Melchionni
 - ii. Discussion: Language was distributed to board members prior to meeting. No discussion was necessary
 - iii. Passed: vote by roll call, 12 votes Aye, 0 votes No, 0 Abstain
5. New business.
- a. Meet builder – non-profit status has legal restrictions about board members receiving money directly from the board. Since board members vote for funds allocation they are not eligible to receive funds.
 - b. Documentation of gentlemen’s agreements – President will submit draft gentleman’s agreement form
 - c. 2020 Schedule Two or three division structure
 - i. Concern: If there is only three meets that count; do we communicate that swimmers only need to apply themselves three times. Several comments that this is a team culture issue and that all meets are important.
 - ii. Tri meets are still on the table for all schedule variations
 - iii. Division structure will need to be addressed each fall and evaluated based on the results of the previous season. For 2019 the data indicates a three division structure may be best based on the performance of the teams falling in three groups.
 - d. Motion for HSL to adopt a 3 divisions structure for 2020.
 - i. Raised: Head Official – Peter Entner; Second: Fountain Green – Randy Slotnik; Passed: unanimously by verbal vote
 - e. Motion for each division to have equal in-division meets that count toward standings.
 - i. Discussion: Since one division will have 5 teams and the other divisions will have 4, two of the division will have 3 in division meets and the other division will have 4 in division meets. A proposal was raised to have the teams in the smaller divisions swim one of the other division teams twice so that all teams have 4 meets that count toward their division standing. Based on the 2019 standings the additional meets would be determined by ranking. For each division, 1-2 and 3-4 would swim a second dual meet.
 - ii. Raised: Aqua Culture – Leslie Ziegler; Second: Fallston - Jill Melchionni
 - iii. Passed vote by roll call, Aye: 6; No: 5; Abstain: 1

- f. Additional discussion of 2020 schedule
 - i. There was an extended discussion about which weeks should be out of division meets and how to handle the likelihood that HCPS will still be in school for one or both of the first two meets. Out of division on 6/14; free week 6/17
 - ii. Deadline to submit schedule request to Statistician is 11 October. Chris will make schedule on 18th schedule options will be distributed prior to the November board meeting for approval at the November board meeting.
 - iii. 7 meet year so swimmers need to swim 3 meets to participate in championships
- g. Aberdeen and Joppatowne are looking for coaches for the summer 2020 season.
- h. Discussion of priorities for off-season meetings. The following items were raised as topics for off season discussion.
 - i. Rules review and change proposals completed by February
 - ii. By law change to require dolphin timing systems at all meets
 - iii. Gentlemen's agreement
 - iv. HSL Champions planning hosted by league. Planning needs to start early since all teams will be involved and the logistics will be more complex.
 - v. Review and refine meet builder process and compensation.
- 6. Announcements.
 - a. Next meeting
 - i. Monday, November 4; 7:00 PM, Harford Aquatic Wellness Center 2213-A Commerce Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050 (adjacent to Forest Hill / Hickory Activities Center)
 - ii. Motions to be considered
 - 1.
 - iii. Topics of discussion
 - 1. Dolphin requirement for all meets for 2020
 - 2. Possible All-Star dual meet between two leagues
- 7. Adjournment.
 - a. Meeting adjourned: 8:10 PM