

**HSL Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 09, 2020**

Meeting called to order 7:30PM

Quorum – 7:35PM

In Attendance

Executive Board

President	Lauren Stouten
Secretary	Dottie Drinan
Head Official	Paul McEndree
Treasurer	Kathryn Gnagey
Statistician	Chris Bley

Team Representatives

Aberdeen	None
Aqua Culture	Chad Le Fleur
Arena Club	Renee Mann
Bel Air	x
Belcamp	Doug
Emmorton	Tracy Milstead
Fallston	Lisa Quigley
Fountain Green	Tim Fisher
Joppatowne	Nicole
Maryland Golf	Karen Jacobs
North Harford	Aaron Hankins
Rockspring	Allen Clark
Valleybrook	x
Other Attendees	Sam Lopez Leslie Zigler Jim Quinn

President's Report

President provided information on the following items:

Bank account setup

PO Box setup (Kathryn indicated she needs to go to Post Office in person to show ID for setup)

Insurance update

Quote for D&D Liability

Treasurer report and budget overview will be provided at January 2021 Board Meeting

Virtual Meeting Procedure

President Reviewed Virtual Meeting Procedure

- a. Everyone is welcome to sit in on the virtual meeting
- b. Everyone will remain muted until they are recognized to speak
- c. Raise hand in the virtual meeting to be recognized
- d. We will recognize the Executive Board
- e. We will recognize the formal team representative

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- f. Once recognized the board member or team rep will be unmuted

Division Structure

Aqua Culture expressed a concern that the change in division structure for the 2021 season violated the HSL bylaw. Their concern was based on their interpretation of the bylaws the wording didn't allow for one division as the board voted for during the November 2020 Board Meeting. The Executive Committee, who has the authority to interpret the bylaws, determined that the change was not a violation.

Aqua Culture was recognized to present their proposed bylaw change. The Aqua Culture team representative, Chad LeFleur, asked that Leslie Zeigler be recognized to elaborate on the proposal.

Concern with bylaw change expressed about simple majority vs. 2/3 majority – wording should be updated to include 2/3 majority of HSL Board needed to pass a vote, but Aqua Culture indicated they did not want to change the voting procedure set forth within this section of the bylaws.

The version of the bylaws currently on the website is not the most recent version. Website version is 2017, most recent approved change was late 2019 for 2020 season (although the 2020 season never happened). The bylaws document was not updated to show that the Board can vote to change the number of divisions (singular vs. plural wording doesn't impact the meaning – no need to have more than one division although the wording says "divisions").

It was noted that there is no copy of the current bylaws (which includes the change in 2019 to allow Board to decide number of divisions).

Aqua Culture considers the Board's vote in November to make one division for dual meet purposes a bylaw violation and is suggesting this bylaw change to prevent possible future violations.

There were three options on the table for the wording of the bylaw change

1. As it was proposed
2. With wording on 2/3 majority vote
3. Removing wording for "This may only be done when governing bodies outside of the Harford Swim League have established policies or restrictions that affect the management of Harford Swim League."

Polled the room for who would support various versions of the bylaw change.

AQ – as proposed with 2/3

AR – Talk over with coach

BC – as proposed with 2/3

EM – as proposed with 2/3

FS – add 2/3 remove last sentence

FG – Talk over with coaches

JT – as proposed with 2/3

MG – discuss with team

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NH – 2/3 remove last sentence

RS – as proposed with 2/3

Chris Bley made a motion to change the wording of AQ proposed bylaw change to add wording about requiring a 2/3 vote, and to discuss at the January Board meeting, with a vote slated for February. If there are no objections to the wording, we could potentially vote on this at January meeting. Chad LeFleur seconded the motion.

2.1.1. d. Under extraordinary circumstances, for example increased public health restrictions, the HSL Board may vote by 2/3 majority to use a less restrictive meet structure. This may include a structure without divisions, changes in championships and/or modified meet operations. This may only be done when governing bodies outside of the Harford Swim League have established policies or restrictions that affect the management of Harford Swim League.

Any proposed changes to the wording should be brought to the board by the next meeting.

Please reference the audio recording for the details of the lengthy discussion among all Board members – Executive Committee and Team Representatives – regarding the proposed bylaw change.

Future Business

Quorum Bylaw Change – Pushing out discussion to a future meeting

Future subcommittee to be proactive in establishing guidelines for running meets with a non-traditional format. Would like to form committee and begin discussing options in by the beginning of April. Committee will discuss meet procedures based on situation and restrictions. Need to know who will be on committee by February meeting.

Discussion of approving November Board Meeting Minutes. Chad rejected based on the wording that there were no divisions. The Executive Committee requested feedback on November Board Meeting Minutes.

Open for Discussion

Motion to Adjourn

9:23 – Meeting Adjourned

Next meetings TBD