

Meeting Minutes – HSL October Meeting

Date of Meeting: 10/13/2021

Attendance:

Quorum met for attendance:

- emmorton had alternate rep Jess Marx in attendance.
- Joppatowne – absent
- Aberdeen – absent

Executive Committee:

All present;

- Note: President attended virtually due to work commitments out of state; taking meeting /' minutes; abstained from voting.
- Secretary chaired the meeting.

Start Time: 7:10 PM

1. Adoption of 2021 September Meeting Minutes

- a. updates to the meeting minutes sent via email today will be incorporated and an updated copy will be sent via email; board accepted 2021 September Minutes w/ amendments by general consensus.

2. Statement by Executive Committee (see attached)

- a. Emailed prior to start of meeting, read aloud by meeting chair
- b. No comments from the floor

3. Adoption of the Agenda

- a. Adopted by general consensus

4. Officer's Reports:

- a. President – no report
- b. Secretary –
 - i. Update contacts for the email distribution
- c. Statistician
 - i. Website Updates –
 - 1. posting historical meeting minutes from previous years
 - 2. Team Reps & Executive Committee information is updated
 - ii. Division Structure will be discussed under New Business
- d. Treasurer
 - i. \$9,661.94 – Standing Balance
 - ii. Pending Expenses – Insurance to be paid by 10/22
 - iii. Audit Report acceptance for FY22
- e. Head Official
 - i. Shirts for Officials – working on a proposal / pricing. Asked for additional vendor recommendations from team reps, if any.
 - ii. Patches to acknowledge 5, 10 year volunteers

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Nominating Committee – Open Positions for Next Election Cycle
 - i. President and Secretary Positions
 - ii. Current – Aaron, Melissa, and Shaniqua
- b. Audit Committee Report
 - i. A paper copy was submitted, but Jim will send a digital copy to the Exec Committee for posting/ distro.
 - ii. Recommendation to accept the 2021 Audit Report for the 2022 Fiscal Year; only a 6 month delta – defer decision to next month.
- c. Discussion of Division Balancing ByLaw
 - i. Discussion: Typically the top 3 teams of each division make up the division structure and we run a virtual simulation based on results for the upcoming season. Since the last season for scoring data was 2019, the board raised a concern that they would not be able to balance as stated within the bylaws. Last season did not provide the typical scoring data as r we did not score any meets, and had two teams not participate with swimmers shuffling to other teams.
 - 1. Executive Board propose the board motion to leverage the “emergency circumstances” bylaw to allow the EC to use alternative criteria/data for division balancing.
 - 2. Recommendation from the Exec Committee was to maintain the previous division structure that was voted on prior to the COVID Season was rejected (informally) by the board members at the September meeting. Exec Committee sought feedback from team reps via email.
 - ii. **Motion 1:** Utilize the extraordinary circumstance bylaw to allow the executive committee to balance the division with alternative data (i.e., size, geography) for the 2022 season only. (Paul First, Jim Second)
 - 1. Voting: 15 ayes, 2 absent. Motion passes
- d. **Division Balancing Criteria and Ranking Discussion & Vote**
 - i. Statistician presented league schedule templates based on 2, 3, or 4 divisions.
 - 1. Discussion: Criteria Recommendations for 2022 Season were proposed during the open discussion.
 - a. By Size (2021 sizes, 2019 sizes or an average)
 - b. Split teams by Geography
 - c. Use performance data from 2019 to balance the divisions for 2022
 - ii. **Motion 1** (Paul, Chris Second): HSL shall use team size to determine division balance for the 2022 season. **Moved to accept the motion by general consensus.**
 - iii. **Motion 2** (Chad, Paul Second): HSL shall use the 2021 size numbers as the data set for balancing teams within each division.
 - iv. Discussion on using 2021 size numbers:
 - 1. A two div. format versus 2019, Chris projected minimal ranking difference, with NH/Aquaculture that would be on the borderline between 1 & 2, for example based on 2019 sizes.

2. Number of teams in a 2 DIV structure would be: 6 in Div 1, 7 in Div 2 – division 2 would have the seventh team to offset if a team could not participate in the upcoming season.
3. Reconstructed the 2019 size (all teams provided an est) to help contextualize the difference between 2021 & 2019.
4. After some calculation, the statistician was able to propose an agreeable ranking to balance the divisions (Ranked 1-13 will be: FG, FC, RS, BA, AR, AB, AQ, MG, NH, EM, VB, JT, BP)
- v. **Motion 2, Amended:** As a result of the discussion, Chad Moved to amend the motion: Move to use the rank order submitted by the Statistician. Motion approved by general consensus.

6. Division Structure for 2022 Season:

- a. Discussion Points:
 - i. Need to determine how the league will split the teams and whether to divide into 2, 3, or 4 divisions for the 2022 season, using the aforementioned / approved criteria to balance.
 1. **Motion 1:** HSL will divide the 13 teams into two divisions for the 2022 Season. Renee, Paul Second. Motion Passed by general consensus.
 2. **Motion 2:** HSL will have six teams in Division One and Seven Teams in Division 2. Jim, Chad second. Rationale, protect the integrity of the balancing in the event that one of the smaller teams in Div 2 would not be able to field a team. Passed by general consensus.
- b. **Beginning / End of the Season:**
- c. Discussion Points: Board members wanted to establish the possible starting dates for the season to enable the Statistician to come up with possible schedules.
 - i. **Motion 1:** Propose HSL start the 2022 Season Meets on June 18th (Aaron, chad seconded); withdrawal the motion pending schedule options at the next meeting.
 - ii. **Motion was withdrawn and the board decided to delay further discussion until after the statistician put together schedule options.** Discussion points for consideration:
 1. Starting options - June 11th, 15th, 18th
 2. No Division Championship (could be enacted if COVID limits event sizes.
 3. HSL Championships – July 23, 24 (meets required to qualify for champs)
 4. Avoid confliction with states.
 5. Week of July 6th would be an out of division meet, assigned by HSL
 6. Out of Division – Freelance vs. HSL League assigned.
 - a. Freelance – no assigned meets by the league. Teams could organize their own meets or decide to have a bye week.
 - b. General consensus was preference for the out of division meet to be assigned by HSL
- d. **Action:** Statistician will send out a survey via email to Team Reps and present multiple schedule options for vote/discussion at the November meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Vote to Accept Financial Audit for this Fiscal Year – pushed to November meeting
 - b. Updating lists for email communication – already covered under secretary report.
- 8. Open Discussion**
- a. Introduced new Aquaculture Rep – Shaniqua Roberts
 - b. No further business was brought to the floor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Next Meeting is November 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Location Bel Air Athletic Club (if Kids Clubhouse entrance is locked, enter through main doors).