

HSL Board Meeting Agenda
January 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Bel Air Athletic Club
658 Boulton St, Bel Air, MD 21014

1. Roll call of members present.
 - a. Executive Board - Treasurer not present
 - b. Team Representatives - All teams represented
 - c. Call to order. 7:10
2. Correction and adoption of minutes from the previous meeting.
 - a. No corrections to unofficial meeting minutes - there was not a quorum so the November meeting could not be called to order
3. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. adopted by verbal assent
4. Reports of officers, committees, and coordinators.
 - a. President: Happy New Year message
 - b. Secretary: No report
 - c. Statistician:
 - i. Presented 2023 HSL Schedule
 - ii. Motion adopt division structure recorded under old business
 - iii. Schedule Notes:
 1. July 1st date is incorrect, half the meets missing
 2. Aqua Culture home meets are at the other team's facility with Aqua Culture acting as the home team for meet manager purposes
 3. Joppatowne may have issues with Magnolia availability for Wednesday meets after 6/24. The request has been submitted but the team has no control of timeliness of a response
 4. The schedule has been developed so that there will be a Dolphin in use at all meets.
 5. Champs July 22 & 23
 6. ACTION: Statistician will distribute a draft schedule prior to the February meeting for final approval at the February meeting. *(Note: As many board members have already heard, it was announced the week after the January board meeting that Bel Air Athletic Club will be closing permanently in February 2023. Obviously this will impact the league. The BAAC coach has informed the secretary that BAAC will not have a swim team for the 2023 HSL season.)*
 - iv. Statistician is getting a quote on TeamManager upgrades.
 - v. Dolphin master watch fixed at no cost
 - d. Treasurer: no report
 - i. No report
 - e. Head Official:
 - i. Proposed exploring possible All Stars meet with another league like Freestate. This was discussed for a previous season but did not come to fruition. Preliminary discussions the meet would be top 12 against top 12 of other league. It would be a one night event like a dual meet. Verbal agreement of board for Head Official to continue discussions and put together a proposal to the board. ACTION: Head official will provide All Stars meeting proposal.
 - ii. Rule change proposal for eligibility of swimmer age. A rule change proposal was distributed to the board at the meeting. Summary of rule change: swimmers 19 to 21

would be allowed to participate in HSL events as exhibition swimmers and would swim with 15-18 age group swimmers (swimmers do not score, do not add events). Board members expressed timeline concerns. Question was asked about how the exhibition swimmers would be seeded in 15-18 heats. An option to add exhibition only heats was suggested for events where there were 5 or more 19 - 21 exhibition swimmers. Or exhibition events could be set up as multi age group events for meet management. Proposal is for exhibition swimmers to participate in Saturday champs only. There was discussion of the HSL mission pertaining to youth sport vs adult sport. Concerns were discussed about the appropriateness of adults participating in youth sports. Are there any other rec examples of activities where adults compete with youth. The comment was made that 18 is one of the legal definitions of the age of adult so there are already adults swimming in the league. Several methods of changing eligibility to accommodate as many swimmers as possible were also discussed including, changing the age up date, considering graduation status vs age. It was reported that a swimmer that would be in this category did not want to see a rule written that applied a disability status requirement because they did not want to be singled out. There was a motion by Paul McEndree and seconded by Aaron Hankins to table the discussion. Discussion was tabled by verbal assent. ACTION: Head official will rewrite the proposed rule change and have the secretary distribute prior to the next meeting for discussion and voting.

- f. By-Law Committee: no report
 - g. Nomination Committee:
 - i. Draft terms of reference will be distributed with meeting minutes.
 - ii. Tom King “volunteered” to be part of the committee
 - iii. Head Official, Treasurer and Statistician are up for election (current statistician will help new statistician)
 - iv. ACTION: Team representatives need to actively look for and nominate individuals for the open executive committee positions.
 - v. ACTION: Present the slate of nominees to the Executive Committee Secretary by March HSL Meeting, along with the bio, for distribution to the HSL membership.
 - h. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility Committee:
 - i. Chair is stepping down and the Committee needs new members
 - ii. Gender identity rule change needs to be revised and proposed to the board in light of the 2022 season experience and rulings by other sport organizations like FINA.
5. Unfinished business.
- a. Motion Paul McEndree Seconded: Aaron Hankins: Adopt division structure as sent out on the 2023 Schedule pdf
 - i. Vote by acclamation none opposed
6. New business.
- a. Topic: 2023 championships
 - i. Fountain Green offered to host Saturday AM session
 - ii. Arena Club offered to host Saturday PM session
 - iii. There were no offers to host Sunday Champs
 - iv. Aberdeen representative offered that they could host one day but their team is too small to host. If they had another team to partner with as the host they would be open to discussing hosting a session.
 - v. Magnolia is available for both Saturday and Sunday; Joppatowne can provide location. There is no issue with weekend availability.

- vi. Fallston offered to provide input concerning hosting Sunday champs session including suggestions to reduce Sunday numbers. They are not offering to host but would be happy to talk to the host team about their 2022 champs experience.
 - vii. Motion: Shanique Roberts Second: Tom King Have Championships at Magnolia hosted by Aqua Culture
 - viii. There was discussion about getting sufficient volunteers, etc and the challenges of hosting.
 - ix. There was a Motion by Paul McEndree and seconded by Aaron Hankins to table the discussion. Discussion was tabled by verbal assent.
 - x. ACTION: Interested teams need to submit a hosting proposal - proposal should include who (potential hosts are encouraged to prepare joint proposals), where, proposed budget Deadline January 25th
 - xi. Teams interested in hosting are encourage to utilize the experience of previous hosts.
7. Announcements.
- a. February HSL Board meeting - February 15th at 7:00 PM (meeting postponed one week from normal schedule due to timing of HCPS Counties meet.)
8. Adjournment. 8:10 PM