



JSL Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2021

Attachments for pre-meeting packet included:

- March 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes for Approval
 - April 2021 Team Data Sheet
 - April 2021 Transaction Report
 - Champs 2021 Financial Planning Sheet
 - State/County Summary Guidelines COVID
 - Assumption of Risk COVID-JSL 2021
 - COVID symptom checklist
 - Sample COVID Supplement for Meet Planning
 - JSL In-person Dual Meet Planning, Recommendations, and Mandatory Guidelines
 - 2021 Draft 3-Meet Schedule
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WELCOME

President Christina Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. This was an online Zoom videoconference due to COVID-19 social distancing orders. All team representatives were present. Three teams had substitute representatives: Liezzle Dugger for City, Christie Dojack for GHG, and Claire Chantell for KWC. All executive committee members were present. 7 of 10 consultants were present - Alex Goodwin, Gordon Hair, and Charlie Hall were not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Report

Kristin Wray (Secretary) requested any changes to March 7, 2020 meeting minutes. None were suggested. KWC made a motion to approve and ACAC provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Jeff North (Treasurer) presented the transaction report and team data sheet. He reminded all reps to review the team data sheet indicating where they stood with insurance policies for the 2021 season. Teams are responsible for submitting new policies when due.

Jeff then presented his financial spreadsheet comparing a regular season income/expenditures vs. a projected 2021 season under current COVID restrictions. This information was provided to help teams make an informed decision concerning a suggested \$10 JSL registration fee increase. He predicted the 2021 "COVID modified" season (using 2000 registered swimmers and including a championship meet) would finish negative \$15, 835. This would directly impact the JSL reserves. The \$10 increase would generate approximately \$20,000 additional revenue and protect the financial stability of the league.

Discussion followed with reps questioning if this was the appropriate year for an increase. A few representatives suggested a \$5 dues increase for 2021, and an additional \$5 increase for 2022. HM made a motion to raise JSL registration fees by \$5 this year and another \$5 in 2022 instead of a \$10 increase in one year. FV provided a second. The motion passed 14/3.

NEW BUSINESS

Webmaster Position Vacant

Christina reported that Charlie Hall is stepping down as the Webmaster consultant. She asked all board members to consider any candidates they might have in their local swim communities. Until then, Christina will handle the Webmaster duties.

Coaches Certification Training Dates

Bob Garland (Parliamentarian) reported that coach certification training dates were still being determined. He will send notice as soon as they are finalized.

COVID Committee Recommendations for 2021 JSL season

Paul Breza (Vice-President) and Kathleen Bledsoe (BHSC) summarized the JSL COVID committee's research and process thus far. They provided several documents (see top of minutes) for board members to review and bring back to teams as specified (see COVID reminders below).

The COVID committee gathered data from each team over the month of March and carefully reviewed both state and local restrictions for sports. Their goal was to create a feasible meet schedule accounting for COVID mandates and team pool deck size and parking limitations. The committee recommendation is a 3-meet schedule for 2021. The specifics are as follows:

- Each team will swim 3 total meets in their division spread over 6 weeks. Each meet is split between 2 weeks to keep total participant numbers within local COVID restrictions.
- 11-18 year olds swim the first week and 7-10 year olds swim the second.
- 5/6 year olds are not included in primary meet times; rather, the individual teams will schedule 3 internal meets for this age group during the season.
- Parents not permitted on deck unless volunteering or if deck numbers allow for spectators during races only (a walk-on/exit system for parents to watch their children swim only).
- No 2021 meets will be scored.

Discussion followed, focusing on two areas of concern:

- 1 - deck size and where actual in-person meets will be held, and
- 2 - if 5/6 year olds will be allowed to swim as 8/under and/or swim up for relays.

The board agreed that the meet schedule is simply a suggestion. If a change of home pool, date of meet, or time of meet are necessitated, the JSL Bylaws support this as long as both meet directors agree to the change(s).

Many reps requested that 5/6 year olds be allowed to swim in the actual meets in the 8/under category and/or as "swim-ups" for relays. These requests mostly came from Division 2 and 3 teams who have much lower swimmer registrations. Their meets do not typically run against time restraints. It was agreed, however, that including 5/6 in Division 1 meets will be nearly impossible with the large number of swimmers per meet. A suggestion was made, and agreed to be a great idea if time permitted, to hold a 5/6 division "mini-meet" prior to the main meet 3 times during the season.

HM made a motion to approve the 3-meet schedule and COVID restrictions/procedures as proposed (including the requirement that 5/6 year olds compete internally outside of actual meet time). GCC seconded the motion.

More discussion followed about the 5/6 restrictions until CITY called the question and a vote was taken. The motion passed 15/1 with 1 rep abstaining.

BHSC then made a friendly amendment stating that 5/6 age group can swim up as 8/under only for breaststroke and butterfly since these are not strokes included in 5/6 year old 'P' events. No second was provided so the motion died.

A motion was then presented by FAST to approve the 3-meet schedule with agreement that teams can decide individually if 5/6 swimmers are allowed to swim up in all 8/under events only (no P events). Both meet directors must agree to this change prior to meet. Elks provided a second and the motion passed 13/4.

Discussion followed about the recommendation for all meets remaining un-scored during 2021. Swimmers will record official times at each meet, but the meet itself would not be scored. CITY made a motion that meets are not scored during the COVID 3-meet schedule year and FAST provided a second. The motion passed 13/3 with 1 rep abstaining.

Christina reminded all reps that these procedural changes are only for a 1-year trial period.

COVID Reminders for all Teams

Christina reminded all reps to bring the COVID JSL requirements to their teams soon after this meeting:

- Teams must decide if they will conduct in-person meets or strictly virtual in 2021.
- Teams must create and submit a COVID safety plan and a pool deck flow chart for 2021 no later than June 1, 2021.
- All parents must sign the COVID liability waiver in addition to other registration documents in 2021.
- All attendees (swimmers, volunteers, and observers) must complete the mandatory COVID symptom checklist prior to each meet.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

Christina requested Consultant reports hold off until May meeting due to time constraints. Consultants approved this request. Consultants will be first on agenda at May meeting.

City made a motion to adjourn and ACAC seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Action Items

- Reps to review and verify total pool deck capacity vs. 30% capacity as some initial capacity reports seemed incorrect.
 - Complete safety plan and pool flow chart prior to June 1, 2021.
 - Next JSL Board meeting May 10, 2021.
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Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wray, JSL Secretary