



JSL Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021

Attachments for pre-meeting packet included:

- Sept 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes for Approval
 - 2021 Registration Fee Recommendation
 - 2021 Team Data Sheet
 - 2020 JSL Bank Statements
 - 2020 JSL Transaction Report
 - 2020 JSL Year End Report to Board
 - 2021 Draft Schedule
 - SwimTopia Webinar Summary
 - COVID=19 Doc WAC Polar Plunge
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WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by President Christina Meyer at 7:02pm. This was an online Zoom video conference due to COVID-19 social distancing orders. All 17 teams were in attendance. 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 September 13, 2020 meeting minutes. None were suggested. CITY made a motion to approve and ACAC provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Jeff North (Treasurer) presented the year-end financial summaries for approval. He reported the beginning fund balance for 2020 was \$70,211.29 and the ending balance was \$57,941.92. With no season in 2020, the JSL was unable to collect swimmer registration fees. A question was asked concerning which supplies were purchased in 2020 that the JSL will not need to purchase in 2021. Jeff replied that both labels and ribbons will not need to be purchased in 2021. GHG made a motion to approve and FV provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff also presented the team data sheet for 2021 and explained how each rep should read and act regarding summary data.

Approve Current Consultant Positions

Christina presented the 2021 consultants to the JSL board. CITY made a motion to approve and LG provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Board Meeting Dates

Christina presented the following board meeting dates. Approval was not needed.

Feb 8th **Monday (not to conflict with Superbowl)

March 7

April 11

May 10 **Monday (not to conflict with Mother's Day)

June 6

June 27 (July 4 is a Sunday, so this date is shifted one week earlier)

July 25 (Champs meeting prior to Champs weekend July 30/31)

2021 Registration Fees

Jeff presented his summary document concerning a JSL registration fee increase of \$10 for the 2021 season, bringing the swimmer JSL registration fee to \$30. This suggestion was first brought to the board in September 2020. He summarized the most important variables influencing the decision to increase as:

- a loss in \$12,000 for 2020
- need to keep at least 1 year of operating reserves in JSL account for health of future seasons
- reduction in Champs sponsorships in 2019 are predicted to worsen in future years and,
- JSL has consistently been one of the lowest fee programs in our area.

The discussion that followed focused on the uncertainty with the 2021 season and how hard it would be to increase fees when no one could explain what a COVID-19 safety protocol season would actually look like. Several representatives suggested the discussion and vote concerning registration fees be tabled until the format for the 2021 season was better understood.

Champs 2021

Jann Balmer (Champs Consultant) informed the board that the UVa Aquatic Fitness Center (AFC) would be closed for renovations from May through August. She reported that she is sure Fork Union would welcome the JSL for Champs, but has not reached out to them since the possibility of Champs still needs to be discussed. Jann cautioned the board that corporate sponsorships would be extremely hard to come by and that the possibility of bringing large numbers of swimmers and families together during COVID-19 is not likely. These concerns were discussed and most reps agreed they were quite valid, but also expressed the desire to be creative for the sake of the swimmers. Christina asked the board to remain positive and look forward to a COVID-19 committee being formed to address how the 2021 season will look.

Virtual or In-person Swim Meet Format 2021

Christina presented her summary of a SwimTopia webinar she attended that presented ideas for how a swim season can be run even with COVID-19 protocols. She encouraged all reps to read the summary and watch the video she posted a link for in her document. She emphasized that the board should remain positive and that we owe it to the swimmers to use our creativity to plan some sort of 2021 season. Several questions and comments were raised during discussion including:

- can teams have swim meets “locally” with a team in another division if many teams in their division cannot open?
- have we consulted with insurance company as to policy changes or modifications if we go forward with a season in pandemic? and,
- can we, as a league, send a statement or request to public pools to open so that children do not miss 2 summers in a row with no swim instruction?

Bob Garland (Parliamentarian) reminded the board that our mission as a league is to “waterproof” the community. Getting kids in the water is our goal. Just being in the water – even for a limited season – helps with water safety and prevents child drowning in our community.

Rules/COVID-19 Committee

Christina asked for volunteers to fill this important committee. She asked for 1 volunteer from each division to serve with her and Chuck Fix (Past President). Several reps offered their service, but it was then suggested that reps submit a nomination outlining specific COVID-19 planning experience. Christina will review the nominations and build the strongest committee with that information.

2021 Meet Schedule

Bob presented the meet schedule but realized it was a draft. He informed the reps that he would email the final schedule immediately following the meeting. The reps decided to hold off on approving the schedule until more details were gathered concerning COVID-19 protocols.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

There were no consultant reports at this meeting.

GHG made a motion to adjourn and City seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Action Items

- Reps to review SwimTopia document and video (sent as attachment in meeting materials)
 - Reps to self-nominate for COVID-19 committee.
 - Next JSL Board meeting March 7, 2021.
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Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wray, JSL Secretary