



JSL Board Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2021

Attachments for pre-meeting packet included:

- May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes for Approval
 - Current Team Data Sheet
 - Current Transaction Summary Report
 - 2021 JSL Champs Financial Estimate
 - Revised Meet Schedule 2021
 - JSL Core Champs Committee Recommendations 2021
 - Electronic Vote Summary re: Checkr Vendor for Background
 - Dual Meet Recommendations 2021 – Executive/COVID Committees
 - Dual Meet Recommendations 2021 – Dr. David Weiss, MD
 - Board Rep Comments regarding Removal of Meet Restrictions
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WELCOME

President Christina Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. This was an online Zoom videoconference due to COVID-19 social distancing orders. All 17 team representatives were present. All executive committee members were present. 7 of 10 consultants were present - Alex Goodwin, Gordon Hair and Steven Miller were not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Report

Kristin Wray (Secretary) requested any changes to May 10, 2021 meeting minutes. None were suggested. CITY made a motion to approve and HM provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Jeff North (Treasurer) reported the expenses since last meeting in the summary transaction report. He asked reps to carefully review the team data sheet for insurance certificates coming due. He pointed out that only 4 teams have submitted registration fees as of this meeting. He reminded reps that fees are due 2 days prior to the meet. Fees can be mailed to Jeff or dropped at FCC with registration forms. Jeff noted he will be out of town the 2 days surrounding the first deadline but if fees are postmarked on or before the deadline he will accept them. CITY made a motion to approve and HM provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Electronic Vote for CheckR as Vendor Passed

The Executive Committee asked for an electronic vote of approval for ACAC to switch to Checkr as their vendor for JSL background checks as a 1 year trial, sent out Wednesday May 26th. The approval passed unanimously.

By-Law Changes

Bob Garland (Parliamentarian) provided the second reading of the suggested by-law change:

Suggested change under Article IV, #6 which says in part (bold and underline is change): *All coaches on deck during JSL sanctioned events must have a current Safety Training for Swim Coaches (with CPR/AED and First Aid) certification and will have successfully completed a JSL approved Athlete Protection Program within the past two years. A one-time certification in Concussion Protocol Training is required...*

Bob also suggested a permanent change to authorize payment for Athlete Protection Training so that it does not need a yearly board vote approval.

Finally, Bob suggested the league allow swimmers to swim 3 individual events/1 relay in the first meet of 2021 vs. 2 individual events/1 relay specified in policies/procedures. Since swimmers have limited meets due to COVID, he felt this was an important modification to allow for more swims.

The CITY rep asked if, along with above suggestion, could Champs requirement for athletes to swim 2 meets prior to Champs be reduced to 1 meet. Christina suggested this discussion be moved to the Champs discussion later in the meeting.

Since some of the above changes were permanent, and some were a one year trial, they were voted on separately.

The concussion training and athlete protection training are permanent changes. FAST made a motion to approve both, CITY provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

HM made a motion to approve the 3/1 events/relay for the first meet as a one year trial. GCC provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

FAST then provided a motion to have this meeting serve as the second reading of the CheckR vendor change approval and called a vote for a permanent change vs. the 1 year trial approved by electronic vote in May. ACAC provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Committee Recommended Meet Restriction Modifications

Christina summarized the recommended meet restriction COVID modifications based on the recent CDC and VA guidance for relaxing restrictions. She and Bob both spoke to the term “encouraged” as it pertains to mask usage. They reported that they researched guidance and wording for outdoor youth summer camps and found the term “encouraged” vs “must” wear masks was used by the CDC. Christina updated the reps on the parent petition circulating demanding the JSL remove all restrictions and revert to the normal 6 meet schedule. The board reps agreed that the JSL policies have been formulated with careful thought and research, safety of swimmers, and consideration of team planning and registration deadlines while planning the season. They agreed that changing the schedule drastically this late in the season would require too many last minute modifications. In addition, teams have already advertised the COVID social distancing protocols in place with the 3 meet season. Many families have committed to the JSL with these protocols in place for the still unvaccinated population (12/under swimmers).

Christina then read through team submitted comments regarding these Executive Committee recommendations. Discussion was raised about how teams would find the necessary amount of volunteers within the COVID environment (less swimmers, less parents, less volunteers, etc). Reps asked if they really needed all of the volunteers put forth in the meet recommendations. Bob pointed out that we are working hard to provide a season for our swimmers in an unprecedented time. While in the past the league was very strict on volunteer requirements, he encouraged teams and meet directors to do the best they can while cutting each other slack as they work with what resources they have. CITY made a motion to approve the recommended meet restriction modifications as published. HM provided a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Two more discussion items came up following the vote. One rep asked for clarification of including the 5/6 age group in meets. Christina said this was up to individual teams to decide based on their time constrictions. Another rep asked about how to choose the appropriate COVID protocol if pools differ. The Executive Committee advised to always go with the most restrictive policy. Christina reminded all teams that they still have to submit a meet procedure document. The deadline has been pushed back to June 11, 2021. Finally, the teams were reminded that meets would remain un-scored in 2021. Christina opened the floor for a motion to score the meets due to previous discussion, but no motion was made so meets will not be scored this season.

Champs Format 2021

Jann Balmer (Champs) summarized the Core Champs Committee Recommendations for 2021 JSL Champs Meet document (presented to board in pre-meeting packet). She pointed to the lack of volunteers, economic impact on league, and COVID logistics for the younger unvaccinated swimmers, as just some of the reasons a traditional Champs meet is extremely difficult this season.

CITY made a motion to support and approve the Champs recommendations and FCC provided a second. The motion passed 10-7.

Discussion followed about a “Champs” type competition for the 12/under swimmers. Several reps talked about hosting Champs for this age group as multiple pools vs. renting an indoor venue. Jann cautioned the reps that many details (and costs) are not obvious

when first planning a “meet” at multiple venues. Weather, medical personnel, and officials, are just a few of the many complications they could encounter. The Champs committee has been running such an event for decades and actually make the meet look easy to pull off. She cautioned the reps to carefully study all of the details of the event before suggesting it could be pulled off easily at the team venue level.

Jann did agree, however, that Champs will need a major overhaul going forward. The competition was created with only 6 teams in the league. It had become very expensive (too expensive for the league), and too complicated the way it is run right now. She encourages the board to begin exploring a different type of Championship meet going forward.

ACAC made a motion to form a committee to explore possibilities for 12/under Champs. BHSC provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

FSBC made a motion to make Champs requirement only 1 meet this season and FCC provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

BH-JSL Gordon Hair

Not present.

Officials – Locke Boyer

Locke first reported on league officials updates. He announced a new starter training session at FCC on Wednesday, June 9 at 6pm. All clubs are welcome to send any new starters. Referee assignments will be posted on June 7. Many teams have not requested stroke & turn keys meaning they have no stroke & turn officials. He encouraged teams to find these valuable volunteers and request keys to be trained prior to the first meet.

He reminded reps that in addition to JSL registration forms, all swimmers and families must complete the JSL COVID liability paper form prior to meets.

Software – Jessica Simons

Jessica has completed the meet setup files and needs to know who to send the files to so they can be uploaded to the league website.

FS-ADP – Don Cochrane

Nothing to report.

CORP – BJ Fortune

Nothing to report.

PARLIMENTARIAN – Bob Garland

Bob reported his bylaw changes in New Business portion of meeting.

COMP – Steve Miller

Not present.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Alex Goodwin

Not present.

CHAMPS – Jann Balmer

Jann reported Champs update in New Business portion of meeting.

WEB – Christina Meyer (temp)

Nothing to report.

CITY made a motion to adjourn and BHSC seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Action Items

- Teams should submit registration fees, and COVID liability forms, asap. All fees are due at least 2 days prior to the first meet.
 - Remind team officials to request stroke turn training ‘key’ from Locke Boyer on an individual basis.
 - Report registered swimmers to Locke through emailing file or hard copy at FCC pool office.
 - Complete safety plan and pool flow chart prior to June 11, 2021.
 - Next JSL Board meeting June 27, 2021.
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Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wray, JSL Secretary