



JSL Board Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2021

Attachments for pre-meeting packet included:

- June 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - Current Team Data Sheet
 - Current Transaction Summary Report
 - 2021 Champs Financial Report
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WELCOME

President Christina Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. This was an online Zoom videoconference due to COVID-19 social distancing orders. Sixteen team representatives were present at the start, with LMST joining the last 20 minutes. All executive committee members were present. 5 of 10 consultants were present - Gordon Hair, Locke Boyer, Jessica Simons, and Steven Miller were not present. The social media position is currently vacant.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Report

Kristin Wray (Secretary) reported that the June 27, 2021 meeting minutes were approved via email vote concluding July 11. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Jeff North (Treasurer) reported that the JSL has 2206 total swimmers in 2021 (approximately 400 swimmers below the 2019 total). He then presented the expenses since the last meeting in the summary transaction report. He noted that there was one fine levied from dual meet season and, as per league bylaws, the money collected went directly to Ben Hair-Just Swim for Life (BH-JSL). The league also paid the annual donation to BH-JSL (Bylaws state \$1 from each registration is donated to BH-JSL). Since sending the donation, several more swimmers registered and Jeff will create an additional donation check to BH-JSL

Jeff asked teams to review the team data sheet and submit all negative amounts due as soon as possible. He noted that any teams with a green (surplus) will receive a check from the JSL.

Finally, Jeff presented the JSL Champs 2021 financial report. Both competitions (Woodberry Forest and Crozet Pool) will cost the league approximately \$15,000. The current total is \$14,589, but subject to a few more expenses. He noted that the Crozet Pool rent total could decrease if the meet is shortened due to weather. He reported that the league is still awaiting the Certificate of Insurance for the Crozet Pool Junior Champs.

City made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, and FAST provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

FAST 12/under Entry Issue

Christina summarized a meet entry situation concerning the FAST swim team. The team was not included in the 12/under meet planning since no intent to swim was submitted through the requested Google form on July 5. The coaches learned of the meet entry deadline at the last minute, however, and submitted entries at that time. The committee had not received any other communication from the team prior to meet entry submission and assumed they were not participating. All pre-meet work has been completed, but

FAST is requesting 21 swimmers be entered and pre-meet work be completely redone. FAST coaches report they did not receive any JSL emails during the season. When questioned by the President, they learned that all emails had gone to email spam folders.

Christina presented the Executive Committee's position that FAST not be allowed to enter swimmers at this late notice. She reported the vote was not unanimous, but it resulted in a No position. They felt it would require too much work from the volunteers, and that FAST coaches should have identified an email problem much earlier in the season. She invited both FAST rep (Cos DeFazio) and 12/under Junior Champs Committee to speak before the board voted on this matter.

Cos spoke first. He emphasized the league's focus on fun and getting kids in the water to swim. He explained the spam email situation and noted that the regular Champs meet emails are followed up with an email confirmation request to be sure all coaches received. He acknowledged the amount of work required to reseed the meet and prepare all pre-meet tasks. He said he and his team are willing to work hard to complete this work. He also noted that many children have been added to the meet during planning, so why are his swimmers different?

Cos concluded his statement with a motion to allow FAST swimmers into the Junior Champs meet. GHG provided a second. Discussion followed.

Kathleen Bledsoe (BHSC) serves as one of the heads of the Junior Champs committee and spoke on this topic. She reported that there is another team not participating in these Junior Champs, so the fact they never heard from FAST was not unusual. In addition, FAST initially declined to participate in any JSL events in 2021 at the start of the season. They did not complete the request to register, nor submit volunteers. In summary, nothing alarmed the committee to reach out to FAST to clarify. They had no response from any channels, so they figured the team was choosing not to participate.

At this point several reps and consultants provided feedback. Some were open to letting all kids swim despite the work. Some were against letting swimmers in at such late notice due to the amount of work placed upon volunteers already. It was noted that during the Junior Champs notification timeline, FAST lost their JSL rep and perhaps that also contributed to communication gap. Christina asked the FAST rep directly if they were willing to redo all pre-meet work within 24 hours as stated in his discussion. He replied yes.

The motion was called to vote and passed 10/6 with LMST not present for vote.

Champs 13/over Update

Jann Balmer (Champs) reported that all details were in place for the Woodberry Forest 13-18 yr old Champs on Friday July 30th. The parent and coach emails were set for distribution. They were still working on swimmer viewing procedures. She summarized important details as follows:

- Warm-ups begin approximately 9am, competition begins approximately 11am
- Masks must be worn inside the facility
- 2 coaches per team allowed on pool deck
- No indoor changing facilities
- Woodberry will provide all food – menu in parent email
- Awards for placing only

Jann reminded reps of next year's Champs committee teams – CGST, FLST, FSBC and LMST. These teams are responsible to cleanup at the 2021 Champs.

Champs 12/under Update

Elizabeth Dugas (ACAC) provided a Junior Champs update for the board. This event will be held on Saturday, July 31, at Crozet Park Pool. The team memo is ready to be sent out with an approximate timeline of 745am-930pm. She noted that the timeline will most likely change due to the late entry of FAST swimmers. She summarized important details as follows:

- Meet held for 5-12 yr old athletes only
- Saturday, July 31st
- Crozet Park Pool
- Operates like a dual meet, vs traditional Champs format
- Electronic heat sheets included in parent memo
- Teams bring own tents
- Teams provide meals for coaches
- Teams provide leaders for boys and girls to assist with clerk of course

- No rain date for inclement weather
- Events announced via PA and GroupMe text app. Contact Kathleen Bledsoe via email by Friday to be included in GroupMe notifications.

Elizabeth noted that they are waiting on the Certificate of Insurance and will work with Jeff closely to procure this document before the meet begins.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

BH-JSL Gordon Hair

Not present.

Officials – Locke Boyer

Not present.

Software – Jessica Simons

Not present.

FS-ADP – Don Cochrane

Nothing to report.

CORP – BJ Fortune

Nothing to report.

PARLIMENTARIAN – Bob Garland

Bob disclosed a seeding issue he had to resolve. The Bylaws state that the parliamentary report rulings to the board. He reported that there was a protest against FV when the heat sheets for 13-18 Champs were distributed. A swimmer was entered who did not complete the required number of dual meets. He ruled this swimmer could not swim. In addition, FV entered 2 alternates in an event that had faster seed times than the official athletes. He made these athletes exhibition instead of alternates. He wanted to prevent them from depriving place awards from other swimmers.

COMP – Steve Miller

Not present.

SOCIAL MEDIA – vacant

Not present.

CHAMPS – Jann Balmer

Nothing to report.

WEB – Christina Meyer (temp)

Nothing to report.

HM made a motion to adjourn and FAST seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Action Items

- Reps remind coaches and parents to be on lookout for Champs memos.
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Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wray, JSL Secretary