



JSL Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2021

Attachments for pre-meeting packet included:

- July 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes
 - Current Team Data Sheet
 - Current Transaction Report
 - Champs 2021 Financial Summary
 - Champs annual financial summaries
 - Proposed Bylaw Changes for 1st Reading
 - Questions for Champs Future Planning
 - Ideas for Future of Champs
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WELCOME

President Christina Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. This was an online Zoom videoconference due to COVID-19 social distancing orders. 16 of 17 team representatives were present. Several teams had more than one representative present to aid with the upcoming transition to a new season. All executive committee members were present. 5 of 10 consultants were present. Christina is serving as temporary Webmaster and is not counted in the total consultants present.

Christina thanked the Champs volunteers on the Board who worked tirelessly to ensure all swimmers who wanted to participate were able to. She announced that both Jeff North, Treasurer, and Steven Miller, Computers Consultant, are stepping down at the end of 2021. She thanked them for their 29 and 20 years of service, respectively. She asked the Board to help locate future volunteers for these positions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Christina Meyer asked for any changes to the agenda. City moved the agenda be approved after removing the double entry of Length of Dual Meets. FAST provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER REPORTS

Kristin Wray, Secretary, presented the July 25, 2021, meeting minutes. GHG made a motion to approve, and City provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff presented 4 reports to the Board: the transaction report, team data sheet, 2021 Champs financial report, and a historical Champs financial summary. The JSL is finishing the year with approximately \$72,200 in the bank account. A few outstanding transactions will occur in the next few weeks. There were 2206 registered swimmers in 2021 (approximately 400 fewer than 2019) and Champs cost \$17,688.82. An increase in registration fees and a reduction in Champs expenses helped keep the league in a strong financial position going forward. GHG made a motion to approve, and GCC provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no issues to be resolved from the July 25th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Sportsmanship Awards by Division

The winners were announced, and plaques are being distributed to:

- Division I- FSBC
- Division II – CITY
- Division III - ELKS

Christina announced that the remaining Champs ribbons will be at ACAC Albemarle Square for pickup.

The LMST representative reminded the Board that 2022 Divisions still need to be determined. Traditionally, Divisions were assigned according to the Champs team scores. Since Champs was not scored this year, the question remains as to how Divisions will look in 2022. The Board decided to table this discussion until the February 2022 meeting since it applies to the 2022 Board and will be a lengthy discussion.

Officer Slate 2022

The 2022 slate of officers was presented to the Board:

- President – Paul Breza
- Vice-President – Jennifer McKeever
- Treasurer – vacant
- Secretary – Kristin Wray
- Past President – Christina Meyer

GCC made a motion to approve, and FAST provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Bylaw Changes – 1st Reading

Bob Garland, Parliamentarian, presented the proposed bylaw changes. He noted that discussion was not needed as these were presented as a 1st reading. The bylaw changes were sent to representatives prior to the meeting. Bob summarized them and asked if any clarification was needed. Most changes were done to simplify the bylaws with the hopes of reducing Board time consuming voting responsibilities. Bob also reminded the Board that all changes made in 2021 to accommodate for pandemic conditions were approved as 1-year trials. The Board can choose to approve changes for inclusion in bylaws or policies and procedure, or simply let them expire at the end of the year.

No vote was needed. The 2nd reading and vote will occur at the February 2022 meeting.

Length of Dual Meets

Christina and Bob asked Board representatives to begin discussion of the possibility of shortening dual meets. The pandemic necessitated shorter meets for all divisions due to social distancing requirements (only certain age groups competed at each dual meet). Board representatives received positive feedback regarding the shorter meet nights. Although shortening meets will primarily impact Division 1, the Board thought it prudent to at least explore possibilities. Options include swimming only certain strokes on alternating Wednesdays, as well as removing the 6/under group for a separate competition day. These were presented simply as examples.

FAST made to create a dual meet length subcommittee with one representative per Division. KWC provided a second. The motion passed unanimously. Both FAST and KWC offered to serve on this committee.

Champs Report and Future Ideas

Jann Balmer, Champs Consultant, summarized the Champs committee's recommendation to reorganize Champs in the JSL. She reminded the Board that Champs now costs more than the entire regular JSL season. She feels the Board should assign fresh eyes to the Champs committee. The current Champs committee will step down to provide space for new ideas and new volunteers. Discussion followed with ideas such as: perhaps Champs only be run for 13/over with the younger swimmers participating in a more scaled down meet or relay carnival? perhaps Champs be broken into several events run similar to the 12/under meet this season? Christina asked if a Champs Task Force should be created. The representatives enthusiastically agreed yes.

FV made a motion to create a Champs Task Force CITY provided a second. The motion pass unanimously.

Christina tasked the representatives with going back to their coaches and team committees to determine what was most important to them regarding Champs. She asked that ideas be sent to the Executive Committee by October 15, 2021. She suggested they send dual meet suggestions as well.

CONSULTANT REPORTS

Christina reminded the Board that 1 Executive Committee position and 4 consultant positions are open as they approach the 2022 season: Treasurer, Champs Consultant. Computers Consultant, Social Media Consultant, and Webmaster. She encouraged all teams to recruit volunteers to fill these positions.

BH-JSL Gordon Hair

Not present.

Officials – Locke Boyer

Nothing to report.

Software – Jessica Simons

Jessica reported that Meet Manager software will need to be updated in 2022. She will research the cost and present to the Board next year.

FS-ADP – Don Cochrane

Nothing to report.

CORP – BJ Fortune

Not present.

PARLIMENTARIAN – Bob Garland

Bob reminded the following teams that their representatives have served the maximum 3 years on the Board:

CGST, CITY, ELKS, GHG, HM, and KWC.

New representatives should be assigned by the first 2022 meeting..

COMP – Steve Miller

Resigned.

SOCIAL MEDIA – vacant

Not present.

CHAMPS – Jann Balmer

Jann reported Champs update in New Business portion of meeting.

WEB – Christina Meyer (temp)

Nothing to report.

Christina thanked the Board again for their hard work during this challenging year.

GHG made a motion to adjourn, and LMST seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Action Items

- Reps talk with coaches and teams and submit ideas for shortening dual meets and how they envision future Champs.
 - Reps finishing terms appoint new representative in time for first 2022 meeting (usually February)
 - All representatives talk with team to find volunteers willing to fill vacant JSL Board positions.
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Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Wray, JSL Secretary