

AHSL Board Meeting Minutes Sunday October 14, 2012

Board Members Present:

Jeff McDowell, Catherine Parks, Stephanie Trotter (ACC); Gillian Burns (BCCC); Ellen Jatinen & Tony Slowik (LHCA); Shane Oberle (LCCC); Joanie Rivera (BCW); Melissa Perry & Amy Skudlarczyk (WCC); Missy Link (RW)

- Jeff McDowell called the meeting to order and distributed the Board's contact information for verification. He confirmed ACC would host board meetings for the 2012-13 season at 4.30pm on Sundays on the following agreed dates – Nov 11, Jan 13, Feb 17, March 3, and April 14.

League Calendar:

- Blackout dates were submitted to Joanie Rivera/Shane Oberle. A draft schedule will be distributed at the Nov meeting and the Board will vote and approve in January. Meets will be scheduled on a Saturday, as designated in the Bylaws. However, teams wishing to host on a Friday will liaise directly with the team they are swimming to confirm a mutually agreeable day.
(Note: There will **not** be a board meeting in December)
- Saturday May 11 was proposed as the 1st meet of the season. All members present voted in favor.
- Meet 2013 Schedule was confirmed – May 11, 18, & 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22.
- Westwood confirmed it will host its All Star Invitational on Monday June 24, 2013.

Ribbons/Medals:

- WW agreed to research Hasty Awards as a possible new ribbon/medal vendor for the League. (Shane Oberle to forward contact information.)
- Teams to email their 2012 Ribbons Inventory to Karen Robshaw (and cc Jeff McDowell)
- Medal 2012 Inventory was submitted to WW.

Computer Training:

- Shane (LCCC) confirmed Michael Oberle would head up computer training for the next season.

Stroke Judge Training:

- Ellen (LH) will contact Jessica Evans (Jeff to forward contact info) to run SJ classes again this season. The League pays for 2 classes (ACC, BCCC offered to host. Laura Bush Library is also a possible venue. RW will host a 3rd class at their own expense.

Treasurer

- Missy (RW) distributed an updated League budget reflecting 2012 season costs and estimated 2013 expenses.
- Missy proposed keeping the insurance swimmer dues (\$15 per swimmer) the same for the 2013 season. The Board voted and approved.
- The Board agreed to pay \$100 Director Insurance for each Club for the 2013 season. This was an additional insurance policy taken out at the beginning of the 2012 season, but was paid by each Club individually.

Other Board Issues:

- By-Law Updates:
 1. The Board discussed and approved adding an amendment to the Bylaws to address the issue of parents not being allowed to approach the computer table, a timer or stroke judge whilst a swim meet is in progress. Suggested wording - “only a Club’s Coach President, or designated representative, may approach a swim official during a meet.”
 2. League web-site management. The Board discussed last season adding this responsibility to the Scheduler’s role. Swimtopia was also suggested as being another option to manage this role. Melissa/Amy (WW) are meeting with Swimtopia next week to discuss updates, etc. and will ask them about their ability to, and cost for building/managing the League’s website. League website - www.ahsl.swimtopia.com.
 3. Deck Entry. The Board discussed revising the current Bylaws deck entry deadline (“deck entries may be made up to 30 mins prior to the start of a meet”). The Board agreed not to make any changes. It was agreed teams will individually manage the communication of and enforcement with their swimmers.
- Swim-Up Relay Guidelines: Melissa/Amy will address in this seasons rules for the All Star meet. No action was taken to amend the current Bylaws for regular season meets.
- Shane (LCCC) put forth a suggestion of holding the Medley Relay before Breast-stroke at a meet. Pros and cons were discussed and it was agreed clubs would talk with their coaches and the subject would be tabled for further discussion.
- Missy (RW) researched alternative locations for the All Star meet. UT was only available on July 6th. Cost for a 5 hr meet = \$3,600. Nitro was not a viable option. WW stated they very much wanted to host their Invitation at their Club (this is a WW, not a League, hosted event). They are reviewing the rules/management of the AS Meet - considering possibly not having bonus events and tightening up the AS qualifying times.
- Shane (LCCC) brought to the Board a request from Lakeway to re-join the AHSL. Lakepoint is also interested in coming back to the League. Jessica Evans is the coach for both teams. Shane confirmed LCCC would be willing to host a try meet. Board agreed we cannot extend the length of the swim season.
Next Steps: Clubs to talk to their teams/coaches for input. Board will vote at Nov mtg.

Next Board Meeting: Sunday November 11 @ 4.30pm held at ACC