



JSL Board Meeting Minutes

Attachments for pre-meeting packet included:

- Meeting Agenda
 - Draft Feb 8 Meeting Minutes
 - March, 2024 Bylaw and Rule Suggested Changes
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WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Bo Greenwood (President) at 7:01pm. 16 of 17 team representatives were present. CBST was not present. Ned Kelly was a sub for FLST. Past President (Jennifer McKeever) was not present. Dual Meet Chair and Social Media Consultant positions remain vacant. Bo welcomed Diane Barros (pending Secretary), Julia Robbin (LG), and Amanda Crombie (FCC) as new members.

SECRETARY REPORT

Bo noted that the secretary report was sent prior to the meeting and asked if there were any questions or discussion. Michelle (GHG) made a motion to approve the reports. Ned (FLST) provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

Brian (Treasurer) has been in discussion with several teams about replacement of last years refund checks. New checks are being issued to these teams and old checks canceled.

SPECIAL ADVISORS REPORT

Rules- Bob (Rules) mentioned that he has sent out notes on possible rule changes prior to the meeting for discussion (see below).

BH- JSL - Gordon (BH-JSL) reported that they are kicking off a capital campaign for a large pool which is planned near Albemarle High School. This project is expected to take 3 years. Gordon has requested members of the board look for community volunteers. No specific age requirement for volunteers, but they need to be physically capable of supporting a child in the water (generally volunteers are at least 13 years of age). No specific minimum time commitment for volunteers.

Champs – Christina (Champs/Website) has reached out to host teams (ACAC, FCC, GLEN, LG) for Champs committee host team volunteers. GLEN has 3 volunteers and LG has 1 volunteer. Christina asked for additional volunteers from other host teams. She is planning to start Champs Committee meetings next week, location and date/time TBA. She noted that the YMCA is requesting a meeting- and will likely be increasing price (cost last year was approximately \$17,500). Christina asked Locke (Officials/seeding/register) if he foresees any issues with recruiting officials for Champs given the known conflicting meets. Locke responded that he does not think this will be an issue.

Website - Christina reported she has updated the Champs website with the dates and location for Champs in 2024 (Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27 at the Brooks Family YMCA).

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Election of Secretary- Ann (CITY) moved to elect Diane Barros as Secretary. Claire (CWC) provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Vacant positions – Bo noted that 2 board positions remain vacant (Social Media and Dual Meet Chair). He encouraged all reps to reach out to their teams for volunteers willing to be more involved with JSL.

Rule changes- Bob reviewed suggested rule changes. Below are the details of the discussion (if any) around these suggested changes.

Under ARTICLE III: There were no questions about adding Website Advisor to the Executive Committee. Regarding requiring Champs date/location be set by the preceding September, there was discussion about using an even earlier date as conflicting meets will be decided by April.

Under ARTICLE VI: There were questions about #18 in regards to rules about temperatures for “open water” meets. There was concern that on hot days the sum of the air and water temperatures might commonly exceed 177.4F. This discussion was closed with plan to review again USA Swimming rules regarding temperatures and revisit this topic.

Under ARTICLE VII: The suggestion to move the 8 and Under Medley relay to the IM/FR format was discussed. Several Representatives pointed out some objections (possible decrease in number of meets with 8 and Under Relays, changes to scoring procedure, increase time of some meets). Bob agreed to come back with another proposed Rules change in April which seemed agreeable to most Team Reps.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Bo adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Diane Barros, JSL Secretary

March, 2024 Bylaw and Rule Suggested Changes

REVISED 2/27/2024

Under ARTICLE III: OFFICERS (requires 75% majority to approve)

1. The Board Officers will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. All but the Immediate Past President must be elected in September and all will serve one-year terms beginning on January 1st. The Board Officers, Chair of the Champs Committee, Chair of the Dual Meet Committee, and Web Page Advisor will comprise the Executive Committee. **Rest remains the same**

Adds Web Page Advisor to Executive Committee

5. The Executive Committee will be responsible for the tentative summer meet schedule for the coming season to be approved by the Board no later than the March meeting. The Championship dates and location must be set in September for the following season. *(Revised, 2024)*

Mandates instructions in the Board Procedure Manual

6. The Executive Committee may appoint a Rules Judge to a one-year term. The Rules Judge will have sole authority in rules and bylaws interpretation and may not be a voting member of the Board or a member of the Executive Committee. The Rules Judge rulings may be overturned by a 75% majority of the full Board all Representatives. *(Revised, 2024)*

Clarification of intended meaning

Under ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION

6. **Previous remains the same...**

Only coaches on deck 18 years old and over prior to June April 1st of the current season must have successfully passed a USA Swimming, JSL approved or Virginia State Police criminal background check within the last two years.

Rest remains the same

Eliminates some unnecessary background checks.

Under ARTICLE VI: CONDUCT OF MEETS

3. All swimmers must meet the eligibility requirements of Article V. "Official" swimmers are those swimmers who are entered in an event by the meet entry deadline and are eligible for ribbons and points. "Exhibition" swimmers are those swimmers who were not part of their team's allowable number of entries in an event, or who are entered for time only, or who have exceeded their maximum number of allowable event entries, or who missed the meet entry deadline. Relay Teams with one or more Exhibition swimmers will swim as Exhibition. Exhibition swimmers or Exhibition Relay Teams are not eligible to receive ribbons or points and are designated as "X" (exhibition) on all reports and labels, however, their times are considered official. *(Revised, 2024)*

Clarification of intended meaning Revised 18. The Host Team Meet Director in conference with the Visiting Team Meet

Director(s) shall be responsible for making and implementing all decisions regarding weather and air quality issues. Generally accepted electronic lightning and weather monitoring devices must be used to assist in those decisions.

Thunder and lightning rules remain the same

Meets shall not be held when the Air Quality Index (AQI) is 300 or above at the host pool location. For any AQI over 150, the Host Team Meet Director in conference with the Visiting Team Meet Director(s) shall determine if the meet shall be held.

Info above is from the US Government [AirNow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov) webpage and is based on the warnings from the AQI Basics Chart.

USAS rules for indoor competition require the pool water temperature to be 77° to 82.4°F. For temperatures outside of this range, the Host Team Meet Director in conference with the Visiting Team Meet Director(s) shall determine if the meet shall be held.

Info above is from the USA Swimming Rulebook, Section 103.7.1

USAS rules for open water competition require that the air temperature and water temperature when added together shall not be less than 118° F nor greater than 177.4° F as checked 2 hours before the start at a depth of 16 inches. For

temperatures outside of this range, the meet shall not be held.

Info above is from the USA Swimming Rulebook, Section 702.2

In all situations above, the host's team's pool management policy will prevail if stricter than League policy. (Revised, 2024)

Addition of guidelines based on last summer's situations.

19. Previous remains the same...

Tuesday or Wednesday suspended meets will be swum on Thursday of the same week except any meet involving held at Greene Hills will be swum on Monday of the following week.

Rest remains the same

Clarification of intended meaning

20. For all suspended meets, anything swum will not be re-swum and the score will be carried forward. The remainder of the meet may be re-seeded only to include including the possible change of swimmers from exhibition to official status, the addition of new swimmers as exhibition who meet the requirements of Article V, #5, and the deletion of swimmers who cannot attend the rescheduled meet.

Clarification of intended meaning

All changes from exhibition to official status and all additions must be approved and initialed on the timing cards by the Home and Visiting Meet Directors. A swimmer is not allowed to change from one event to another under any circumstances.

Rescheduled Meets which have not been swum prior to the upcoming Sunday for the competing teams, may be treated as a new meet, except anything swum will not be re-swum and the score will be carried forward. The "9PM two days before the meet" deadlines must be followed. (Revised, 2024)

Allows meets not completed within the week to be treated as a new meet for reseeding.

26. Diving is not allowed for 8-and-under relays from the non-block end of any pool during a JSL sanctioned event except at the Championship at UVA's Aquatic and Fitness Center. (Revised, 2024)

Change resulting from new Champs venue. Under ARTICLE VIII: JSL ORDER OF EVENTS

2. "IM/FR" Format (Short Course Pools)

BOYS EVENTS GIRLS EVENTS

8&U FREESTYLE RELAY Group Events

(short course pools only)

** P1 6&U 100yd/m Boys, Girls, &/or Mixed Free Relay **

1 8&U 100yd/m 2

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY Group Events

(Short Course Only)

3 9-10 100yd/m 4

5 11-12 100yd/m 6

7 13-14 100yd/m 8

9 15-18 100yd/m10

MEDLEY RELAY Group Events

11 8&U 100yd/m12

SHORT FREESTYLE Group Events

** P21 6&U 25yd/m P22 **

21 8&U 25yd/m22

Rest remains the same

3. "MR/LF" Format (Long Course Pools)

BOYS EVENTS GIRLS EVENTS

8&U FREESTYLE RELAY Group Events

(short course pools only)

** P1 6&U 100yd/m Boys, Girls, &/or Mixed Free Relay (short course only) **

MEDLEY RELAY Group Events

(8&U relay is NOT swum in long course pools)

11 8&U 100yd/m12

13 9-10 200yd/m14

15 11-12 200yd/m16

17 13-14 200yd/m18

19 15-18 200yd/m20

SHORT FREESTYLE Group Events

** P21 6&U 25yd/m P22 **

21 8&U 25yd/m22

Rest remains the same

Moving events 11 and 12 from the MR/LF format to the IM/FR Relay format will allow all teams to be able to swim these events on an equal basis. We don't currently swim these events in the long course pools where the MR/LF formats are swum. Of course, this will add time to the IM/FR format and subtract time from the MR/LF Format.