



Northwest Aquatic League - Emergency Board Meeting

Date:	March 19, 2020
Time:	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location:	Virtual Go To Meeting



I. Meeting called to Order (President)

- a. Establish Quorum.
- b. Meeting called to order. – *Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m*

II. Discussion of Future of 2020 NWAL season due to COVID-19.

- a. Cancel this season. NWAL is currently looking at the financial impact if our season is cancelled. We have already paid insurance and Swimtopia (down payment) for this season. We also at this time do not know what the schools are going to do other than what they have done so far – cancel classes until April 10th. Multiple facilities are also already closed including clubhouses and pools. It would also not keep coaches hanging in suspense on whether they will have a job or if they need to seek summer employment elsewhere.
- b. Delay the start of the season and have a compressed season. IF the CDC does not extend the recommendation of no groups greater than 50, teams could start practices on May 11th, have the 1st dual meet on May 23, 4 dual meets (instead of 5), with division finals still scheduled for June 20th, OR 5 dual meets with no division finals this year, with end of season invitationals on June 26-28 as scheduled.

III. Comments from Board Members

- a. Red 2 Division was 5 - 1 vote. The Waves and Hurricanes both voted to delay, and GLF said "should NWAL delay or shorten the season, the Gator board will discuss whether to swim or not.
- b. White 4: Teams are split between the 2 options. Concerns: Cost is going to become an issue for many families. Sponsors are going to be an issue. Leagues or other sports that postpone that run into swim teams and kids are going to have to choose between other things and swimming.
- c. Other concerns mentioned from various divisions:
 - i. Pools may not be open even after May 10th.
 - ii. Lifeguards won't have enough time to get their 36+ required hours for training.
 - iii. NWAL training lecture and on-deck courses will be difficult to manage and implement in a short period of time. It will be difficult to rent the facilities.
 - iv. Pools with Clubhouses, HOA, and Board Members will have difficulty moving around dates if the season is postponed, especially if their pools are already booked for May, June or July. For most teams, whatever dates they had down for Home Meets, are the only weekends they can get them.



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- v. The social distancing requirement could extend through July or August, so if you postpone, you may later have to cancel anyways.
 - vi. If other school or league sports get postponed, they will most likely pick back up during summer swim and that would add stress and difficulty for the kids and their families.
 - vii. Cost will become an issue. Not only for the families who may be feeling the pinch and therefore want to save money by not paying swimming dues this season, but also for small businesses that normally sponsor swim teams may not be financially able to this season.
- d. Reasons to go with the delay/compressed season:
- i. Kids and families wanting to get back to normal when possible.
 - ii. Communities look forward to swim team all year and this will be a way to get back to a sense of normal.
 - iii. We should try to have a season and make it work for the kids and community.
- IV. Officials (Matt Sale) motions to approve Option B (Delaying the start of and compressing the season)**
- a. If the CDC extends the current 8 week recommendation of no groups greater than 50, NWAL will cancel the entirety of the season.
 - b. Board votes unanimously.
- V. Further Information**
- a. Official training will be done online/virtually.
 - b. Tentatively schedule an invitational sanctioning meeting for after April 10th. This will be another Go To Meeting.
 - c. Will tentatively schedule another board meeting the first week of May to discuss any ongoing issues, problems, concerns. Will also discuss the format of the 5 week season.

Adjourn at 8:30 P.M.



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Meeting Attendance

Division Reps

Red 1	Andrew McWhorter
Red 2	Danielle Woody
Red 3	Jason Maxey
Red 4	Gina Carson
White 1	Jason Green
White 2	Adam Withers
White 3	Steven Reese
White 4	Samantha Chefas
Far North	Donovan Coskey
Yellow 1	Leah Borrello
Yellow 2	Rich Gallegos
Yellow 3	Wendi Perez
Blue 1	Jason Smith
Blue 2	Suzanne Nauert
Blue 3	Robin Funston
Blue 4	Andy Castaneda

League Officers

President	Olen
Officials	Matt
Computers	Gina
Compliance	Karen
Eligibility	William
Secretary	Bridget