

# GASL Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2023

*Called to order 6:45pm*

*President: Anne Canaday, Treasurer: Lisa Gebbia, Secretary: Sandy Avery, President Elect: Vacant*

1. October Minutes Approved- *motioned by Indian Hills, seconded by Truxton Park. Unanimous approval.*
2. Old Business
  - a. Treasures Report - *\$14K balance*
  - b. League Dues- *dues of \$250 due collected. Secretary noted the Swimtopia per-swimmer fee increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00.*
  - c. Neither St Andrews, nor the Navy Junior Seals teams decided to join GASL, leaving 19 teams for 2024. Due to 19 teams the league voted and agreed that for 2024 summer 5 teams will have a bye week or can elect to swim an intersquad meet that, if run in accordance to the standing rules, will count as a splash and for qualifying times this season. The team that had volunteered from C division backed out so Anne Canaday has reached out for a new volunteer - if no volunteers we will draw out of a hat!
  - d. League President will create 2024 schedule. Requests and constraints due ASAP.
  - e. The President reminded teams that they must update their Contact information in Swimtopia
3. New Business
  - a. The position of President Elect remains open. *No nominations at the meeting*
  - b. Sandy Avery of IHSC proposed to merge the jobs of league webmaster and secretary and agreed to take on the position of secretary.
  - c. Officials Training: Agreed without dissent – GASL is ending the COVID provision for remote GASL Officials Training. Noncertified (USAA/YMCA) officials must attend in person training at least every other year
    - i. *Discussion:*
      1. *In-person training assures the material is covered. It also allows for officials to get to know each other and develop a support system. Southdown shared an online training resource the Officials Committee could consider as an alternative to in-person in future.*
      2. *Starter training is essential for starters not USA Swim Certified.*
      3. *In-person trainings must be offered on different days of the week/times, both before the season starts and after it is underway to allow easier access.*
  - d. *In the discussion of Officials Training, it was decided (motioned Indian Hills, seconded Indian Landing, unanimously approved) that we will ask each team to include a Lead Official/Officials Point of Contact in Swimtopia to help the Officials Committee more easily disseminate information and recruit for Championship Meets coverage.*
  - e. Proposed change to relay proposal debated and resolved as follows;

- i. Move to mixed 8U 100 free relay, swum as the first event. Must include 2 girls and 2 boys. Will be exhibition this year as a trial.*
- ii. Move to 150 free relay with 4 swimmers – 10U/12U/14U/18U. Two swimmers will swim 25 yards each and then two swimmers will swim 50 yards each. For purposes of GASL Records, the old graduated relay records will be retired.*
- f. A committee formed to suggest updates to Championship Qualifying Times and a mechanism for proposing ongoing updates. (Sandy Avery and Lisa Gebbia will assemble the committee. All interested parties welcome.)*

Adjourned 8:13pm

**4. NEXT GASL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR *May 16th, 2024***

## **FOLLOW UP REQUIRED**

### **Rules Updates Needed**

From October

Meet lengths- even dual meets were long

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- 1. Coaches need to be instructed to enter swimmers according to rules and with confidence they can swim legally.*
- 2. League effort to reduce unqualified swims. Need for a required coaches meeting? Need to consider officials training also (including efficient starters).*
- 3. All "fun" needs to be before meet starts (honoring seniors, special songs etc). Parent/Coach relays are only permitted when meet timeline ends prior to noon. Communicate all extras to visiting team before meet.*
- 4. Consider starting early at 8:00am. Both teams must agree.*

From February

New Relay Format

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- 6. League effort to reduce unqualified swims. Need for a required coaches meeting? Need to consider officials training also (including efficient starters).*
- 7. All "fun" needs to be before meet starts (honoring seniors, special songs etc). Parent/Coach relays are only permitted when meet timeline ends prior to noon. Communicate all extras to visiting team before meet.*
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### **Officials Committee**

Create an in-person training schedule for non-certified officials that includes offerings on different days of the week/times, both before the season starts and after it is underway to allow easier access.

### **Secretary/Website**

February Meeting Notes created, posted  
Add position of Lead Official for each team

### **Championship Qualifying Times Committee**

Propose times for 2024 Championships  
Create a system for recommending times updates as needed, perhaps based on the old GASL 3-years of best times model.

## Updating Team Contact Information on GASL.swimtopia.com

1. At GASL.swimtopia.com, go to Manage League and sign in. Select the Roles tab.
2. Go to Assign Roles

The screenshot shows the GASL website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GASL logo, a 'LEAGUE' button, and links for Settings, What's New (with a notification badge of 11), Help Center, and a user profile for Sandy. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with icons for People, Roles (selected), Schedule, Registration, Communications, Merchandise, Website, and Reports. The main content area is titled 'All Roles' and contains a table with the following data:

Name	Count	
AHST - Tech Rep	0 / 3	<a href="#">Remove</a>
Awards Committee Chair	1 / 1	<a href="#">Remove</a>
BHST - Tech Rep	0 / 3	<a href="#">Remove</a>
BRP - Tech Rep	0 / 3	<a href="#">Remove</a>

A red arrow points from the right side of the table towards the 'Assign Roles...' button located in the top right corner of the table's container.

3. Assign roles as follows –

<i>GASL Reps and Techs</i>	<i>IMPORTANT!! Use this list to send general interest emails to the GASL Board, Reps, Techs, etc. DO NOT SEND TO "ALL" or you will be messaging every parent on every team in the league. Add everyone to this list that should receive general GASL Board information.</i>
<i>Tech Rep</i>	<i>Minimum of 1</i>
<i>League Rep</i>	<i>1 Lead (voting) Rep 1 Alternate Rep</i>
<i>Lead Official</i>	<i>Minimum of 1</i>
<i>Coaches</i>	<i>This is an optional position for coaches who would like to be informed of GASL Board activity</i>