

GASL Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by GASL President, Anne Canaday

Teams present:

1. Approve May Minutes

No meeting minutes were presented, topic was deferred without a vote taken

2. Old Business

a. Financial Update

Starting Balance was \$14,018.76, Projected Ending Balance is \$20,658.25. The biggest driver to the financials in 2024 was a significantly reduced cost to purchase regular season and championship meet ribbons, as ribbons were reused from previous seasons. This expense is anticipated to increase for the 2025 season.

b. League Dues

Dues will remain unchanged in 2025 and the current fee of \$250 will remain in place. Dues should be paid to GASL by teams in February 2025.

- i. SwimTopia confirmed 2025 will remain unchanged – \$3/swimmer
- ii. Anne to confirm 2025 fee for AAU – current fee is \$20
- iii. Championship meet fees will be set in February 2025 when more information about the cost of ribbons and medals is available.

c. Open Positions

The following individuals were elected:

- i. President Elect – Carrie Dana-Evans, Hunt Meadow
- ii. Secretary Elect – Cheryl Camm, Bay Hills
- iii. Ribbons Chair – Melody Kennedy, Evergreen

d. Leftover Champ ribbons

Lora Bleacher to handoff leftover ribbons to new Ribbons Chair

e. Results from last season

Harting Farm noted their record is incorrect, as Harting Farm won the meet against Chase Creek. Harting Farm's record should reflect 1-4 for the 2024 season.

f. Define 2025 divisions

Discussion: Harting Farm and Bay Ridge both have 1-4 records. Both teams will discuss further and jointly determine which team will move into the B Division.

Decision to be made by February 2025. Divisional changes confirmed for 2025:

- i. A: Hunt Meadow moves into A Division
- ii. B: Severn River moves into B Division
- iii. C: Chase Creek moves into C Division, Walden moves into C Division
- iv. D: Truxtun Park moves into D Division

3. New Business

a. Olde Mill Joining GASL

Motion made to invite Olde Mill to join GASL and passed by unanimous consent.

Olde Mill will join in Division D. Anne to reach out to Olde Mill to confirm next steps.

b. Schedule

- i. 2025 Summer Schedule Options 1, 2, and 3 were discussed. A motion was made to adopt Option 2 for the 2025 season. **Motion passed by a vote of 9 teams in favor, 8 opposed.** The 2025 season meet dates are as follows:
 - 1. Dual Meets: June 14, June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19
 - 2. Championship Meets: July 23, July 26, July 27
 - ii. Champ meet placement – no motion was made to move Gold to Wednesday
 - iii. Champ meet hosts and 3/2 home schedule rotations

Discussion: Should teams that host a championship meet also be allowed to have 3 home meets? No official rule is in place. Consensus was this may be allowable and champ meet hosts should be penalized. This may result in scenarios where some teams host 2 meets and others host 4 meets.
- c. Time Standards

Dan Brodjieski has developed a database to review and adjust time standards across the Gold, Silver, and Bronze meets. Committee formed to review time standards and bring updated standards to the February meeting to review.

 - i. Committee Members: Dan Brodjieski, Devin Neil, Chet Goudy
- d. Relays
 - i. Proposal to continue not to score 8U relay – passed by unanimous consent. 8U relay will continue to be non-scoring and will not count towards eligibility.
 - ii. Order of events – no motion was made to change current order of events
 - iii. Adjusting 150 Free Relay to 100 yards – no motion made to change distance
- e. Athlete Safety
 - i. Heat/Temperature related policies

Discussion: What protocols that should be in place for swim meets for athletes and spectators? There is no guidance available to govern what is “too hot” for a swim meet. USA Swimming rules only give pool water temperature guidance. Committee formed to determine guidelines and bring proposed guidelines to the February meeting to review.

 - 1. Committee Members: Kristin Watson, Devin Neil,
 - ii. Guards at meets – requirements – no motion was made to change current rule. There is no requirement to have a guard in the chair at meets.
- f. Rules
 - i. Adjusting paperwork for seed meeting to be more electronic

Motion made change the process adjust the paperwork requirements as follows: Host teams are required to provide a paper copy of each team’s entry reports. Teams can submit eligibility reports electronically by 1PM on Sunday (seeding deadline for teams) Motion passed by unanimous consent.
 - ii. Clarify rules concerning:
 - 1. Running starts – defer topic to February meeting and review USA Swimming rules.
 - 2. Dive overs – motion made to allow dive over starts at meets if both teams mutually consent to this practice. Request for dive over starts must be made at time of entry exchange. Motion was passed by unanimous consent.

3. Whistle protocol – motion to allow whistle protocol if both teams mutually consent to this practice. Request for whistle protocol must be made at time of entry exchange. Motion was passed by unanimous consent.
- iii. Add rules related to tech suits
Motion made to ban tech suits for the 2025 season. Motion failed by a vote of 4 teams in favor, 13 opposed.
- g. Communication
 - i. Update contacts
Please update the information for your team in SwimTopia
 - ii. Improve groups in SwimTopia
New groups will be set up in the 2025 season for easier communication between teams during medal meets

Meeting adjourned at 8:42PM