

GASL Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2021

1. Old Business

- a. Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$14,347. 2020 team dues were carried through to the 2021 Season after last year's season was cancelled. All teams except for Hillsmere have paid their dues, and Danielle Brooks agreed to get the 2021 dues to Noelle Semmes.
- b. 2021 Season: Jake Miller suggested that we take a vote to determine if we should try to have a season this Summer. *Motion: Proceed as if we are going to have a the 2021 Season. Motion was seconded. RESULT: All teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*
- c. Board Elections: Jake indicated that we typically vote for new Board members at the October meeting, which wasn't held this past year. Three positions are currently open: President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Jake agreed to run for President-Elect, and since no one else decided to run against him, the position was filled. A voice vote was taken and there were no dissenters so the motion carried. Bob Sanderson agreed to remain in the Secretary position for another year since no one else volunteered, and Noelle Semmes agreed to remain in the Treasurer position for another year. Jen Busse suggested that we consider changing the rules for selecting Board members since GASL depends on volunteers to successfully operate and the burden shouldn't fall on a few people. Dave Horn agreed to take over for Noelle when she's ready to move on from her Treasurer position, and he will shadow her in the meantime to better understand the role.
- d. Pool Availability: The teams were polled to determine whether they would have a pool for the 2021 Season and if it would be available for meets. All teams expect to have their pool available for meets except for Evergreen, Mayo, and Walden.
- e. COVID Protocols: Jake indicated that we will most likely need to have some types of COVID protocols in place to conduct practices and meets, and asked for a volunteer to develop practice- and meet-based COVID rules for the league. Danielle Brooks said that Hillsmere has several people who could support this effort and agreed to be the Committee Chair. Kate Foran, Melody Kennedy, and Jerilyn Deitch also volunteered to be on the committee, which agreed to develop the COVID plan for the league and deliver it to the GASL Board by March 18, 2021. A suggestion was made to review the COVID Committee recommendations before finalizing any decisions to move forward with the 2021 Season. The goal is to decide on the schedule by March 2021. The current plan is to conduct virtual meets then move to in-person dual meets if the situation allows for it. There was significant discussion about how virtual meets could be run to provide teams with the most flexibility. The COVID Committee will specify how practices, virtual meets, dual meets, and championship meets would be run and present their rec-

ommendations at the next GASL Meeting, which is scheduled for March 18, 2021.

- f. Family Championship Meets: Jake asked whether we wanted to plan to implement family championships this season to reduce the number of teams at each championship meet. A suggestion was made to hold divisional meets to keep the same teams together, but the availability of pools within each division may not be able to support that scenario. Some people said that part of the fun is seeing the teams from other divisions at the championship meets. Since there wasn't a great deal of enthusiasm for the idea for this season, the suggestion was tabled.
- g. Starting Date for 2021 Season: Jake brought up the need to determine when the 2021 Season should start. There was some discussion of options, and four motions were made to obtain consensus on the details.
 - i. *Motion: Start the season on June 19, 2021. Motion was seconded. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and the motion carried.*
 - ii. *Motion: Conduct meets on July 3, 2021. Motion was seconded. RESULT: 13 teams voted Yes and 7 teams voted No, and the motion carried.*
 - iii. *Motion: Hold four meets in the 2021 Season rather than five, which would shorten the season by one week. Motion was seconded. RESULT: 12 teams voted Yes and 8 teams voted No, and the motion carried.*
 - iv. *Motion: Reevaluate the meet schedule in May 2021 based on the current COVID situation to determine if we could hold dual meets. Motion was seconded. RESULT: There were no dissenters and the motion carried.*
- h. As a result of the decisions on the start date and the number of meets, the league will have a five-week season with four meets, which means each team will have one bye week and the Championship Meets will be held on July 24, 2021.

2. New Business

- a. Next GASL Meeting will be held on March 18, 2021, via WebEx. We will need to confirm every team's pool availability for the 2021 Season at the next meeting, if possible.