

GASL Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2020

1. Emergency Business

- a. The purpose of this emergency meeting was to vote on whether the league should compete during the Summer of 2020. Up to this point, we've been following the advice of USA Swimming to determine the best path forward, and USA Swimming recently extended its cancellation of all its sanctioned events across the U.S. to May 31, 2020, and is not currently approving future sanctioned events.
- b. In light of USA Swimming's latest decision, the GASL Board would like to vote on the following three options for the 2020 Season:
 - i. Take no immediate action and continue to plan as though the season will take place in the normal fashion.
 - ii. Register teams with the expectation that the season may be shortened and/or delayed, and no practices (or meets) would be allowed prior to May 31, 2020.
 - iii. Cancel the season with the recognition that even when social distancing restrictions are eased, there's a good possibility that group sports will not be encouraged for some time to come.
- c. 2020 Schedule Information
 - i. Hold Season: All of the teams were polled to determine whether they would want to hold the season. Thirteen teams voted "Yes," four teams voted "No," and three teams were not present.
 - ii. Pool Availability: All of the teams were polled to identify whether their club would allow access to their pool for meets. Eleven teams said they would allow access; five indicated that they did not know whether their club would allow access, one team said that they would not allow pool access, and three teams were not present.
- d. We were notified that the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) may be restricting attendees with special conditions or over a certain age from meets, and may be limiting teams to 30 people (15 players per team and 15 coaches and spectators per team). *Motion: Move forward with planning for the 2020 season for now. Motion was seconded. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*
- e. It was noted that GASL's current AAU insurance expires on August 31, 2020, and it would need to be renewed if we held any events past that date.
- f. Each team was requested to come back by May 16, 2020, with their perspective on holding the 2020 Season, including any proposed restrictions or constraints if their club was to host a meet.

- g. Since GASL By-Laws require a 15-day notice to hold a Special Meeting, it was suggested that we temporarily eliminate that requirement so that we could hold a follow-on emergency meeting between May 16th and 18th with only one or two days notice. *Motion: Waive the 15-day meeting notice requirement during May 2020. Motion was seconded. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*
- h. A question was raised about the availability of ribbons for the season and Kate Foran indicated that she thought we could make it work with the ribbons that we already have. *Motion: Do not buy additional ribbons for the 2020 Season. Motion was seconded. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*
- i. A question was raised about teams being able to participate in the 2021 Season if they opt out of the 2020 season. *Motion: Teams will still be able to participate in the 2021 Season if they elect to opt out of the 2020 Season. Motion was seconded. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*
- j. A question was raised about whether we should purchase our AAU insurance now in case the season were to be held . *Motion: Purchase insurance for the league for the 2020 Season at a cost of \$60. Motion was seconded. RESULT: A majority of teams voted Yes by voice vote and motion carried.*
- k. Next GASL Meeting will be held via WebEx between May 16-18, 2020, at 6:00pm.