

CASL 2024 FALL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

The CASL fall meeting was a virtual Zoom meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mike Gobrecht. Jeff Boswell, the Secretary, noted there was a quorum with all teams represented except for Central York, Dallastown, Hanover and Keystone. President Gobrecht noted that the Keystone Aquatics facility has closed, and that Keystone currently has no swimmers. Mike presented the agenda that was emailed to all teams prior to the meeting. By consensus, the 2024 Spring Meeting minutes, as already posted to the CASL website, were approved. Mike noted that the league roster had been emailed and requested each team to inform him of any changes to the roster.

The next item on the Agenda concerned the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer, Janet Butterfield, presented the Financial Report for the period from April 30, 2024, to September 30, 2024. She also presented the 2025 Executive Report (Proposal) showing income and expenses for 2024 and proposed budgets based on 1,700 swimmers with league fees based on the current \$5 per swimmer and proposed \$6 or \$7 per swimmer. There was discussion concerning income, noting there were no donations in the 2024 actual and 2025 budget projection. President Gobrecht reported that the Executive Committee discussed and recommends the CASL be incorporated as a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation and that application be made with the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from federal income tax. He commented that the tax-exempt status may facilitate grants or donations to the CASL. Jeff Boswell noted that donors can deduct contributions made to nonprofit corporations that have public charity status and that are exempt from federal income tax under IRS Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). He stated that most businesses request confirmation of this status before making a contribution. On motion made, seconded and carried, the executive committee was authorized to proceed with the appropriate filings with the Pennsylvania Department of State Corporation Bureau to organize the CASL as a Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation and make application to the Internal Revenue Service for qualification as a public charity and determination that the nonprofit corporation is exempt from federal income tax under IRC Section 501(c)(3). Janet recommended that the fee per swimmer be increased to \$7 per swimmer. President Gobrecht noted that the league fee per swimmer has been the same since the 1990s. On motion made, seconded and carried, the league fee per swimmer was increased to \$7 per swimmer. By consensus, the proposed budget was approved, including the increased fee per swimmer and the projected cost for the nonprofit corporation filing. Janet noted that her goal is to have operating funds of \$5,000-\$7,500 in order to have available funds for various expenses that are incurred at different times throughout the year. Janet noted that the current bank balance as of September 30, 2024, was \$7,523.96 and the projected bank balance on September 30, 2025, based on now-approved budget, would be \$4,893.96. By consensus, Treasurer's Report was approved.

The next item on the agenda concerned the 2024 team divisions and changes for the 2025 season. President Gobrecht noted that Capital Aquatics of Pennsylvania (CAP), a new team which swims at East Pennsboro Area High School, contacted him to seek admission to the CASL. CAP was not represented at this meeting. Following the meeting, President Gobrecht contacted Tina Gingrich to confirm the request for admission, as to which there were no objections raised at this meeting. It was determined that CAP will swim in Division A. Keystone will not be included in the 2025 CASL Master Schedule.

Bill Sterner, the league scorer, presented the 2025 CASL Master Schedule. He noted that the schedule will be revised with the addition of CAP and the deletion of Keystone. Division AAAA will have five teams, Division AAA will have five teams, Division AA will have six teams, and Division A will have six teams. There will be crossover meets, so that all teams will swim five dual meets. The start date for dual meets will be Saturday, June 7 and no dual meets will be scheduled for July 5. Teams by mutual consent can reschedule the date for dual meets. The date of any rescheduled meet must be reported to Bill Sterner prior to the rescheduled date. Divisionals will be held on July 19, 2024, and All Stars will be held on July 20, 2024. The Mid-Caps championship meet will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2024, hosted by the Capital Area Swim League. Taking into consideration the discussion about team alignment in the various divisions, Bill Sterner will revise the 2025 CASL Master Schedule, which will be posted on the CASL website.

Concerning old business, President Gobrecht requested any comments concerning the 2024 CASL Divisional and All-Star meets. He noted that all of the meets appeared to have been run efficiently. There were no comments, so there was no further discussion. President Gobrecht thanked the teams who hosted the various meets.

The next item on the agenda concerned the 2025 CASL Championship meets. Following the practice that started in 2023, it was determined that bid applications will be submitted to the Executive Committee by making application to the CASL Secretary Jeff Boswell by email by Friday December 6, 2024. The bids must be submitted on the CASL Championship Bid Application 2025, copy attached, which includes information about key personnel, previous meet experience, and venue details. It was determined that the Executive Committee would consider the rotation of meet hosts to give opportunity for various teams to host championship meets. The bids to be submitted will determine yards or meters for the championship meets.


The next item on the agenda concerned new business. President Gobrecht stated that there were 14 applicants for the CASL Senior Scholarship Award. The two \$1,000 CASL Senior Scholarships were awarded to Jonathan Chang of Cumberland Valley Aquatic Club and Haley Lenker of South Middleton Swim Club, both of whom sent thank-you notes acknowledging the award. Chang swam for over 10 years in the CASL and will be attending the University of Notre Dame. Lenker swam for 9 years in

the CASL and will be attending Ursinus College, where she plans to swim collegiately. President Gobrecht thanked the awards committee, which was comprised of Jeff Boswell, Tom Brenner, Gary Shenk, and Jeanne Howley.

The next item concerned the CASL Constitution, which contains a section concerning rules specific to the CASL. By consensus, it was determined that the rules section will be updated. Tom Brenner will present a redlined copy of the revisions to be reviewed for approval at the 2025 Spring Meeting. Jeff Boswell noted that the CASL will have new bylaws pertinent to its incorporation as a Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation, which bylaws will be presented at the 2025 Spring Meeting.

The President then called the CASL 2025 Spring Meeting for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, to be held virtually via Zoom. Upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



Jeff Boswell, Secretary

Dated: 10-21-2024