**GPSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 24, 2024

Location: Running Man Clubhouse  
800 Running Man Trail  
Yorktown, VA 23693

Time: 7:00 PM

Facilitator: Jeff Griffiths, GPSA President

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| Name | Attendance | Position/Pool | Name | Attendance | Position/Pool |
| Jeff Griffiths | X | President | Adam Steward | X | Kiln Creek |
| Dan Georgen | X | Vice President | Eric Balest | X0 | Marlbank |
| Jennifer Miller | X | Treasurer | Wayne Holden | X | Northampton |
| Suzanne Maddock | X | Secretary | Gretchen Gochenour | X | Poquoson |
| Lisa Dessoffy | X0 | Beaconsdale | Cindy Isley |  | Poquoson |
| Christy Verbeck | X0 | Beechwood | Heather Rowe | X | Riverdale |
| Steven York | X | Colony | Suzanne Maddock | X | Running Man |
| Vanna Upchurch | X | Coventry | Lindsey Blackmon | X | Warwick Yacht |
| Molly Lewis | X0 | Coventry | Andra Limbaugh | X | Wendwood |
| Victoria Mitchell | X | Elisabeth Lake | Whitney Rosario | X0 | Willow Oaks |
| Luke (Amy) Ziemba | X | George Wythe | Jay Patel | - | Windy Point |
| Paul Creal | X | Glendale | Lisa Lynch | X | Member-at-Large |
| Joe Blunt | X | Hidenwood | Lori Sprott | - | Member-at-Large |
| Whitney Watkins | - | James River | Elisabeth Whetstine | X | Member at Large |

X: Present In-person X0: Present Online

**Agenda Items**

1. Call to Order: Meeting was officially started at 7:04pm
2. Roll Call: a quorum was established.
3. Old Business
   1. Old Meeting Minutes -Motion to approve – Dan G.; all in favor.
      1. Export meeting minutes into Google Drive as a PDF so everyone can see them prior to the next meeting.
   2. Alignment Committee
      1. Dan G: Two alternative options. Results from last season. No one liked red being only 4 teams. Move PQ up to red.
      2. Options 1
         1. **Red**: Colony, Hidenwood, Running Man, Windy Point, Marlbank, and Poquoson
         2. **White**: Coventry , George Wythe, Kiln Creek, Wendwood, Warwick Yacht, Willow Oaks, Glendale
         3. **Blue**: Beaconsdale, Elizabeth Lakes, Beechwood, James River, ~~Northampton~~, James River, Riverdale
      3. Option 2
         1. **Red**: Colony, Hidenwood, Marlbank, Running Man, Willow Oaks, Poquoson
         2. **White**: Coventry, George Wythe, Glendale, Warwick Yacht, Wendwood, Willow Oaks
         3. **Blue**: Beaconsdale, Elizabeth Lakes, Kiln Creek, James River, ~~Northampton~~, Riverdale, Beechwood?
      4. Losing two pools would take Blue down to five. The second option would move Kiln creek down again from option 1.
      5. Wayne: Northampton – They more than likely will not have a team this season. Many problems would need additional funding. There is enough debt to have to turn off water and electricity. The city is looking into the sale of that property, which might be converted to homes. Briefly considered finding another team. Jeff to work with Wayne offline to see if another option is available.
      6. Gretchen: Community pool may be considered an important asset to the area. Solving problems are solved far out of the box. There is value to having this right and that is not a city that size may think this is valuable. This would be the third pool to close in this area.
      7. Jeff: Hampton is very supportive of summer swim teams. If you have a facility, they want kids in the water. Jeff to discuss further with City of Hampton.
      8. Wayne: Propose to get NH Team pool board together with Jeff/GPSA, offline to see if we can find a way ahead that makes sense for everyone.
      9. Beechwood (Kristy) will proceed with a Beechwood team. Small group of kids that wanted to participate but needed to use another pool to practice. It is in the rules that you are given a one-year window if your pool closes. After the first year, this would be different. The league would want to work with teams to keep them here rather than follow rules. This change was in part due to the changing regulations of Covid.
      10. Elizabeth: If all 19 pools participate, the league would have a 6,7,6 in each division. If one drops, then a 6, 6, 6 with KC dropping. If two drop, then a 6,5,5 division
      11. Nomination to approve alignment Dan G, all in favor: I’s all around. No dissention.
4. New Business
   1. 2024 Schedule
      1. Schedule: Dan - white, Gretchen - Red, Elizabeth - Blue
      2. Important Dates:
         * Age update: June 1st

(Schools out: York County – June 7th, PQ June 7th, NN June 12th, Hampton June 12th (Graduation 13, 14, 15))

* + - * Stroke and Turn Clinic: Different weeks and two different pools – PQ/Coventry (June 4th and June 11th tentative)
      * Coaches’ clinic: June 8th
      * Swim Clinic: June 8th and 9th, with 15th-16th as backup.
      * GPSA Rosters and Code of Conduct: Due June 10th
      * Start of the season: June 17th
      * 8U Mini Meet Entries: July 6th noon
      * 8 U Mini meet: July 13th
      * T-shirt contest entries due: July 13th
      * Scholarship and coach of the year: July 18th midnight
      * Last day for meets is July 26th
      * City Meet Entries July 27th
      * City Meet Ads: Due: July 27th
      * City Meet Date: August 3rd
    1. Jeff to create a plan of action for program ads and T-shirt design. (Parkway Print Shop)
  1. Team by team check-in
     1. Hidenwood: Good
     2. Wendwood: Good
     3. Warwick Yacht: Good
     4. Coventry: Previous coaches are not returning

\*If anyone is looking for coaches, send an email to webmaster and it will be put up on the GPSA website.

* + 1. Poquoson: New sand filter is in!!!
    2. George Wythe: Good – looking for coaches
    3. Coventry: Good – Nick and Cameron assistant
    4. Marlbank: Good – looking for coaches
    5. Riverdale: Good – need a new assistant coach
    6. Elizabeth Lakes: Good – needs a coach
    7. Northampton: If open, has a potential coach from the high school
    8. Kiln Creek: Good, – needs assistant coach
    9. Hidenwood: Good – needs additional coaches
    10. Running Man: Looking for assistant coach and Jr. coaches
    11. Beaconsdale: Good – issue is the pool itself. Difficult time getting lifeguards staffed. Needs to wait for board meetings.
    12. Windy Point: Major pool renovations but scheduled to open on time.
    13. Willow Oaks: Good – board met last night.
  1. **Vote on changes to the rules**
     1. Changing the definition of a Bonafede swimmer: members had to be in good standing.
     2. Restructuring the order of events, age groups and distance. Added 8U mixed 100 free relay as event 0. The order of how the events are listed on City Meet invite is taking format. Staying: Order of strokes, 5-minute break, relay teams should be composed of 2 boys and 2 girls as best effort. This event is not scored but encouraged.
     3. Event 0 shall not count against a swimmer relay count
     4. Heat sheet: Hosting team shall provide 6 printed heat sheets, Red, Starter, S7T, and judges as a minimum.
     5. Clarification on scoring: Event 0 is a non-scored event.
     6. Motion to accept: Accepted, all I’s
  2. **2023-24 GPSA Board meeting schedule**
     1. Wednesday March 13th
     2. Wednesday May 8th
  3. **GPSA Rep Training**
     1. Refer to handout
     2. Rules Committee: Responsibilities and References
     3. Reps can agree on modification to the meet while it is running.
     4. If you are the GPSA rep, but need to be an official, then another individual must be appointed as the stand-in GPSA rep.
     5. Protests
     6. **Rules** **committee**: Dan G, Heather Rowe, Jay Patel (Adam Stewart and Jeff Griffith alternates)
     7. If you need assistance, please reach out to Elizabeth Whetstine and Lisa Lynch
  4. **SwimTopia**:
     1. Need updates for SwimTopia shared documents and meet templates for 2024 season.
     2. Dan G: Question – League official calendar year is September to August – set season as January to December.
     3. SwimTopia scorekeepers training along with coaches training on June 8th. Feel free to reach out to Dan G if you need assistance.
     4. $4.50 per swimmer for SwimTopia
  5. **City** **Meet** **committee** – Dan and Suzy as co-Meet Directors for City Meet and 8 and Under Mini Meet.
  6. **Lifeguard** **training**: Feb 24th releasing new curriculum which will change the format for lifeguard training. Hampton is doing lifeguard training all spring.

1. Adjournment
   1. Motion to adjourn –Elizabeth motion to adjourn. Second Dan G. All in favor, yes. Adjourn at 8:26 pm