

MCSL Reps Meeting Agenda
March 26, 2020

Meeting called to order via Zoom at 8:00 pm by Kathy Aitken, MCSL President

No team sign-in was performed. Teams that did not vote in the online voting were: Bethesda, Clarksburg Town Center, Flower Hill, Hillandale, James Creek, Kenmont, Long Branch, Montgomery Square, Old Farm, Tally Ho

Kathy Aitken, President, president@mcsl.org

- Kathy welcomed everyone to the first ever online virtual MCSL meeting
- Kathy extended a welcome to Gold Sponsor, SwimTopia
- Kathy led the Team reps through an opening relaxation exercise given the trying times we are all going through
- Kathy commented that on behalf of the entire Board, we hope everyone is safe and healthy. We have been closely following the news reports & recommendations. The Board has spent a great deal of time looking at the ways our league may need to adapt this season.
- Kathy acknowledged that decisions on what happens to our season will be determined by our government. There is a possibility we may not have a season. Things remain very fluid.
- As of right now, we are planning for a season. We recognize this can change, e.g. government direction to keep the pools closed.
- We will proceed in keeping our monthly meetings, working our normal business, and we will keep the Reps updated as we know more. Next month's meeting (April) will be held online via Zoom.
- Kathy then introduced herself as the new President of the league. All Board members introduced themselves and the committees they are part of (see MCSL website, under MCSL Executive Board for full listing).

Kristine Frohman, Advertising, ads@mcsl.org

- Kristine introduced one advertiser/sponsor for the evening's meeting:
 1. SwimTopia
- Please patronize our advertisers throughout the season. They do a terrific job for the MCSL. Our Gold and silver sponsors can also be found on our MCSL website.

Beverly Reed, Treasurer, treasurer@mcsl.org

- The Board decided to defer the voting on the annual budget to the April meeting
- The Board also decided to defer team invoices to April

Liz Novatny, Vice President, rules@mcsl.org

- Liz introduced the three rule changes we need to vote on this evening. Each rule was discussed one at a time, with voting at the end.

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1. Change the order of events at dual meets and all-stars to match the order of events at Coaches LC.
 2. Deletion of the waiting list rule
 3. Change the way relay take-off judging is performed at dual A meets, Relay Carnival, and Divisionals
- The online voting was opened. There were 78 votes received by member teams. All three proposed rules were passed.
 - Liz also provided clarification on rule 11a. The MCSL Board needs to be notified if teams decide to swim dual A meets on a different day other than when they are scheduled
 - Liz announced that the Rules Committee will be clarifying the swim-up rule (the rule is the same, just clearer language)
 - Liz announced that the transfer window is open and goes through May 1. The form is up on the website. We will be flexible with the May 1 date.

Questions from the Team Reps via Chat or Pre-Submitted:

1. Has the Board determined a date where a decision will be made to cancel the season? Kathy responded that we do not yet have a firm date. We feel pretty confident we can give more information at the April 16 meeting. We do not want to make a hasty decision that will leave thousands of kids unhappy. We understand the impact could be great and that some teams may not be able to participate. We will move forward the best way we can.
2. Should pools do registration for swim team? Kathy responded that it is a “pool by pool” decision to do registration. We will communicate more in mid-April.
3. Would we consider postponement of the season to July and August? Kathy responded that we will not rule anything out at this time, but we are not sure. (Some other team reps responded via the chat that having a season in August would be difficult, with vacations and fall sports, teachers and coaches going back to school, etc.).
4. A Team Rep asked if the April 16 meeting could be on a different date, as April 16 is the last day of Passover. Kathy responded we would look at the date more closely.

Liz Novatny, Vice President, rules@mcsl.org

- Liz reminded the team reps that next month is the month that teams decide who is hosting Relay Carnival and who is hosting Divisionals, and other Divisional jobs
- Divisions should get together by the April meeting (either via email or Zoom)
- Divisions will need to fill out the online form as best as they can (who is hosting, targeted dates). Most important is that we know who is hosting, as the awards for Relays and Divisionals will be in the May awards bags given to team reps.
- Marty announced that this year we will not have Division All-Star Volunteer leads. The Competition committee will work with the divisions to staff the championship meets.

Jim Garner, Rules and Competition, rules@mcsl.org

- Jim reminded team reps that having liability insurance is a requirement that Montgomery County has for the awarding of SSL hours. To get SSL hours for your team,

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please send Jim the roles & duties swimmers will have to earn SSL hours. Please also provide a copy of your liability insurance. If you are not able to provide the liability insurance just yet, you can send that later. Please note that if your team needs liability insurance, several of our Silver and Gold sponsors provide swim team insurance. Please visit the sponsors page on the MCSL website.

Marty Cohen, Competition, competition@mcsl.org

- Marty noted that this year we are scheduled for dual A meets on Saturday, July 4. He was made aware there is a 5K Autism Speaks event that day, that some MCSL teams participate in. Marty noted it is often tough to reschedule dual A meets. The Board usually doesn't advise rescheduling a dual A meet unless there is a pool or weather issue. But teams may do it, if they both agree to the rescheduled date. Teams must contact Automation and the Competition Committee in advance.

Around the Horn

- Scott Witkin – Will not address officials, clinics, certifications, etc. at this meeting. It is too premature to talk about what could happen if our season is impacted. But the Board is thinking through options. Right now, all clinic dates and facilities are booked. The clinics are on the MCSL website and pre-registration is open. Please make sure officials on your team are aware of the clinic dates.
- Jim Garner – Colorado starting systems are available for order. Costs: \$825 + 25 shipping (or less) for a new starter; \$170 + 15 shipping (or less) for a new tripod; \$170 + 15 shipping (or less) for an extended speaker. Jim also advised the Reps to find their current starting systems and make sure they work. Jim is planning to place a league order in May for delivery in early June (before time trials). If you would like to order a new starter or accessories, or have questions, please email Jim at rules@mcsl.org
- Liz Novatny – Awards – Liz let the Reps know that ribbons and awards for the season have been ordered. We have a long ordering cycle, so this could not be postponed and was initiated pre-pandemic. The ribbons and awards can be used next year if we do not have a season.
- Bob Hincke – reminded all Reps to please update your team information on the MCSL website. The team rep email addresses you provide are used for our email distribution list. If you need your team login, please email web@mcsl.org
- Eric Smith – There are several Automation clinics that are planned for the end of May. The dates are on the website. Please share the dates with your automation people.
- Jessica Moore – The Green book is available on MCSL website. This book is the best option right now on how the Reps should be planning their season.
- Andrew Arai – the MCSL Handbook will likely not be printed given the uncertainty of the season. We will have an online version of the Handbook on the MCSL website, and a version that can be printed out. Depending on season status, we will produce a handbook supplement that will cover any changes from the 2019 handbook.
- Kristine Frohman – Reminder to all Reps to update your team info on the MCSL website. We download a list of team rep email addresses when doing rep emails.

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- Marty – thank you to Scott Witkin for organizing our new MCSL Zoom platform

Kathy Aitken, President, president@mcsl.org

- Kathy closed the meeting, “Please be well, wash your hands, and remain calm. Let’s be hopeful and prayerful we can go forward, be healthy and safe, and that our kids can enjoy their summer.”
- We will be posting a message on the MCSL website for general questions on the league
- April will be another Zoom meeting – the link will be sent out closer to the time
- We will consider moving the date, to accommodate the Passover holiday

Update: The MCSL Board has reviewed the request to move the April 16 date to another one in observance of the Passover holiday. The meeting will move by one week to Thursday, April 23, 8pm via Zoom.

NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2020 Virtual via Zoom
General meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.
Minutes submitted by Kristine Frohman, Secretary