

HSP : Lynn Pinnell

EXCH: Christopher Thomas, Celeste Cantrell

HRST: Kristin Weaver

FARMY: Stephanie Earnshaw, Julie Jennings

CHCCR: Bethany Holmes, Janet Trusky

H3AC: Todd Pfeiffer, Tiki Gwynne

TCST: Jeanne Kirscher, Millie Barritt

SVGC: Pam Reed, Maripat Metcalf (Chair)

Also attending: Briar Chapel: Jennifer Adams, Kelly Kirk

A quorum was present since all 8 teams were in attendance.

Ongoing Business

1. Review and update minutes from Oct 28, 2014 meeting

Maripat will continue to update the minutes from the 10-28-14 meeting and circulate the updated version by email for approval.

2. Finances and Treasurer's Report -no report since the Treasure was not present at this meeting.

SVGC was asked by the group to reach out to Mark in order to encourage him to order 2 years worth of Champs ribbons, pay In advance for Koury, and pay for regular season ribbons in FY 2014 due to the higher than usual bank balance discussed at the 10-28 meeting.

3. Dates for 2015 meets & meetings.

- No changes to the meet dates; please publish the dates on the CHSSL website and to your teams. Celeste will work on the schedule once the final number of teams is decided for 2015.
- Note: the next meeting for CHSSL was moved to ~~THURSDAY Jan 29~~ Tuesday Jan 27, 2015.

New Business

4. **Motion** to admit **Briar Chapel Swim Team** as a full member of CHSSL in 2015 per section 1 of the by-laws, and seconded. Discussion followed.

Discussion key points

- The Bylaws seem to encourage the inclusion of new clubs.
- The impact on Champs of adding more swimmers and more relays. It was the consensus that the Champs meet will have to go to a 2 day session with some swimmers swimming Friday night. Chris Thomas indicated that if older swimmers were to go Friday afternoon/evening it would not be difficult since the oldest swimmers are more experienced and need fewer volunteers such as chaperones to assist them. Pam Reed remarked that as the Chair of Champs 2014 she and Chris had developed a variety of scenarios for a 2 day meet. Although there was no change made for 2014, these could be reconsidered for 2015.
- It was discussed whether a transition year where Briar Chapel would swim dual meets only not Champs should be considered. Briar Chapel was amenable to this idea. After discussion about whether this was fair, and assurances that BC and other teams would assist with the extra burden at Champs, HR decided not to propose an amendment that BC only do dual meets in the first season.

- The size of a possible BC swim team was discussed, and the reps indicated that they felt they would have about 130-150 swimmers, with most being young. They read their current roster by age, and it appeared to mimic the age distribution of the other teams of similar size. It was noted that there were about 130 fewer swimmers at Champs in 2014 than 2013, and that adding BC in would bring the size of Champs to the 2013 level. It was also noted that the number of swimmers does vary from year to year. The implication was that adding another set of swimmers would not necessarily create the largest Champs ever.
- Hollow Rock expressed concern about being able to have enough volunteers to organize a 2 day meet, since they are a smaller club. It was suggested that Briar Chapel in particular, and other teams as well could assist this year in order to mitigate the extra stress to HR. (This led to a side discussion of a Champs Committee which was considered later in the evening).
- On the issue of relays, it was proposed that each team be allowed at least one, but no more than 2 relay teams so that there would be two heats of relays at Champs. Further discussion on this idea was deferred since there was already a motion under discussion.
- Everyone would have 2 byes per year.
- TCST proposed that we discuss a Growth/Expansion/Contraction committee and plan for future years, and this topic was returned to later in the evening.

The question was called and a vote taken on the motion to include Briar Chapel as a member swim team. The vote taken by ballot, with team name noted to assure that each team voted no more than two times. The vote was read aloud with team name excluded.

All votes were in favor of the motion.

Motion passed: Briar Chapel was admitted as a new swim team starting with the 2015 season.

5. Discussion Meet Manager versus Team Unify software

- Differed since we had no new information available. A small group will meet to discuss the pros/cons of Team Unify's On Deck versus Hy-Tek and report back to the group in Jan. Todd Pfeiffer, Maripat, Chris Thomas and anyone else interested will coordinate this.
- Note that we would need to keep the Hy Tek software for Champs.

6. Motion to create a **Champs Organization/Reorganization Committee** to discuss changes in the Champs format to 2 days as well as to share experience. Members would include the past, current, and next year's Champs teams.

Seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote, all present were in favor.

- Group will meet Jan 13, SV Clubhouse, 8p. SVGC (2014), HRST (2015) and FSAYM reps will attend; all welcome.

7. Motion to create a committee to discuss **Expansion and Contraction** over the next 5+ years for the league.

Discussion:

- Group would discuss parameters for new teams entering, and exit strategies if/when the league gets "too big". The group will bring back specific recommendations to the full Board for discussion and motions, changes to the by-laws, and other actions as appropriate.

- This group will also consider ways to clarify the language in the by-laws regarding clubs versus teams, and the rotation of administrative roles like Secretary.

Motion passed on voice vote, all present were in favor.

It was decided that this committee would initially meet Jan 13, 2015, and report back to the group at the next general league meeting after that.

Meeting adjourned 9:02pm

For Reference:

With the addition of BC, the rotation is now

	Ribbons	CHAMPS	League Admin
2014 (last year)	HRST	SVGC	EXCH
2015	FSAYM	HRST + BC	SVGC
2016	CHCCR	FSAYM	HRST
2017	TCST	CHCCR	FSAYM
2018	H3AC	TCST	CHCCR
2019	HSP	H3AC	TCST
2020	EXCH	HSP	H3AC
2021	SVGC	EXCH	HSP
2022	BC	SVGC	EXCH
2023	HRST	BC	SVGC
2024	FSAYM	HRST	BC