

# FLOAT CONFERENCE

**Board Meeting #31**  
**April 8, 2020 | 2 pm - 3:30 pm PST**

## *Quorum Present*

### **Present:**

- Ashkahn Jahromi (President) / Graham Talley
- Gloria Morris (Secretary)
- Andy Larson (Treasurer)
- Jake Resch / Kevin McCulloch
- Matthew Smith / Jamie Phillips (*called in at 2:41pm*)
- Jesse Ratner-Decle / Sean Lavery
- James Harder
- Roy Vore
- Kim Hannan
- Jocelyn Jester (Operations Team)
- Esther Paul (Operations Team)

### **Absent:**

### **Agenda:**

1. **Vote to approve last meeting's minutes (Official Vote)**
2. **Coronavirus**
3. **Closing Comments**

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## **1 - Vote to Approve Last Meeting's Minutes**

**Vote on Minutes from March 11 meeting:** *Unanimous Approval*

## **2 - Coronavirus**

Obviously everyone in the world is experiencing negative effects due to the pandemic. We want to discuss how this will affect the Float Conference.

### **Does anyone feel like we should decide to cancel or postpone the conference?**

Roy suggests that we are expecting a lull in the virus between June or July and the end of September. We are expecting that the virus will pick back up again in September or October.

Gloria asks if we should put a poll out to discover how the people are feeling.

Jocelyn is planning to communicate with Potawatomi about our options. We may be interested in lowering the amount of space and hotel rooms we have rented.

Andy lets us know that Milwaukee's Summer Fest has been rescheduled, and will overlap with the Float Conference as currently scheduled.

General agreement is that it is too soon to decide to cancel.

### **Virtual event options**

Interest was expressed about adding a virtual option or switching to a fully virtual event.

There are so many virtual event options available. It would be plausible to add a live stream option to the current set up we have. Alternatively, could go to a fully virtual event, which could be as basic or advanced as we want depending on the platform .

Again, too early to decide - but nice to know we have the option. Jocelyn will continue to learn about and research options.

### **Communication**

We've been wondering if we should be letting people know what is going on. There are pros and cons on both sides of sending an email that we are still planning to move forward with the conference. For now, we will wait until we have more information to release any official statements.

### **Statuses of centers**

There has been some interest in checking in with centers to see how they are holding up or how they are feeling about the future. The general consensus is that people are feeling a bit "in the moment" about the current and future statuses of their centers. We will keep an eye on the Float Collective to get a general vibe, but we won't plan to put out any official polls for now.

There was also some talk about seeing if FTS is collecting this type of information. They do an annual State of the Industry report, but this isn't the general time frame for that. Probably not the right place to gather this information at this time.

### **Sanitation Workshop**

Roy is interested in hosting a 3 hour disinfection workshop at the conference. Roy says that we should expect more in depth inspections by health departments moving forward. We can look at what float center owners need to know and how he can share that information.

- General interest in this!

## **3 - Closing Comments**

The main outcome of this call is that we will not make any decisions at this time. We will wait and see what pans out in the next month and go from there. In the meantime, Jocelyn will collect information from Potawatomi about what our options and timeline might be for adjusting our agreement.

**Next Meeting: May 6, at 2:00 - 3:30 pm PST**

*Meeting Adjourned: 2:45 pm*