

Greater Richmond Aquatic League

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Hanover Country Club

Next Board Meeting – Sunday, February 21 2010 (site TBD)

Secretary – Kevin Viers

- Roll Call – Absent: *Colonies, Twin Hickory, Old Church.*
- Meeting called to order by Kevin Viers, Secretary at 7:08 p.m.
- September minutes were approved with modifications (change reference to Robin Loving as secretary).
- Thank you to Hanover Country Club for hosting this meeting.

President - Robin Loving Reporting

- Need locations for upcoming board meetings (Mar 21, May 16, Jun 20, Jul 18)
 - Ashcreek has volunteered for April
 - Wellesly volunteered for Sept mtg
 - Please check with your club to see if you have availability to host an upcoming board meeting
- We need a volunteer for VP Champs for 2010. There can be 1 or 2 people on this job. Please note that the previous Champs VP has left a well-defined set of processes for executing this role.
- Please fill out team surveys if you have not already done so. The information is not shared but is extremely valuable to the Board. The link for the survey is still on the website (www.gralva.com)
- Meet schedule reiterated - this is on the web site.
- Champs registration is scheduled to be held at Ashcreek, July 24. Champs is July 31, Aug 1. Need to check to ensure that we have a contract with Freedom Center.
- There may be two new teams joining GRAL in future seasons (Grey Oaks, Bell Creek). We are waiting to hear back from Grey Oaks on their plans. Bell Creek will be joining our league for the 2011 season.
- We have not finalized divisions for 2010, pending resolution of the Short Pump situation. We are hoping to have clarification prior to March 1. We will work toward a schedule that includes Short Pump and one that does not include Short Pump.
- If anyone is looking for coaches, please contact Robin as we have several coaches resumes. We will scan in resumes and make them available via the GRAL website if you want to look at them.
- Dixie Sporting Goods would like to present to the board on their swim team offerings. They will be asked to present at the next board meeting for anyone interested.

- Nova summer clinics are coming up. A link will be provided on the web site.
- GRAL dues are due at the February meeting. Dues are still \$200 per team, \$5 per swimmer
- Certificates of Insurance are due by May board meeting.
- Please send Robin any pool conflicts based on the dates of the currently published meet schedule.

VP Clinics – Ed Scribner Reporting

- We need clubs to volunteer to host training sessions.
 - Wembly, Wellesly, Hungary Creek, JCC, Pebble Creek, Ashcreek have all volunteered their sites for clinics.
 - Please contact Ed if to coordinate possible dates.
- Ed is going to ask USA Certified referees to assist with training. Some complaints last year about showing the CDs last year.
- Reminder that it is required to be certified every year and your officials need to attend training sessions.
- Ed is working to recompile the list of officials so if you have lists for your club compiled please send to Ed.
- There doesn't appear to be any major changes to USA Swimming rules this year and rule books are available on-line so we are not planning to buy rulebooks this year. The rulebooks are available online as well.

Treasurer – Joy Woolard Reporting

- Year ending 2009 balance sheet was distributed to board. Ending balance \$42,341. The executive board is currently working to finalize the 2010 budget now, should be done prior to next board meeting.

VP Equipment – Kay Long Reporting

- We are still debating what to do with old ribbons (~8,000 left over). Please let Kay know if you are willing to use old ribbons (mostly 4th, 5th, 6th place)
- Starters. Milestone has purchased starter, Canterbury is planning to purchase one, Rockville is planning to purchase one. Any clubs considering purchasing their own starter, please let Kay know by next board meeting. One starter is broken, missing 2 blue bags for stands.
- Starters cost approximately \$1500 for whole package. Recommendation to the clubs to consider budgeting for and purchasing a starter. For now, we are OK on starters for 2010 but it may be necessary for clubs to purchase their own starters for 2011 so it would be prudent to begin planning now.
- Kay asked for feedback on the heat winner ribbons - most of the kids liked this better than the suckers.

VP Champs – Position Vacant

- ***No Report***

Registrar – Lisa Harrar Reporting

- ***No Report***

Computer Coordinator – Jim Spevak Reporting

- Jim Spevak updated the board on our current situation with regard to our implementation of Team manager and Meet Manager. GRAL is currently multiple versions behind and currently out of support.
- GRAL will be upgrading to current versions of Team Manager and Meet Manager for the 2010 season. This will cost approximately 10,000 which will be included in the 2010 budget. Please advise your computer reps that the upgrade will be happening and have them contact Jim with any questions.
- Executive board has approved the upgrade, we are forming a computer committee including the registrar to make recommendations to the board regarding how the role of the computer coordinator will be handled this season in the absence of Michael Braun.
- We are going to be recommending installing Gbridge remote control software that will allow a computer consultant to remotely control / troubleshoot computer issues on the laptops.
- GRAL laptops were purchased approximately 5 years ago for rental to individual teams. The Executive board has decided to give the computers to the clubs that have been renting them at the end of the 2010 season. Teams will not get their initial deposit back. Your individual team will then be responsible for the upkeep of those computers. Please advise if you do not want the computer - if you do not take the computer you will get your deposit back. There will be no rental fee for this season. You will be getting the same machine this year that you turned in last year.
- We have inventoried excess and outdated equipment that we had from Michael Braun, including old printers, etc. This additional equipment will likely be donated.

Web Master – Jim Spevak Reporting webmaster@gralva.com

- Jim handed out information sheets to each club with current contact information for parent reps, board reps, champs coordinators, etc. Please review this information and send any changes modifications to Jim. This info is used for all of the email aliases
- Any information provided on the GRAL website (www.gralva.com) that has a child's name/age are password protected.
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- The GRAL web site will get a facelift for the 2010 - targeting March

Board of Director's Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kevin Viers
GRAL Secretary