

# Greater Richmond Aquatic League

## Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, April 18, 2010 at Ashcreek

**Next Board Meeting – Sunday, May 16, 2010 (at Battlefield Green)**

### Secretary – Kevin Viers

- Roll Call – Absent: *Wyndham, Wembly, Pebble Creek, Atlee.*
- Meeting called to order by Kevin Viers, Secretary at 7:06 p.m.
- March minutes were approved as written.
- Thank you to Ashcreek for hosting this meeting.

### President – Ed Scribner Reporting (on behalf of Robing Loving)

- Battlefield Green will host the next board meeting (May 16)
- Wellesly will host the September board meeting.
- Please send email to the board stating when the week 1 meet will be held. Send email to [president@gralva.com](mailto:president@gralva.com).
  - For the time being we are going to move forward with the current schedule - pending a final decision from Short Pump
- Certificate of Insurance due by next board meeting. Please email to [secretary@gralva.com](mailto:secretary@gralva.com).
- Please send any special exemption requests to [executiveboard@gralva.com](mailto:executiveboard@gralva.com). If you have multiple exemptions, you can list multiple swimmers on one request. The deadline for this is 1 week prior to the first meet.
- Review and discussion on proposed handbook changes for the 2010 GRAL Handbook. These proposed modifications were mailed to the board prior to the April Board meeting.
  - Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the proposed changes to the 2010 GRAL Handbook.
- Proposed rule change to the 2010 GRAL Handbook (Section VI. Meet Entries)
  - Change language to add "Provided that all Meet programs distributed at the beginning of the meet are returned to the Home Clerk of Course once the meet is postponed"
  - Discussion from the board regarding this proposed changed.
  - Church run shared that they have a system where they require each person to sign-out the heat sheets and then check off that each person returns their materials in the event of a weather situation.

- Motion was made, seconded and voted on to accept the proposed change to the 2010 GRAL Handbook
  - Eyes - 19
  - Nos - 6
  - Motion carried
- Proposed rule change to the 2010 GRAL Handbook to ensure that no meets are hosted at either Raintree or Wellsley the last 2 weeks of the season
  - Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the proposed change to the 2010 GRAL Handbook

#### **Jeff Bailey from Short Pump Community Center**

- Short Pump has withdrawn their lawsuit and decided not to appeal the SCCs decision.
- This may allow them to rent the pool back for the summer.
- They expect to have an answer this week (week of April 19th)
- Short Pump will formally notify the GRAL board when a final decision has been made.

#### **Time Standard Committee Update**

- Based on feedback from March meeting, Mike has added SV time classification back into the regular season in addition to CHAMPS.
- New proposed time standards were distributed at the board meeting. In creating the time standards actual season data (2007 - 2009) was used to compile time standards using a 20/20/20 rule to distribute SV, V, and JV time standards
- This creates a scenario where there would be 5 time standard classifications instead of 4 (Novice, Adv, JV, V, SV)
- Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the new time standards as proposed for CHAMPS.
- Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the new time standards as proposed to apply for the regular season.
- Jim Spevak reminded the board why the time standards were changed last year. Discussion was held on this topic.

#### **VP Clinics – Ed Scribner Reporting**

- Training schedule has been distributed via email to the board and will be posted to [www.gralva.com](http://www.gralva.com) after this meeting. This will be available via the calendar on the web site.
- Ed will be asking certified officials if they are willing to help with training this year.

- If you are certified through USA Swimming then you do not need to be certified through GRAL as per the handbook.

### **Treasurer – Joy Woolard Reporting**

- Treasurers report as of March 31 was sent to the board via e-mail prior to the board meeting. Joy presented this data to the board.
- Question from the floor on the budget about need for liability insurance for both regular season and CHAMPS. The reason we have separate expenses is because we have to have liability insurance for the venue which is not guaranteed to be the same each year.

### **VP Equipment – Kay Long Reporting**

- Starters have been shipped out and due to an error are being shipped to Kay. When received Kay will open them and get the serial numbers from the machines so that she can insure that each team who purchased a starter will have their machine registered with Colorado Timing.
  - 10 teams have purchased starters for this year.
  - Those teams who have purchased starters should keep the boxes that they were shipped in.
  - You should also purchase a plastic container to hold the starters for transport.
- A starter schedule is being put together now and will be made available as soon as it is ready.
- Ribbons will be purchased for 7th and 8th place in the case that we need to continue with the current schedule which will necessitate tri-meets.

### **VP Champs –**

- ***No Report***

### **Registrar – Lisa Harrar Reporting**

- Bring a hard copy of your team roster and an electronic copy of your team roster, club registration/validation sheet which can be found on the computer section of the website
- Registration payment should be brought to registration (\$5 per swimmer).
- Specific instructions will be posted to the web site prior to registration and this will also be e-mailed to the computer rep and parent rep for each club.

## **Computer Coordinator – Jim Spevak Reporting**

- Jim met with Hy-Tek consultant who made several recommendations which Jim is evaluating and will report back.
  - Recommendation was made by consultant to eliminate all non-GRAL top times which would have implications for year-round swimmers
  - There may be a way to get an exact distance for Raintree pool (currently in YETERS) to get an accurate YARDS or METERS time for swimmers.
- Laptops and CDs were distributed at the board meeting. If you were not in attendance you need to make arrangements with Jim to get your laptop and/or software CD.
- Website face-lift will likely not happen until the end of the current season.
- Computer training schedule is being developed and will be posted on the web once it is ready.
- New computer manual is being developed and will be organized in chronological order. The manual has not been finalized but will be posted to the web once finalized. This year the manual will be electronic only posted on the web (you can choose to print the manual out if you like).
- Please send updates for your clubs contact information to [webmaster@gralva.com](mailto:webmaster@gralva.com).

Board of Director's Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kevin Viers  
GRAL Secretary