

Greater Richmond Aquatic League

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2010 at Fox Hall

Next Board Meeting – Sunday, July 18, 2010 (at Pebble Creek)

Secretary – Kevin Viers

- Roll Call – Absent: RSRS, OC.
- Meeting called to order by Kevin Viers, Secretary at 7:07 p.m.
- May minutes were approved as written.
- Thank you to Fox Hall for hosting this meeting.

President – Robin Loving Reporting

- As always we are in desperate need of volunteers. As of the end of this season, all current board member terms are up so we are facing a situation in which we won't have a board next year if we can't get enough volunteers.
- At the end of the board meeting we held a division sub-meeting to choose a nominating committee representative and divisional chair person.
- Only team information or plain swim caps are allowed to be worn. Please do not wear NOVA, BAC, or other logoed caps. If necessary you can turn the caps inside out. Follow US Swimming rules.
- Please check the website to ensure that your swimmer exemptions are there and notify Robin.
- Several teams have not turned in their coaches test (Dominion Club, Foxhall, Hungary Creek, Kings Charter, Antioch, Atlee, Tuckahoe Villgae West, Milestone). Please make sure these are completed ASAP.
- Of the tests that were completed, several of the tests had several incorrect answer. Based on the test results Robin will be asking that coaches retake the test and will be providing feedback to teams on those results.
- If your team wants to participate in Go Yellow night which will be the last meet of the season, yellow caps are available from karen@discosports.com (Disco Sports), Livestrong ID # is pending.
- An email will be sent to the board with specific details on where to send the proceeds from your Go Yellow night. If your team decides to donate to a separate charity, it is up to the individual team.
- Per our earlier request, we would like to collect information when your team joined GRAL so if you have not provided this information to Robin, please send an email.
- It is OK to decide between teams that they want to limit the number of heats in the mite relays.

VP Clinics – Ed Scribner Reporting

- Ed sent various e-mails this month regarding a variety of rules clarifications. Please check your e-mail and review these rule clarifications.
- Please make sure the people you have shadowing are following the person they are shadowing.
- The lip of the pool is the same as the lip of the gutter for backstroke starts. Water level is irrelevant.
- At last years meeting, it was determined that all swimmers should be certified for a forward dive before being allowed to attempt an out of the pool start. Ed has received questions about jumping in to start and will review the dive certification statement from US Swimming before rendering a judgement on this issue.
- Annette from CORA is experimenting with a process this year where all kids who are not certified for dive starts are given an orange wristband at check-in and the starter is looking for these wristbands on the start. If it is a 9 or over swimmer the pool is cleared so the swimmer may start in the water.
- Ed reiterated that we have decided to follow FINA guidelines with regards to swimsuits.

Treasurer – Joy Woolard Reporting

- Treasurers report was distributed to the board via email prior to tonight's meeting.

VP Equipment – Kay Long Reporting

- In Division 1 East or West each club that did not buy a starter was given one at registration. This starter is to be kept with your team for the entire season.
- If your team did purchase a starter, please bring them with you to the away meets as a backup as there have been some issues so far with the GRAL starters.
- Reminder to please your old ribbons first.

VP Champs –

- We have lost our VP of CHAMPS.
- Suzanne Ridgeway has volunteered to help out with CHAMPS this year but she will need some help.

Registrar – Lisa Harrar Reporting

- No Report

Computer Coordinator – Jim Spevak Reporting

- Top times by event will posted tonight.
- CHAMPS qualifiers will also be posted to the web.
- If you would like to track pool/club records, you can begin collecting it and next year we will review with computer reps how to manage your team records using Meet Manager.

- 6 rule change proposals were proposed by Jim based on the way things are being done this year
 - Proposal A - motion made, seconded and approved to accept this rule change
 - Proposal B - motion made, seconded and approved to accept this rule change
 - Proposal C - motion made, seconded and approved to accept this rule change
 - Proposal D - motion made by Chris, seconded and approved to accept this rule change
 - Proposal E - motion made, seconded and approved to accept this rule change
 - Proposal F - motion made, seconded and approved to accept this rule change
- The above 6 rule change proposals will result in the following update to the GRAL Handbook (changes in yellow)

VI. MEET ENTRIES

1. **If new swimmers are added, a new top times report including new swimmer top times report MUST be sent to the opposing Club's Computer Rep., and Coach(es), and also to computer@gralva.com at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meet. If the electronic delivery is not completed by the designated time, the new swimmer cannot swim that meet.**
2. **The Visiting team must deliver their meet entries to the Hosting Club's Computer Rep. no later than 1 hour prior to the start of the meet.**
3. **Opposing Club's entries SHALL NOT be reviewed by anyone other than either club's Computer Rep before meet programs are printed and delivered to the appropriate individuals (as outlined in the Computer Handbook).**

IX. MEET AUDITS

The purpose of auditing is to ensure that the results and times are correct for our swimmers. At the meet, after the results for each event have been printed, an audit **shall** be performed to check the results against the Lane/Timer Sheets for correct time entries. The audit **shall** also check the validity of DQ's (heat and lane number), **Additionally, each relay card shall be inspected to ensure each relay team is in compliance with the classification requirements as outlined in Rule IV. Any cards found not to be in compliance shall be brought to the attention of the Referee for Disqualification. The Head Table Worker shall be responsible for overseeing these audits.**

X. MEET RESULTS

1. **The Hosting Computer Rep. shall ensure the following are sent to computer@gralva.com within 24 hours of the close of the meet:**
 - **Meet Cover Sheet**
 - **Meet Manager backup file**

➤ **Meet Results reported in pdf format**

➤ **Triple and Quad Winners for EACH Club in the meet**

2. The Hosting Computer Rep. shall provide the following to the visiting club(s) at the end of the meet:

➤ **Meet Manager backup file**

➤ **A printed copy of the meet cover sheet (if requested)**

➤ **A printed Meet Summary Report (if requested)**

➤ **Participation Labels (if requested)**

3. The home club must keep all Lane/Timer Sheets until the GRAL Board's Annual meeting in September.

- Head table worker is responsible for the audit. This has historically been part of the head table workers responsibility but since the head table worker became a non-certified position this has not been happening.
- A best practice as discussed during computer training is to review the relay cards as soon as they are printed out prior to the meet
- At least 11 clubs submitted Non GRAL top times after registration. This creates a lot of challenges for the computer rep, parent rep, etc. In a future board meeting we may revisit the discussion on whether or not to require these in the future.
- As you or the computer reps notice issues while doing meets, please let Jim know (computer@gralva.com)

Board of Director's Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kevin Viers
GRAL Secretary