

Greater Richmond Aquatic League
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, July 18, 2010 at Pebble Creek
Next Board Meeting – Sunday, September 19, 2010 (at Wellesley)
Acting Secretary – Joy Woolard

Roll Call – Absent: Colonies, The Dominion Club, Hungary Creek, Wyndham, Hanover Country Club, Tuckahoe Village, Wembly

Meeting called to order by Robin Loving, President at 7:07 p.m.

June minutes will be approved at the September meeting.

President – Robin Loving Reporting

- Robin introduced Wyatt Averett from Freeman High School. Wyatt is co-ordinating a swim meet at Chestnut Oaks on September 11 with proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics. Wyatt was promoting the swim meet HENRICO vs. HANOVER challenge and asked Board Members to inform their clubs for participation. Wyatt also stated that he needed volunteers (timers, strokes and turns officials) to assist with the meet. Robin suggested that the flyer for this meet be placed in the CHAMPS HEAT SHEET; it was approved by the board.

Treasurer – Joy Woolard

- Treasurer's report was distributed to the board via email prior to tonight's meeting. The Treasurer's report showed an ending balance as of June 30, 2010 of \$43,936.56.

VP Clinics – Ed Scribner Reporting

- NEED officials for CHAMPS! Four clubs have responded to Ed's request which includes 7 Strokes and Turns officials—4 for Saturday and 3 for Sunday. An official from Canterbury has also volunteered to serve as the starter for the p.m. session on Sunday. Ed asked the board to ask their clubs for volunteers for Champs. Volunteers should have at least three years of experience as officials.
- Discussed the swim wear apparel for Champs: 1. CAPS should have the team information or a plain color swim cap may be worn. 2. There is no need to wear speed suits for Champs (this is summer league!)
- Discussed the safety rules for Champs such as flyover starts. Remind your swimmer to stay close to the block after he/she has finished the event.
- Also stated that if coaches have a question about a DQ during Champs—do not talk to the Strokes and Turns officials.

VP Equipment – Kay Long Reporting

- Reminded clubs that the starter equipment should be turned in at Champs Registration. Starter equipment includes starter, cover, tripods, and case!

- Also, the ribbon inventory sheet should be turned in at registration. Kay distributed each club's ribbon inventory sheet during the meeting. Clubs should only turn in the 7th and 8th place ribbons,
- Distributed receipts for starters to those clubs that purchased starters this year.
- Informed the board that she has received quotes from CTS for new starters. If GRAL purchases 6 – 10 starters, the cost would be \$994.50 each plus \$50 shipping fee. If GRAL purchases 11 – 15 starters, the cost would be \$935 plus \$50 shipping fee. Kay said that she will assist with the purchases of starters if clubs are interested. Kay also stated that GRAL will be selling approximately 6 – 8 used starters this year—a price has not been set by the Executive Board.
- Champs registration is Saturday, July 23 at Ashcreek. Since registration will be electronic this year, clubs are asked to bring the payment form which includes the t shirt data, heat sheet information and ads. Registration will take place from 9 – 10 on Saturday morning. Kay will be at registration from 9 – 12 to receive starters, ribbon inventory sheet, and 7th and 8th place ribbons.
- May scan ribbon inventory sheet and send to equipment@gralva.com.

Computer Coordinator – Jim Spevak Reporting

- Champs web page is now available on the GRAL website.
- Informed clubs that data for week 6 will be delayed. Jim plans to give the coaches the data they need for champs before working on data for week 6.
- Champs entries will be done electronically this year.
- Discussed non gral times issue.

New Business

- **RULE CHANGE**—Change the Handbook-Section VIII Meet Scoring and Awards, Section 3 B & C:

3. AWARDS

- (a) Ribbon labels are awards for the category in which the swimmer entered the event, not in the category of the time they achieved. (For example, a child enters a JV event and swims it in a Varsity time. The label will be a JV ribbon for that race. The next time the child swims that event, he/she will be a Varsity swimmer).
- (b) Individual Events – Ribbons: Novice, Advance, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Senior Varsity – First six places (dual or tri meets).
- (c) Relay Events – Ribbon: Novice Advance and Senior Varsity – first six places (dual or tri-meets).

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- (b) Individual Events – Ribbons: Novice, Advance, Junior Varsity, Varsity and Senior Varsity – First six places in a dual meet and the first 8 places in a tri-meet.

(c) Relay Events – Ribbon: Novice Advance and Senior Varsity – First six places in a dual meet and the first 8 places in a tri-meet.

Representative from Atlee motioned to change the handbook; this was seconded by the representative from the Dolphin Club. The change was unanimously approved.

- RULE CHANGE--Change the Handbook-Section XVI CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION, Section 2 f
 - Each club will be allowed three (3) relay clubs per event regardless of classification.

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Each club will be allowed two (2) relays clubs per event regardless of classification.

Representative from Old Church motioned to change the handbook; this was seconded by the representative from Antioch. The change was unanimously approved.

- NON GRAL TOP TIMES were discussed. The following clubs were in violation of not reporting NON GRAL top times—Ashland, Church Run, Colonies, Dolphin Club, The Dominion Club, Hanover Country Club, Kings Charter, Milestone, Raintree, Tuckahoe Vilage West, Wellesley. Discussion followed. Robin suggested that the board talk to the coaches about need for NON GRAL TOP TIMES.
- LEN EVERETT AWARD—there is one meet left in the season. Robin asked the board to discuss the Len Everett award with the coaches, parents and swimmers.
- COACHES TEST—the following clubs did not turn in the coaches test and are not eligible for the coaches award: Fox Hall, Antioch, Atlee and Tuckahoe Village West. The following clubs turned in the test after the first meet—Raintree, The Dominion Club, Hungary Creek, and Milestone. Some coaches failed the test.
- DIVING CERTIFICATION—no child should be on the block unless he/she has been certified in diving or should have an “X” marked on the arm. Teams should keep a log as to which swimmers are certified in diving.
- SCHEDULE FOR NEXT YEAR—we need to find a better way to schedule swim meets in the next year. There will still be tri meets unless another team joins GRAL
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Need volunteers to serve on the board next year. Someone has volunteered for the Treasurer’s position.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Woolard