

# Greater Richmond Aquatic League

## Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2011 at Fox Hall

**Next Board Meeting – January 19, 2012 (Dolphin Club)**

### **Secretary – Kevin Viers**

- Meeting called to order by Kevin Viers, Secretary at 7:10 p.m.
- Absent – Canterbury, Wellesley, Ashland, Pebble Creek, Old Church
- July minutes had not been submitted as of the September board meeting
- Thank you to Fox Hall

### **President – Scott Farrar Reporting**

- Upcoming Meetings (All meetings will be held at Dolphin Club)
  - 1/9/2012
  - 2/6/2012
  - 3/5/2012
  - 4/2/2012
  - 5/7/2012
  - 6/4/2012 (Registration Checks Due)
  - 7/9/2012
- According to the existing Bylaws, the final board meeting of the year is supposed to take place on a Sunday although this meeting was held on Monday. We will evaluate changing the bylaws to accommodate a Monday meeting time for the year ending meeting in 2012
- For next year, all board meetings will take place on Mondays and be held at Dolphin Club
- Season Schedule for 2012
  - Week of June 12
  - June 20
  - June 27
  - July 3 (Tuesday)
  - July 11
  - July 17 (Tuesday)

### ***Old Business***

- Continued discussion on the length of the meet. Please let Scott know if you have any suggestions on ways in which we can speed up meets. See July minutes for more details on ideas that were discussed at July

### ***New Business***

- Kevin Viers is rolling off as GRAL Secretary.
- Andrew Belden has agreed to take the role of GRAL Secretary
  - Motion made, seconded and approved to accept Andrew Belden as GRAL Secretary
- New time standards will be created for the 2012 Season
  - Time Standards are based on a 3 year average of times
  - Committee has been established with goal of having Time Standards done by January
  - The goal will be to keep time standards fair and to allow for a reasonable percentage of swimmers qualifying for Champs
- Division alignment will stay the same for 2012.
  - Motion made, seconded and approved to keep division alignment same for 2012
- Discussion from the board on changing the names of the age divisions
  - Motion made, seconded, and approved to remove the names of the age classifications so they will be referred to as (8&U, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15 & Over)
- CORA is having their annual Hanover Henrico Challenge Swim Meet on Sunday October 9 at Tuckahoe YMCA. Information on this meet will be listed on the GRAL web site.
- Scott would like to expand current GRAL alcohol policy to cover not just meet officials but everyone at the swim meets and to state clearly that there is to be no drinking on the pool deck at any swim meet.
  - Motion made, seconded and approved to change the wording of the GRAL Alcohol Policy to include the entire pool deck and all spectators. We will create the specific wording and present back to the general board in January.
- For 2012 we are going to try an electronic registration. Clubs will be required to send electronic files to Jim by June 2, 2012 and will bring the registration check to the June 4, 2012 board meeting.
- Ribbons and DQ cards will be provided at the June 4 board meeting so please ensure that your board rep is prepared to receive those items.

### **VP Clinics – Georgia Coopersmith Reporting**

- We had about 175 certification exams come in this year.
- We are going to put a full list of certified officials on the website. Some people have not turned in their paperwork and those individuals will be marked as Pending on the list until they provide paperwork
- GRAL will look next year to create a way to provide formal identification of certified people. Some ideas are to provide name tags or certification cards.
- We now have a baseline of record so that we can begin to track whether people have kept up with their recertification requirements (as outlined in the GRAL Handbook).
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### **Treasurer – Joy Woolard Reporting**

- Joy provided Year Ending Treasurers report prior to the board meeting
- Treasurers report approved as written

### **VP Equipment – Tricia Monasterio Reporting**

- Still need ribbon inventories from:
  - Church Run, Dominion Club, Wembly,

### **VP Champs – Greg Sager (Scott reporting on behalf of Greg)**

- Total of 387 swimmers on Saturday and 489 swimmers on Sunday.
- We had some electronic issues with touch pads on Sunday and some issues with getting the required strokes and turns officials on Saturday.
- Freedom Center has been reserved for CHAMPS next year (July 28 and 29).
- We may need to look at finding someone to work with Greg during the 2012 season so that they may step up and take over the VP Champs role in 2013.

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

- There is a new version of Meet Manager but we are recommending that GRAL NOT upgrade at this time.
- Please email Jim ([webmaster@gralva.com](mailto:webmaster@gralva.com)) if you have new Parent Reps, Coaches, Computer Reps, etc. Also if you have coaching vacancies, please let Jim know and he will post to the site.
- The bulletin board function of the web site will be up and running soon.
- Please let Jim or the board know any feedback or areas of improvement with the service provided by the computer coordinators this season.

Board of Director's Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kevin Viers  
GRAL Secretary