

RCSL Minutes
August 23, 2004

The final meeting of the RCSL 2004 Swim Season was called to order by Holly Holder at the Southeast YMCA at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, Holly Holder, President, Joe Scrip, 2nd VP, Betsy Banner, Secretary, Tommy Kibler, 2nd VP diving and representatives from Sharon Johnston, Southeast YMCA were present. Steve Sullins the new rep for Whitesburg was present and was introduced to the league.

Mrs. Holder commended all teams and reps on a successful season culminating in a smoothly run City Meet. Because the purpose of this meeting is to discuss lessons learned and hopefully ways to improve the league for a better season next year, she gave everyone the opportunity to offer their suggestions.

- 1) It was suggested that the time/place finish pages should be modified to indicate the event numbers that correspond to the meet entry.
- 2) In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Holder stated that the heat sheet/Tshirt sales were successful, with NO remaining items. The approximate bank balance is \$14,500 which means that next year's budget will be really tight because the stockpile of ribbons has been exhausted and a new full instead of partial order of ribbons will be necessary in 2005 requiring much of the revenue raised. Christy suggested that if there are any funds available after the ribbon order it would be a wise investment to purchase two laptops to run the city meet. Rental fees are high and it is hard to find the computers with the correct inputs and outputs in town.
- 3) Concessions were sold at the City Dive Meet for the first time. It was suggested that the trailer was too inconvenient for the diving participants. Either make announcements advertising the concessions or bring the concessions inside for the diving meet.
- 4) Joe Scrip expressed disappointment over the lack of certified officials that were able to help during the dual meets. He has anticipated possibly taking a stricter approach to the certification process/team eligibility next year in hopes that this will encourage more people to become certified officials.
- 5) The issue of policy guidelines concerning inclement weather/or other situations causing delays of rescheduling of dual meets was re-addressed. According to RCSL guidelines, if the two teams concerned are unable to agree upon a "rain" date, the RCSL President will set the new dual meet date.
- 6) A request for an improved public address system was voiced. The speakers on the outside of the nat worked intermittently and didn't project to some areas causing swimmers to miss the announcements and some missed their races. Unfortunately, the problem seems to be in the speakers that are part of the natatorium and subject to their maintenance and care. The league may need to look into renting additional outside speakers for the City Meet next year.
- 7) Glenn Carr reminded the group of the joys of summer swimming and hoped that the City Meet would be scheduled as late in the season as possible. He also suggested allowing exhibition swimmers to swim other events.

- 8) Erin Matthews requested that the City Meet running scores be posted more frequently. Coaches needed to know the standing of the meet for motivational purposes and the enthusiasm and fun is much higher when the teams are aware of very close competitions. If a website is up and running next year, the city scores would be available almost immediately.
- 9) During the City Meet a petition was circulated and signed by several coaches but never submitted to the league. The concern was originated from Chapman and addressed the ambiguity of the policy of late entries into the city meet. It is suggested that next year clear written rules are set and adhered to by the league and all coaches. These rules need to define under what conditions and circumstances additions are made to the city entries.
- 10) Backstroke flags need to be in place before the beginning of City Meet Block Practice.

Future business will be to decide on a webmaster and establish a website for next year. Mrs. Holder will be disseminating the information to the team representatives during the next few months. A 2005 City Meet date will be decided during mid-winter after the USA swimming calendar is announced. The meeting was adjourned. No future meeting dates were set.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Banner