

Rocket City Swim League
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MINUTES

2/12/13 6 p.m. at Cherritos

PRESENT: Scott Harting, President; Dave Hudson, 2nd VP Swim; Gia Schuetz, Secretary Swim; Susan Christian, Secretary Dive. ABSENT: Brent Bell, 1st VP; Bob Crook, Treasurer; Asst VP Vacant; Tommy Kibler, 2nd VP Dive

Discussed four proposals from Redstone Arsenal Launchers. (See documents on RCSL website: Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4)

PROPOSAL #1 – Place Judges Officials at Dual Meets

Discussed having 2 place judges at every meet as being required by USA Swimming. Concurred that high school and local level meets with electronic meets require two place judges.

PROPOSAL #2 – Starting Blocks during Dual Meets

Discussion ensued on block situation in the league.

- All teams, except Redstone, cannot utilize blocks at their pool (older pools, depth).
- Is it an unfair advantage for one team to have full time block usage while the rest of the teams are unable to have blocks?
- Having the blocks gives children an opportunity they wouldn't have otherwise.
- Allowing the use of blocks during the meets gives swimmers to use the blocks for warm up and during the meet, which gives an opportunity for those who do not have access to blocks.
- Possible changes the bylaws to accompany one pool may appear to be unfair to other pools.
- SJST has been denied use of their starting blocks for a couple years.

PROPOSAL #3 – Place Judges Order of Finish

Comments that Place judges should be considered in the City Meet, as the demand/responsibility is very great on the other judges.

PROPOSAL #4 – Age Group Increase

Members concurred that any rule proposals should have the interest of the children at hand. Board would like to have data to show how much this affects teams.

PROPOSAL #5 – Competitor Age Groups

Some commented on whether it was common for local sports leagues athletes aging up during the middle of it. Discussion on the number of children who age up right before the City Meet; comments on the difficulty of when 8 & under move up from swimming 25s to 50's in the middle of the season.

BULLYING - Questions regarding bullying during swim meets; city meets. City meet, fine line, enthusiasm, taunting—it is important for board to address Coaches and Pool Reps, **put it on an agenda, cannot allow bullying, & reps need to police it.**

MEMORIAL – Saddened discussion of Teddy Lozier, HSA swimmer who died recently. There will be a tree planting; Sharon Johnston, Buckhorn swim team, well represented; email distribution went to all RCSL contacts from last year.

CONCESSIONS - Vendors for city meet, Little Red Lunch Box,; licensed & insured; 100% health dept rating. They are ready to go. Issues last year with vendors & fire marshal. Questions on why more vendors are not available. It was stated that competition discourages vendors wanting to sell at the meet.

INVITATIONAL - Monte Sano is tentatively proposing to host a June 1 Invitational. Question arose whether it competes time-wise with Whitesburg's invitational. June 30, 2012, was last year's date. No opposition to the Monte Sano request.

TEAM BANNERS FOR CITY MEET – NAT must **HAVE IT BY JULY 5** or they will not go up. Years before, there were complaints re: teams banners not going up; this NAT policy is clear & should handle future issues. Banners can be delivered during the week prior. A General Services employee will be at the Nat with a scissor lift early in the morning on Monday July 8 to hang the banners. Banners not there by JULY 5 will not be hung.

T SHIRT VENDORS – NEED NEW VENDOR. Last year's vendor had financial problems. Diving should be included in the wording of these shirts.

2012 Board Minutes issue. Currently the minutes are not on the website. Minutes have not been found.

RIBBONS - Hasty Ribbon examples previewed. Ribbon buy back issue. \$8000 for last year's ribbons.

INSURANCE - RCSL insurance policy for the year. Need to renew to cover diving/ spectators/ swimmers. Board agreed to renew.

RULES OF COMPETITION - Should these be posted on line. Where are the rules located?

PASSDOWN – Former City Meet Director has past CMD notes & Passdown. 20% deposit needed. City meet 7/12-14.

DIVING - Diving set by USA rules; Cut off dates important. Board addressed the issue brought by individuals re: Diving and use of monies for awards, ribbons, & activities. (i.e., that the awards were very expensive; that there are meetings occurring separately from RCSL board meetings & no minutes are being submitted.)

It was noted that Diving does not have separate board meetings. Diving's meetings have been at the beginning of the season with the Dive Reps, & that Diving has a committee for disputes. Diving has not changed any rules in many years, but there was a question if we are complying with USA Diving. There were comments on the need for Diving to stay up-to-date with USA Diving rules.

There was inquiry into Diving's monies for awards that were not approved by the Board last year. It was noted that the 2 sections (diving, swimming) of the \$125 extra go to Diving in the columns for insurance, rent Nat, ribbons, & awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd, the rest ribbons). Board ordered the ribbons and the rest were for place awards bought at Crown Trophy. All money comes out of Diving budget.

TREASURER – Facility Use application is complete, and the 25% deposit is complete.

TEAM REP list needs to be updated. Email to all reps listed on the old listing from 2011 will go out.

Next mtg date & location – March 7th 530 at Cherritos. Meeting adjourned at 715.