

1. **Introductions.** RCSL Board members--Scott Harting, Bob Crook, David Hudson, Gia Schuetz, Tommy Kibler, Susan Christian—introduced themselves. Out of town were Brent Bell & Greg Wright. 17 Representatives & a number of assistant reps of the League Council and some coaches were present. (Voting member Attendance attached.)

Harting thanked everyone for engaging in email discussion and assumes everyone is prepared. He explained that the board sent out an email re: how meetings are run in relation to using Roberts Rules; he apologized for any mistakes & that the board, though not familiar with Roberts Rules, has been studying them, and will do their best to help facilitate meetings.

2. **Approval of the minutes from last meeting.** Harting noted there are no minutes from last year's meetings, except the final meeting. Those minutes were presented. Last year, the Council voted on a Swim Cap proposal, yet, the Bylaws were not changed. The board will make changes once the verbiage is received from Tim Holtcamp. There was a mistake in the swim Schedules received; the Tuesday, July 2, will be a meet night. Motion to approve minutes; minutes were approved.

3. **Chapman Pool – RCSL membership.** Per Bylaws, Chapman Pool presented letter to the Council to be reinstated into the league, which is approved by a majority vote. Motion to reinstate Chapman. Unanimous.

4. **Board reports**

Board vacancy: Assistant First Vice President resigned before first board meeting. There are no specifications in Bylaws that address board resignations/vacancies during the year. Harting asked if anyone would like to fill that position to contact him. Coach Stoddard recommended the position filled will be a person other than from teams currently represented on the board. Harting stated that hopefully someone would step up from one of those other teams. If someone comes forward, they will be voted in, as there is no procedure, & the board needs help.

David Hudson, 2nd VP Swim. David Henderson is still helping with officiating, and will be doing the online testing; it's up & ready. Any new officials can go to the league website & test. No final deck training dates yet. A question was raised re: officials for meets; Hudson recommends minimum of 1 stroke & turn and 1 referee (dual roles ok, but it is difficult to referee & be starter at the same time). Having two stroke & turns officials trained is good; four is ideal.

Treasurer, Bob Crook. Announced new insurance coverage requirements by the insurance company, that each swimmer (including parents & coaches) must sign a waiver for the city meet. It will protect the league and all participants from any problems. The deadline will be the same time as city meet entries. Form is only for the city meet & has to be completed annually. The forms available online. A rep asked if a waiver is not on file for a swimmer, if the swimmer would be disqualified. This will be the case; and the league will do their best to police it.

Tommy Kibler, 2nd VP Dive. A schedule is not available, as teams have changed; 5 meets starting on June 10. June 4 will be coaches training; another will be scheduled for referees. Note that city meet is open for divers from all league pool (members), whether or not the pool has a dive team. Year-round diving (through HSA) is now offered at the Natatorium by Josh Trexler for interested divers.

5. **Unfinished business**

Swim Cap proposal (addressed earlier).

6. New business

The board reviewed 7 proposals & decided to state whether they favor, do not favor, or are neutral re: proposals. Beth Moore, Blossomwood, disagreed that the Board stating their opinion, and that as administrators, they cannot do this, as the President has no voting power. Hudson explained that the board felt it was duty to serve the League Council and make sure that the proposals make sense & to review them, that most boards have the right to say what their opinion, and that the League does not have to listen to their opinion. Moore stated it is not fair to the representatives who vote based on their pools. She stated that the board should have no opinion & should only present proposals. Coach Stoddard asked if their proposal could be presented without board opinion, but Harting stated the board will continue with its current stance. Hudson explained that the Council reps should make a proposal to change the Bylaws to state that the board has no voice in proposal submissions, if they do not approve of the current status.

Parliamentary review – David Hudson explained how Reps can stand up and address the proposals (up to 10 minutes). After finishing/time limit, other reps can speak; after each is given a chance, a rep can speak again for a final 10 minutes. Interruptions are not allowed.

Hudson noted if Reps do not want the meetings to run this way (under Roberts Rules), then any can make a proposal to change this. A rep commented that 10 minutes twice is very liberal. Coach Carr questioned whether coaches were required to attend this meeting, referring to the Rules of Competition. It was confirmed that coaches were not required for this meeting; and the meeting announcement stated “to pool representatives”.

Section 5.

Required Meetings. Section 6. All representatives and coaches will be required to attend two meetings each year: 1) Dual Meet Meeting scheduled for the Monday immediately before Dual Meets begin, and 2) City Meet Meeting at a time to be determined by the 1st Vice President of Swimming in charge of the City Meet and the 2nd Vice President in charge of Diving.

Harting stated that, overall, the Bylaws are not specific & clear, and he recommended that the Council consider their revision. Harting noted roll call is not going to be done, as all reps signed in upon entrance.

2013-1 PROPOSAL: Place judges.

ARTICLE V: General League Rules for Swimming Competition

The order of finish is determined by the place judges unless the host pool is equipped with an electronic system then the determination of place and time will be established as defined in the United States Swimming (USS) Technical Rules and equipment use for the meet.

Board does not favor.

Proposal voted on: 8 yes / 9 no; not passed.

2013-2 PROPOSAL: Place Judges Officials.

ARTICLE V: General League Rules for Swimming Competition

Place Judges: Place judges: Two (2) required. Across –the-board method will be used. Visiting team may provide one (1). Unless the host pool is equipped with an electronic system then the determination of place and time will be established as defined in the United States Swimming (USS) Technical Rules and equipment use for the meet.

Board does not favor.

Proposal voted on; 3 yes / 14 no; not passed.

2013-3 PROPOSAL: Use of Starting Blocks during Dual Meets

ARTICLE V: General League Rules for Swimming Competition

Starting blocks may be used, but any swimmer has the option of not using the block with out penalty.

Board does not favor.

Proposal voted on; 1 yes / 15 no / 1 abstention; not passed.

2012-4 PROPOSAL: Age Groups

ARTICLE V: General League Rules for Swimming Competition

Fifteen through eighteen years old, no collegiate swimmers. The age of Eighteen Years will be limited to competing the summer immediately after high school graduation. No collegiate swimmers will be allowed to compete in RSCL.

Board favors.

Proposal voted on; 2 yes / 14 no; not passed.

2013-5 PROPOSAL: Competitor Age Groups

ARTICLE IV: Miscellaneous

The eligibility of a swimmer in a particular age group will be determined by May 1st of each calendar year. A swimmer will be placed in the appropriate age group by using their age on May 1st each calendar year.

Board favors.

Sherwood Representatives asked to consider the verbage “at the date of the first meet” (considering possible May dual meets). Barbara Stokes, Representative from Redstone, proposed a change to June 1. Seconded.

The eligibility of a swimmer in a particular age group will be determined by June 1st of each calendar year. A swimmer will be placed in the appropriate age group by using their age on June 1st each calendar year.

Beth Wood, Blossomwood, noted that her pool is against this proposal, that there always is going to be someone not happy with the birthday, and affects a lot of people. She noted as we just voted down the last proposal re: age 18 swimmers, this proposal opens up the swimming to 18 year olds and creates problems with records. She strongly recommends not changing it, as it hasn't been changed in 30 years.

Kristin Moore, Monte Sano, concurred with Moore's comments verbatim.

Proposal voted on; 7 yes / 9 no; not passed.

2013-6 PROPOSAL: Mandatory Swim Requirement for all team members.

ARTICLE II: DUAL MEET COMPETITION (New Section number)

Section 3. Every swimmer on the team's roster, age 8 through 17, must be given the opportunity to swim at least one event for points during the dual meet season.

Board is neutral.

Proposal voted on; 1 yes / 15 no / 1 abstain; not passed.

2013-8 PROPOSAL: Clarification of age groups for RCSL dual meet and city meet Records

Any individual (or relay with participant in it) greater than the age of 17 shall not be eligible for consideration with respect to official RCSL.

Board is neutral.

Proposal voted on; 1 yes / 15 no; not passed.

Harting thanked Glenn Carr for starting the conversation, and noted the League Reps participating in the extensive online discussion & being prepared to vote.

7. Announcements – next meeting will be set for Monday in mid-May, after brief discussion on possible dates.

YMCA representative, Carole Forbes, asked all to put away chairs. **THANK YOU, Ms. Forbes for allowing the meeting to be held at the Y.**

Question rose if Monte Sano was going to have an invitational meet. They confirmed there will not be one.

8. Adjournment at 7:15.

LEAGUE COUNCIL – voting member present

BLOS	Susan Swing
BYRD	Alexis Lindow
CAML	Brenda Fulmer
CHAP	Dale Roberts
GREN	Alison Ziegler
HAMC	Mark Damian
JVRA	Karla Hardy
LILY	Cari Gunsallus
MNSO	Kristin Moore
MCST	Kathy Heeney
MTSP	Gina Johnson
PIED	Melanie Strankman
RSAL	Barbara Stokes
SJST	Ginger Broyles
SHER	Joanne Weis
VHCC	Dawn Wilson
WHBG	
YMCA	Rachel Marshall