

Rocket City Swim League  
Pool Representative Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2015 Main Public Library Auditorium, 6:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by President Justin Olander at 6:30pm.

The **RCSL Board** Members took a moment to introduce themselves as most are new to the Board. **Present** were President Justin Olander, Treasurer Bob Crook, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Chris Chance, Asst. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Scott Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Swim David Hudson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dive Tommy Kibler, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Records Greg Wright, Secretary Swim Jill Reese, and Secretary Dive Debra Kibler.

**Attendance** was taken through the distribution of paper ballots for the proposals, 1 per pool. In attendance were:

Blossomwood-Susan Swing	Byrd Springs-Alexis Lindow
Camelot-Christine Lewis	Chapman-Brian Lenoir
Greenwyche-Lady Smith	Hampton Cove-Glenn Watson
Jones Valley-Amy Thomas	Lily Flagg-Cari Gunsallus
Monte Sano-Stacy Condron	Mount Carmel-Scott Kalfus
Mountain Springs-Beth Wilder	Piedmont-Amy Brooks
Redstone-Matt Groves	Sharon Johnston-Heidi Simmons
Sherwood-Joanne Weis	Valley Hill-Anna Johnson
Whitesburg-Leslie Rice	YMCA-Alan Kent

Redstone made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from September 2014 since they were emailed out this week to all members. Motion was seconded and approved.

**Justin Olander:**

--Told all pools they will be emailed wording that needs to be included in their proof of insurance regarding limiting the liability of RCSL and its board. Proof of insurance will be due preferably by the next meeting, but definitely before the first dual meet.

--Announced the ROC was updated to incorporate some language that was passed in 2010 but never put into the official document. The official version is on the website and will be dated at the bottom. The current version is April 15, 2015.

**Bob Crook:**

--Made a plea for a new Treasurer. He had stepped down last year but agreed to come back because the board asked nicely, but would really like to train a replacement. Explained no experience necessary and all account management will be soon transferred to Quickbooks Online, making it easier than ever.

--Will have a budget by the next meeting, but is still working on access to the accounts.

--Reminded everyone dues are now late, and 4 pools didn't turn them in. Said he would email everyone who did pay a receipt.

**Chris Chance:**

--Told everyone 2015 Heat Sheet Ad form is now available. It will be on the website soon and will be emailed in the next few days.

--Asked for Sound and power company recommendations as last year's vendor has backed out.

--Asked for feedback on removing the required bullpen for the afternoon session of City Meet which encompasses 11-17 year olds. Concerns were expressed that there would be a back up of kids behind the blocks too early, or that it would affect the timeline of the meet. Suggestion was made to either plan it out better before deciding or use this year to really observe and see where changes can be made.

--Asked for input regarding last year's City Meet. Sharon Johnston asked that if it rains again someone checks on the power cords they were all under water last year. There were no other hands so he recommended emailing him at the address on the website.

**Scott Thomas:**

--Explained the rotation of volunteers for City Meet. Explained how it was done with a 3 group rotation last year and that worked, so it will be used again. However, the groups will be rotated so that no pool ends up stuck with the same job year after year.

**David Hudson:**

--Announced Deck Trainings will be held May 26 at Redstone, May 27 at Sharon Johnston, and May 28 at Sherwood. All will be from 5:30-7:30. He encouraged pools to get people certified and announced the certification is now the same as the one for high school officiating, so people won't have to do a separate process anymore. There is a hope this will encourage more to sign up.

--In response to a member question, he checked the ROC for a policy on jewelry as the High School Association now allows jewelry. None was found and said it is up to each pool and swimmer to decide.

**Tommy Kibler:**

--Looking at having 6 dive teams this year: Blossomwood, Camelot, Greenwyche, Piedmont, Sherwood and Whitesburg.

--The dive schedule will be finalized once all the teams are confirmed, but competition will begin June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Greg Wright:**

--Asked each pool to send him the name of their official computer operator.

--All ribbons are in and all supplies will be available at the May meeting. PDF files will be available again on the website. This year the scribe/place judge forms will be pre-printed with event number and name.

--The league is purchasing Meet Manager 5 and Team Manager 7 for all pools this year. There will be 9 licenses and they can be shared between 2 pools. Those pools who purchased it on their own will be reimbursed.

**Jill Reese:**

--Please continue to send in any changes to the roster so it can be finalized soon. Several pools have no coach listed.

--A Facebook page has been created called "Rocket City Swim & Dive". Please contribute pictures. It will be a monitored page, anything inappropriate or lacking sportsmanship will be removed.

## **New Business:**

--**Treasurer**--Nominations were requested for Treasurer. No one put forth a name. Another plea was made for help.

--**Proposal 2015-1** was read to the membership by Justin. It added the sentence "To compete in the RCSL, a swimmer must be a resident of Huntsville or within Madison County" to Article IV, Section 6. Concerns were raised regarding Madison City residents who actually live in Limestone County, kids who visit parents/grandparents for summer, how to regulate where the swimmers live, and if it is reasonable to limit kids from swimming who live 15 mins from a pool. Rebuttals were offered that visiting children would still be with a guardian and therefore a resident, and addresses are included on rosters. Sharon Johnston (sponsor of proposal) agreed to add language to the proposal to include Madison City residents. They then spoke on the purpose of the proposal, which is to address pools that recruit swimmers from outside areas. The issue was Called to Question by Hampton Cove and members were directed to mark their ballots "Yay" if they were in favor of the change, and "Nay" if they weren't.

--**Proposal 2015-2** was read by Tommy Kibler. It adds a short paragraph to the Diving ROC under Rule 9. It reads "Seven and under boys and girls may perform a jump in the forward or backward position as their optional dive. A maximum award of 1 point per judge may be awarded. The dive numbers and descriptions are 100 forward jump and 200 backward jump. This option is valid for dual and city meet competition." It was explained that this change is meant to encourage younger divers who might otherwise get disqualified. Discussion was opened, there was none, and members were advised to mark their ballot "Yay" to add it, and "Nay" if they didn't want it added.

--**Proposal 2015-3** was explained to the members by Justin to be an exception to current rules. It creates a special needs swim team program at Greenwyche. All pools are encouraged to send members their way for special practices. They will charge a modes \$40 fee and provide coaches. These swimmers would swim a 25 free exhibition as the first event of all home meets, and possibly their away meets if the opposing team agrees. Greenwyche will provide ribbons also. Discussion was opened and questions were raised regarding age and whether the proposed 6-18 would conflict with current ROC eligibility rules. Since the proposal didn't specify age, it was allowed to go vote, but suggestions were made to add language on age in the future if it continues so as to be compliant with the ROC. Members were advised to vote "Yay" to allow its creation and "Nay" if they were opposed.

All votes were tallied:

**Proposal 1 was voted down** by a vote of 6 Yay/12 Nay.

**Proposal 2 was approved** by a vote of 18 Yay/0 Nay.

**Proposal 3 was approved** by a vote of 18 Yay/0 Nay.

The next meeting was announced for May 19, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Main Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.