

RCSL Board Meeting
June 11, 2015, Main Public Library Auditorium

Board Members Present were:

Justin Olander	David Hudson
Bob Crook	Nicole Fann
Tommy Kibler	Debra Kibler
Jill Reese	Scott Thomas
Greg Wright	Chris Chance

Meeting began at 6:05pm.

Justin Olander-

--Brought up the issue that several pools are not meeting the requirement for number of officials and other meet volunteers. Discussion was held on what needs to be done. The decision was made based on an examination of the Rules of Competition (ROC). Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the home team to provide the officiating crew. If they want the visiting team to provide some, then it needs to be coordinated ahead of time. The ROC states that the visiting team "should" provide 2 stroke and turn judges, a place judge, and a scorer, but it is for their own assurance of fairness, they aren't required to provide them. It also makes not mention of the visiting team providing timers, which is done in B and C league, but apparently not in A league. In the end, if you are the assigned home team, you are required to provide the volunteers, even if using the visitor's pool.

--The second but related issue is that some pools appear to not have purchased adequate insurance coverage to host all of the home meets they were assigned. The assumption has been that they could just move the meet to the other team's pool. However, this has backfired and not all pools are willing to accommodate them. It was decided that if you cannot provide what is required then you are forced to forfeit. However, because this mostly hurts the kids who don't get to swim, the pool reps are encouraged to work together to arrange the meets well in advance so everyone swims every week. But if the issue is to be addressed by the Board, then a protest needs to be filed by the opposing team who was affected.

Tommy Kibler:

--"Dive is going well." When asked why there ended up being only 5 teams, it was explained that after paying, Blossomwood dropped out of diving for 2015. Each team now has a bye week.

Bob Crook and Nicole Fann

--The budget as well as an income/expense sheet was presented. All of these were reviewed, to include future expenses and it was clear that we were going to come up short.

--Ideas discussed as potential ways to meet budget shortfall were lowering heat sheet ad commission to 65%, (won't make up enough revenue and teams were

already promised 65% this year), raise city meet fees per splash (already did that last year), add facility surcharge per swimmer, or to charge actual cost of tents and fans instead of subsidized cost. (Usually charge \$300 per pool garnering just under \$6k when actual cost is closer to \$10k)

--Board decided charging the actual cost made the most sense. However, relays were upped to \$12 per relay as well. Greg Wright stated he would work up a spreadsheet of cost last year to this year as well as size of tent.

Chris Chance-

--Still looking for sponsors for City Meet.

--Raised concern the Nat won't be available in 2016 due to Huntsville City's plan to renovate and build additional pool.

--New sound vendor has been contracted at a much lower cost than previous quote.

David Hudson-

--Hosting all three deck trainings in one year did not work out so well. Next year will do over the course of multiple weeks.

--Stated he will prepare email regarding the Board's position on non-compliance with the ROC.

Meeting concluded at 8pm.