

Rocket City Swim League
Pool Representative and Coaches Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2015, Main Public Library Auditorium, 6:30pm

Meeting was called to order by President Justin Olander at 6:35pm.

The Members of the RCSL Executive Board Present were:

Justin Olander- President	Chris Chance-1 st VP
Scott Thomas- Asst. VP	David Hudson- 2 nd VP Swim
Greg Wright- 2 nd VP Records	Tommy Kibler- 2 nd VP Dive
Bob Crook- Treasurer	Nicole Fann-Treasurer in Training
Jill Reese- Secretary Swim	Debra Kibler- Secretary Dive

Attendance was taken via sign in sheet and all pools had at least one representative.

Blossomwood: Susan Swing and Rachel Clark	Byrd Spring-Tricia Cato
Camelot:Christine and Erica Lewis	Chapman: Brian Lenoir
Greenwyche: Matthew Brown and Lady Smith	Hampton Cove: Glenn Watson
Jones Valley: Leigh Shepherd	Lily Flag- Cari Gonsallus
Monte Sano: Sara Stoddard, Stacey Condron	Mt Carmel: Scott Kalfus
Mountain Springs: Beth Wilder	Piedmont:Beth King, Amy Brooks
Redstone: Jackie Wiggins	SJST: Heidi Simmons, Glenn Carr
Sherwood:Michelle Whetstone, Tim Holtcamp	Valley Hill: Anna Johnson
Whitesburg: Leslie Rice, Molly Ingerson	YMCA: Kandace Butler

A mistake in the minutes from the May19th meeting were noted in that Camelot was listed as absent, but had actually attended. It was moved to waive the reading of the minutes, noting the change as they are posted on the website and emailed to reps. Motion was seconded and approved.

Justin Olander:

--Announced that since only 5 pools had scanned and emailed their concussion forms, the Executive Board decided that each pool needed to export a copy of their roster from Meet Manager in Excel, create columns for the City Meet Waiver, and Concussion Forms and check off that they had each of those for each swimmer. This spreadsheet needed to be delivered to Greg Wright along with the City Meet entries as the pool's verification that they had copies of both on file at their pool.

--Stated that the concussion training for coaches is to be done annually, but it is up to each pool to make sure their swimmers have one on file. If they choose for it to be annual, that is up to them. Also, if a coach has a valid certificate of training from another sport, that can count if the pool has a copy on file.

--Announced next meeting is September 17 in the Auditorium at the library starting at 6:30. This means all proposals for changes to the ROC will be due August 27th to the Board Secretary, Jill Reese.

Chris Chance:

--Gave out website address to pre-order tshirts. www.citymeet.bigcartel.com. Stated limited quantities would be available on-site so pre-ordering is highly recommended. They will still add events to sleeves for an additional charge.

--Banners will be hung early Monday morning so they need to be at the Nat by then. Jill Reese stated she would be in the lobby from 7-9 for swim practice if they were to be dropped off then. Each pool drew a number to determine the placement of their banner. A number was drawn for Valley Hill as their rep had to leave on a personal matter. The numbers in order drawn were:

Hampton Cover- 6, Byrd Spring- 14, YMCA- 7, Sherwood- 13, Lily Flag- 16, Redstone-1, Piedmont- 10, Mountain Spring- 11, Greenwhyche- 8, Blossomwood-9, Chapman-18, Camelot- 15, Mt. Carmel-2, SJST-4, Whitesburg- 17, Monte Sano- 3 and Valley Hill was then assigned the remaining number of 12.

--Text Mark is a new system we are hoping to implement this year. The idea is that a volunteer will sit near the announcer and text the first call and so on. Anyone who signs up at the pool to receive the texts will be able to track the meet on their phone while still in their team tent. A call went out for volunteers to do this.

Scott Thomas:

--Reviewed the volunteer procedures and needs. Stated each pool will need to come up with about 12 volunteers not including officials or computer operators. Since the pools have been lumped into volunteer groups, it was recommended again that they work together and have the larger teams possibly carry more of the burden for the smaller teams.

--Asked that each rep send their volunteer names and shifts to Scott as soon as possible.

--Explained how some of the job descriptions have changed from the email he sent previously. For instance, the pinks and blues workers will need to meet Thursday to adhere the labels to the cards and organize them and paint and signs will be done then as well. Also, the awards will need to be worked on once finals are over, so at the beginning of the afternoon session.

--Stated all timers and officials will need to attend a meeting prior to the start which will be at 8:00am for morning sessions and not before 12:30 for afternoon ones.

--Announced Heat Sheet Ads are due tonight and need to be given to Susan Swing.

Greg Wright

--Asked that the Meet Manager file be sent to him ASAP after the meets on Wednesday.

--Let everyone know that Tricia Cato found some errors in the fee assignment files. Asked that each pool take the handout from the back that explained the steps that need to be taken before you populate the entries for City Meet.

--Explained that he asked to have preliminary entries on Thursday so he could begin working on them. They are not technically due until Friday morning, but the more he could get done before the holiday weekend, the better. Would like to be able to get it back into the coaches' hands for review with plenty of time before he needs to send to printer on Sunday.

--Explained Board's decision regarding cancellations in event of bad weather. Asked that each pool forward their meet entries to Greg by noon tomorrow, July 1. Then, if a meet is cancelled tomorrow, and unable to be rescheduled for Thursday, then those entries will count as a splash. Meets are still encouraged to be rescheduled by next Wednesday, but the times will not be able to be used for City Meet seeding.
--Told pool reps that each should have picked up the packet at the back that explains everything they need to know for City Meet.

David Hudson:

--Reiterated that meets need to be put on hold for 30 minutes in the event of lightning OR thunder. That is a national standard, not just a David Hudson rule. But try to have your meets if you can do it safely.
--Stated that "taping" is allowed in swimming. If you have a swimmer who needs it, just let your referee know.
--Would really like to have more officials signed up by now for City Meet. Asked reps to get him names of those willing to volunteer and when they are available as soon as possible.
--Announced that he realizes there have been some communication issues as well as rules violations this year regarding insurance, meet volunteers and other ROC required necessities. Stated the Board will be working together to outline what is expected of each pool, as well as each representative as we move forward. Issues will be addressed at the September meeting.

Tommy Kibler:

--Dive season went really well and is now over. The league champions will be announced at City Meet.
--They have all the volunteers and everything they need to run the City Dive Meet.
--Announced Byrd Springs is attempting to reinstate their dive program, as well as possibly a new one for Sharon Johnston. If Blossomwood comes back, that would make for a nice 8 team league.

Nicole Fann:

--Announced the Board had finalized the budget for the year and that everything seems to be covered for the year. Will be working with Bob on budget for next year to possibly present at the next meeting.

New Business:

--Jill Reese announced that work is ongoing to update the RCSL website and that Philip Black has provided news stories on both the Special Needs team as well as an article on our City Meet Director, Chris Chance. Asked for more pictures to be sent so we can have a nice variety available for both the website and the FB page, especially those of divers.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm. by Justin Olander.