

RCSL Board Meeting
September 14, 2015, Main Public Library Auditorium, 5:30pm

Board Members Present were:

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

Also present was slated Secretary for 2016, Karla Hardy.

Justin Olander:

--Began the meeting at 5:30 with a discussion of the concussion forms new to the league this year. Feels that the league should require a new form each year to reduce confusion over who has signed them and who has not.

--Opened a discussion on ways to fix the problems with insurance and inadequate facilities faced by several C league pools this year. It was brought up that it is in the bylaws that if you pay your dues to the league you are agreeing to abide by the bylaws, which state repercussions if you do not comply. A decision was made to have a formal "intent to comply" signed by each pool when they submit their dues.

--Would like to have the website updated with a separate tab for Dive that is populated with pictures, schedule, results, rules, and any forms they need much like the swim side. There was a lot of confusion over what appeared to be arbitrary decisions and wants a more open communication between Dive and Swim.

Chris Chance:

--Brought up the issues the league will be facing if they want to continue holding City Meet at the Natatorium due to the construction of a new pool on that site. He is in talks with the City of Huntsville regarding options to include a shuttle from a second facility in order to keep the meet at the Nat. Other options will be explored if necessary to include Redstone Arsenal.

--Would like to ask membership for complaints and compliments regarding this year's City Meet, but he personally (and the Board agreed) felt it went well and the sound was awesome.

Scott Thomas

--Discussed how well the volunteer system worked once again and his desire to continue it in the future with any tweaks necessitated by the possible change in facility.

David Hudson

--Offered to address the membership regarding the need to meet obligations to the league for the sake of the running of the league. (i.e. insurance, facilities, etc.)

Tommy Kibler

--Noted there will be a potential expansion to the league next year as several teams have indicated the desire to build a dive program.

Greg Wright

--Reminded everyone that the second phase of software upgrades needs to be purchased as discussed in 2014. Would also like to order ribbons early to take advantage of discounts.

--Brought up a potential issue with the dates for 2016 Dual Meets. Because many pools don't have access to practice until the Tuesday after Memorial Day, but the first meet is usually held the first Wednesday of June, many teams are looking at 1 day of practice before their first meet. However, it is difficult to push this date because many officials needed for City Meet are also needed at the US Swimming SE Championships, and pushing City Meet will interfere with that. Also, a lack of definite location for City Meet further hampers the ability to schedule. So, a schedule based on tradition is being presented with the condition that the Board can change if necessary.

Nicole Fann

--Expressed sincere concern regarding how to build a budget for 2016 without even knowing where City Meet will be held. Asked this be decided sooner rather than later.

Jill Reese:

--Officers for 2016 need to be elected. A request for nominations was sent to the membership and the only new name to be submitted was for the vacant slot of Secretary Swim. So the slate to be presented will be all current officers with Karla Hardy taking the place of Jill Reese. The slate will be presented for approval at the council meeting.

--There was a proposal submitted and delivered to the membership for review with the appropriate three-week timeframe. This is Proposal 2015-4 and essentially states that the distance for the open event at both Dual Meets and City Meet can be 25 or 50 yards. This accommodates the new Special Needs events that were held on a trial run this year. This is the only change needed as the ROC already allowed for an "Open" event which means no other rules need to be added in order to accommodate these swims as any age qualifies as long as they hold some form of membership at the pool they represent. This will be voted on at the meeting tonight.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30