

RCSL Board Meeting
Thursday, September 22nd, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Rhonda Allen, at 6:05pm

Officers:

Rhonda Allen, President— present
Caroline Espy, 1st VP of City Meet-present
Tommy Kibler, 2nd VP of Dive- present
Steve Henderson, 2nd VP of Swim-present
Chris Espy, 2nd VP of Records - present
Terri Keller, Treasurer- present
Sarabeth Martinson, ACMD - present
Susan Christian, Secretary of Dive – present
Lisa Potter, Secretary of Swimming-present

Pool Roll Call:

All present except Valley Hill and Sherwood

1. City Meet Wrap up – Caroline Espy
 - Heet sheet ads – refund to Sharon Johnston with coupon for discount next year
 - Sharon Johnston didn't get city meet t-shirts and asked that something be changed in the way shirts are done at city meet next year.
 - Caroline stated that shirts were not delivered because the Sharon Johnston rep dropped the ball. It was not a city meet problem
 - Dive didn't get shirts to sell. Asked that shirts be on hand during the dive portion of city meet next year.
 - Greg Wright will take due time for entries to city meet under advisement next per request by Sharon Johnston
 - More than 2 badges requested for coaches at city meet next year
 - Request that City Meet be moved back a weekend.
 - Heet sheet ad checks were handed out
2. Officiating – Steve Henderson
 - The term of officials will be extended through December in the future, instead of September.
 - The list of certified officials is online.

3. Executive Board Officer Elections – Lisa Potter
 - Slate of Officer for 2011-2012 are:
 - President: Lisa Potter
 - 1st VP (City Meet): Jenny Barrett
 - Asst. 1st VP (ACMD): Sarabeth Martinson
 - 2nd VP (Swim): Steve Henderson
 - 2nd VP (Dive): Tommy Kibler
 - 2nd VP (Records): Greg Wright
 - Secretary (Swim): Terri Keller
 - Secretary (Dive): Susan Christian
 - Treasurer: Bob Crook
 - Asked for any nominations from the floor. Non forthcoming.
 - Motion to accept this slate as officers for the 2011-2012 year by Monte Sano. Seconded.
 - Passed by unanimous vote.
4. Proposal presented by Sharon Johnston to only allow Huntsville/Madison County residents to swim in the RCSL. Each pool was given the opportunity to speak to this proposal:
 - Byrd Springs questioned the Huntsville City limits extending into Limestone County and how those residents would be affected
 - Whitesburg questioned how the RCSL would regulate/validate residency for all member pools. Also stated that if this league is for the kids and promotion of swimming, why this proposal is needed
 - Sherwood stated that they are struggling for members and would not tell members they could not swim. Stated they believe that once the pools were opened to the public, the pools lost the ability to say who can/cannot swim
 - YMCA rep stated that he spent summers with his grandmother and swam summer league with her and under this proposed change that would have made him ineligible. He would not be involved in swimming today if not for those opportunities as a child.
 - Sharon Johnston stated that they could recruit from Tennessee but they don't because they don't think it's fair or right.
 - Piedmont stated that their members had very negative remarks for the proposal. They read some of their pool members responses to the proposal. Stated that if the pool doesn't restrict membership, they why should the league.
 - Caroline Espy clarified that the By-Laws state that the member pools must be in Huntsville/Madison County

- Monte Sano stated that they believe that some pools, having a desire to win, recruit kids from outside Huntsville/Madison County in order to win.
- Camelot also spoke.
- Vote by pool to accept proposal to only allow Huntsville/Madison County residents to swim in the RCSL:

BLOS	yes
BYRD	yes
CAML	yes
CHAP	(Not in league this year)
GREN	yes
HAMC	no
JVRA	yes
LILY	(left before vote)
MNSO	yes
MCST	no
MTSP	no
PIED	no
RSAL	no
SHJN	yes
SHER	(not present)
VHCC	(not present)
WHBG	no
YMCA	no

- Vote was a tie. In case of a tie, final vote falls to the President of the league. Rhonda Allen chose to abstain because she felt that only the member pools should decide the vote. As a tie the proposal failed to pass.
- Steve Henderson spoke about recruiting to keep pools alive versus recruiting swimmers to win.

5. Diving – Tommy Kibler

- Encouraged all teams to join diving

Motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.