

RCSL Minutes
June 24, 2004

The fifth meeting of the 2004 RCSL season was called to order by Holly Holder at the Southeast YMCA at 6:10. Roll call was taken; all teams were represented except or Byrd Spring and Sharon Johnston. The minutes from the June 7 meeting were submitted and approved as written.

Christie Kubichan distributed and reviewed the City Meet Entry Packets with particular attention to:

- July 9, Camelot, is the entry date, place. Follow schedule for team's assigned time
- Block Practice will be Thursday, July 15, 8:00
- Tent assignments are in packet.
- Warm-up schedule-The bigger teams have problems fitting all their swimmers in the assigned lanes. It was suggested to work with neighboring teams, possibly swimming up one lane and back an adjoining lane, and splitting the practice hour into age groups.
- City Meet Entries are final. No adds or scratches. Christie recommended posting the entry as soon as possible to test for problems prior to July 9 submittal.
- In case of an extreme emergency, requests for changes go to Marcell Mahesh, City Meet Director (509-1909). The City Meet Director and RCSL President will review the requests. Swimmers serving as replacements must have already been entered in the meet.
- Coaches were advised to submit accurate times for their swimmers.
- Swimmers are only allowed to swim up in one relay each, no individual events, except in the case of 6 & U who may swim up in two eight and under individual events (other than freestyle) and all eight and under relays.
- Relay entries must have names included at entry time; however swimmers may be changed and will not be disqualified if their swimming order differs from their card.
- Teams were encouraged to enter the Parents' and Coaches' Relays with names and times by July 9.

Checking: Christie Kubichan will contact each team in the next two weeks to check swimmers' eligibility for City meet. She will contact each team during the week prior to their final meet.

The group discussed the effect the software had on scoring meets. The primary discrepancy was in how to deal with last minute entry changes. It was decided to leave the method of handling, either at the meet or prior, to the host team. Coaches should continue to make changes on the cards to serve as indicators of changes to the workers at the scoring table.

Scott Cardno, treasurer, announced that each team should bring their City Meet entry fees to Camelot on July 9. Each team's fees will be calculated as they make their own computer entries.

Ribbons are available for sale and RCSL will buy back excess ribbons from pools at \$0.22 each.

Heat Sheet/Tshirts Sales-Hampton Cove and Byrd Spring need to get cash start-up funds from Scott by Wednesday, July 14. They need to schedule workers for Thursday & Friday in addition to weekend and make a sign for the sale table.

Concessions-Piedmont should check inventory in the storage building with Scott and get start-up funds. Mountain Springs has an information packet to help plan supplies. Karen Bath (880-8306) has the RCSL refrigerator at her house so coordination with her for use at the meet is necessary.

Awards- Blossomwood doesn't need to schedule volunteers during pre-lims; Mrs. Garrison (883-7757) is an instructional contact.

Volunteer Rosters-Due by July 5, 2:00 p.m., Blossomwood. They'll be returned on July 9 at meet entry time. Include multiple phone numbers and emails when possible. This will be Chapman/Whitesburg's last term of duty at Clerk of Course. Each team needs to provide two 'experience preferred' workers for Clerk of Course. Contact Marcell Mahesh if extra volunteers are needed.

Webmaster- For consideration, Joe Houle (539-4258), Mountain Springs, mountainspringspool.org; Mike Garber and Cejaes website and creation by Celia Johnson (882-6116).

Officials: Joe Scrip expressed frustration regarding the untimely manner in which many officials have pursued certification this season. This has led to confusion and inconsistency during meets.

Timers. The head timer should review timing standards and guidelines before each meet. Timing should begin either as soon as the light is seen or as soon as the whistle is blown, not at the end of the whistle. A brief review at the beginning of the meet should help provide consistency.

Beth Moore filed a letter of complaint regarding a foul weather incident at their meet that occurred Wednesday, June 23. The complaint concerned the manner in which the meet was ended after the completion of the mixed free relay due to rain at the Blossomwood vs. Camelot meet. Joe reviewed the complaint. The RCSL document "Referee Check-List for Dual Meets" advises refs and coaches to meet prior to the meet to plan contingency strategies in case of adverse weather. Although no action was taken regarding this season's incident, Joe was willing to help create more clear guidelines that may be included in the Rules of Competition for next year to help guide others in similar situations. It was recommended, however, that refs, reps, and coaches keep lines of communication open prior and throughout the meets to facilitate clear-headed decision making in unusual circumstances.

Mountain Springs pool asked if referees had the authority to limit exhibition events. RCSL rules state that they do, however, it is the host team's discretion and the decision should be clearly discussed between the two teams prior to the meet.

Future dates of importance:

Friday, July 9, Meet Entries and checks due, Camelot Pool.

Prior to start of meet, **Saturday, July 17, Coaches to meet with Meet Director** for instructions and possibly may be required to sign agreements that they have read and understand the City Meet Rules.

Wrap-up Meeting Monday, August 23, 7:15 at the YMCA **OR** possible cookout at a pool to be decided later.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Banner