

**Rocket City Swim League**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MINUTES**

3/7/13 6 p.m. at Cherritos

Present: Scott Harting, President; Brent Bell, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; David Hudson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Swim; Bob Crook, Treasurer; Asst VP Vacant; Gia Schuetz, Secretary Swim; Tommy Kibler, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dive; Absent: Susan Christian, Secretary Dive

**Christy Graves, Assistant 1<sup>st</sup> VP, has resigned.** Bylaws do not address resignations & replacement procedures. Will ask Jenny Barret to assist Brent.

Scott stated he was not sure if **sequestration** would affect the **Redstone Launchers** swim team; be aware of possibility.

**2013 City Meet fees** – Regular fees are flat dollar amount: \$375. First payment for pools due April, then half of city meet fee by June 15. Clubs are expected to bring regular fees and \$125 for diving to first general membership meeting in April. Tommy said that Bylaws state we divide up left over money between the teams.

**Ribbons** - We have too many ribbons and we are hoping to get them bought back. Greg has ribbons left over from last year that need to be counted.

**Chapman** is going to try to get their swim team functioning again this year.

**Monte Sano invitational meet** – idea still open; no formal plans yet. Invitational format, end of May. There was issue of a nonprofit sanctioning invitational meets (i.e. Whitesburg Invitational), & it being a potential fundraiser for a pool. Re: Monte Sano meet: there will be no seed times, meet format is for purpose of getting times. Idea needs to be brought to the reps.

**Valley Hill & YMCA** merger talks - Deadline passed & the two teams are not merging.

**Dual Meet Schedule** will be voted on at the rep meeting. Will not be official until the meeting. Greg will make the schedule at the meeting.

**Board meeting minutes from 2012.** Not able to find them, & they are not on the site. This years Board will be sure to post all meeting minutes.

**Insurance** – Bob & Scott will meet with Terry Dumer to be sure the league is covered adequately. Issue of insurance covering the Parent Relay – i.e., the liability risk involved.

**City Meet Vendors.** Brent will call Jenny Barrett who was very organized in regards to City Meet. Vendor, Little Red Box is ready to go. All vendors need to be able to pass fire & health inspection. No written procedures regarding Bid Accepting process. First Place & All American will be contacted. Last year, t-shirt vendor had financial issues & bounced checks.

**Team/ parent behavior/complaints during meets** – parents must go to coach, as opposed to officials. Coaches & parents have been complaining to the timers or the computer operators. This needs to stop, and a procedure put in place, so people are not approaching workers.

Procedure Example for Dual & City Meet issues/complaint process to address:

- 1- Coach – point of contact
- 2- Chain of command, coaches handle
- 3- Coaches using foul language should be kicked out of meet
- 4- Stroke & turn judging issues

**NAT is booked for City Meet.** What is our fee from this year? Is NAT going to require us to have security?

**David Hudson, VP – Discussed Official certifications.** Online certification rep will talk to Bob. We would reimburse upon test receipt. It is a good program. Bob to check with him. Do testing, then come to deck training, 2 or 3 of those trainings available, 2 hours. **Main issue: Benefit of doubt goes to swimmer; deck ref has final word.** David will finalize the list of officials. Contact David with any issues or new officials. David will consult USA Swimming and Steve for oversight.

There was a question as to whether we should have **Place Judges at the City Meet.**

**Diving –** We will put diving agenda items and minutes from meetings on website. Kibler reported that 7 teams are available, but would prefer to have 8 as it makes the meets run easier. Board discussed how can we grow dive teams. League can help pools get programs started if desired. Greg asked what is required of a pool, if they want a dive team: General insurance coverage, a diving board, lifeguard for meet, 1 judge, a table worker. Meets are Monday nights, & they generally run 6-9 pm. Dive meets are not as worker intensive as swim meets. Pools need to be closed during meets.

#### **Discussion of proposals presented to the Board.**

There was discussion that since we are considered an introductory league, we need to always consider a new comer. How does 'aging up' during the middle of the season affect newcomers?

**The board does not have a vote;** yet the board will be a unanimous, unified body when presenting its recommendations regarding proposals. The role of the Board is to review and screen proposals, to be sure verbiage is correct and applicable to current Bylaws. It was confirmed with older Board members, that the Board's stance is that we are open to all proposals from the Reps, and that we are elected to help guide discussion.

**MOTION: As the Board of the RCSL, we are elected to help guide discussion on proposals presented to the league. We will vote on proposal wording in this manner to present to the Reps:**

**“Your Board: --Favors & recommends. --Does not favor; or --is Neutral”**

Motion was seconded & passed.

(see attached Proposals)

Proposal #1 – **Does not favor.**

Proposal #2 – **Does not favor.**

Proposal #3 – **Does not favor.**

Proposal #4 – Proposal wording needs clarification; send back to team.

Proposal #5 – **Favors & recommends.**

**Ribbons – need help counting.** Memo to go out to ask. 20% discount to the team that counts? No awards/trophies left over. The biggest expense \$8k. There was discussion to eliminate the ribbons for the 4-8<sup>th</sup> place for ages 10 & up.

**Treasuer Report.** Bob passed out the budget. Deposit specifics were not kept in earlier years. Propose to have rounded out numbers to present to reps. All checks June 15 due – if we can get the get the rep info; bob can send invoice.

**Next meeting,** March 21, 530 at Cherritos.