

GRAL May 2024 virtual Meeting Agenda/Minutes

via zoom

1. Call to Order at 1904
2. Roll Call—Present: Ashland, Atlee, Battlefield Green, Bell Creek, Burkwood, Canterbury, Chestnut Oaks, Church Run, Colonies, Dominion Club, Federal Club, Fox Hall, Goochland, Hanover, Hungary creek, Kings Charter, Mechanicsville, Milestone, Old Church, Pebble Creek, Raintree, Rockville Dolphin Club, Tuckahoe Village West, Twin Hickory, Wellesley, Wembley, Wyndham
Absent: AshCreek
3. President's opening comments (Julie Zubris, Rockville, president@gralva.com)
 - a. In 2025 will need Exec Board positions: VP of Champs and VP for Training and Certification
 - b. Team Contacts: Missing Goochland Computer and Officials Coordinator
 - c. 2023 Results have been posted on the website. If you need info from previous years, you need to reach out and ask.
 - d. Can job postings be taken down?: Chestnut Oaks-KEEP, ~~Dominion Club~~-(will remove); Goochland-KEEP, ~~Wellesley~~-(will remove); and Wembley -KEEP
 - e. Swim-a-Thon: email sent last week, if anyone is interested reach out to Matt Togna, coach at Hungary Creek.
 - f. Exemptions: There are 3 different types. Each exemption has its own form on the coaches page on the website. The coach is the one who fills out the form for the special needs and relay exemptions. They need to be resubmitted every year. On the Board page under password protection there will be a list of who has exemptions. The forms will be posted online soon. Swimmer cannot compete until it is approved, so do it as soon as possible (a week is optimum lead time). Coaches should always tell ref beforehand if there are any exemptions and it is often included in the parent rep letter.
 - Employee exemptions: If you have a new swimmer to your team that is moving from another GRAL team, and they are members through employment then you are required to submit an Employee Exemption form online. This does NOT apply to an employee who has been a member and has swum with your team in previous years. As we start the season, please remember to submit employee exemptions as early as possible; they are required before the 1st meet. The form will be posted online soon.
 - Special Needs exemption: examples include accommodations for someone with a hearing issue (for the start), a child unable to swim a 50 once they are 8 due to some type of physical issue, a swimmer missing a limb, a swimmer needing an outside lane, etc. This also includes requests for different clothing than the typical USA swimming approved bathing suit (wants to wear swim shirt, etc.).
 - Relay exemption: If a team does not have enough boys or girls on roster in a certain age group to have a legal relay, they can request an exemption for kids to swim up in age or have a relay of all the same gender. This is not based on swimmers who will be in attendance at a meet; it is based on the roster.

- g. Acceptance of April Meeting Minutes by motion and second.
- 4. Officer Reports
 - a. Secretary (Michelle Shores, Battlefield Green, secretary@gralva.com) Contact list is on the website as a word document with email and name for each club. (On the board, password protected page) If you did not want your personal email on there, email Michelle to have her remove it. Reminder to get your COI turned in by May 30th with GRAL listed as the additional insured.
 - b. Treasurer (Cindy Anderson, Raintree, treasurer@gralva.com) Current balance is \$27,381.00. Registration is due next meeting.
 - c. Officials (Roy Sabo, Milestone, officials@gralva.com)-Need Tuesday May 8th location needed for training. If your clubhouse has an open evening to do training, please let Roy know and he can make flexible additional sessions.

Training Dates:

New Referee Trainings:

Sunday, May 12, 1-2, Tuckahoe Village West

Saturday, June 1, 4-5, Atlee Rec Association

Referee Roundtables:

Tuesday, May 14, 7-8, Virtual

Thursday, May 30, 7-8, Virtual

Saturday, June 1, 1-2, Virtual

Sunday, June 2, 3-4, Virtual

New Stroke and Turn Trainings:

Wednesday, May 15, 7-8, Bell Creek

Tuesday, May 21, 7-8, Colonies

Tuesday, May 28, 7-8, Burkwood

Saturday, June 1, 3-4, Atlee Rec Assoc.

- d. Computer (Christy Evanko, computer@gralva.com)- Emailed out the meet info based on if you have swim manager or not. Computer reps should have received an email.
- e. Equipment (Moirá Sweazey, Hanover, equipment@gralva.com) Ribbons and supplies have been ordered.
- f. Champs—July 20th and 21st
- 5. Old Business—None
- 6. New Business
 - a. Len Everett scholarship applications will be due at midnight June 28th; the form shuts off, so don't wait until the last minute. Recommendations are due July 7th. This is a \$500 scholarship for a high school graduating senior who will be attending college, university, or trade school. Typically there are two awards chosen per division, but it really depends on the applications received. The form will go up on the general page of

the website soon. Please share with your families as we receive a small number of submissions each year.

- b. Coaches are required to pass the Coaches test each season. Only coaches that have passed the test by midnight on May 31st are eligible for a deck pass at Champs. Once the coaches test is ready, we will share a link to access it. Just like last year, coaches will create an account and take the test online. They can do it as a group, and it is open book, but everyone needs to submit it. Generally, junior coaches (unpaid) do not take the test. Note that taking the test does not guarantee a deck pass for Champs as it is dependent on the number of swimmers. Coaches meeting is 9am, June 1st at Atlee. Head coach and all new coaches need to attend.
- c. 2024 GRAL meeting dates
 - Monday, June 3rd (in-person, registration monies are due, ribbons are distributed): Bell Creek
 - Monday, July 8th (in-person, location TBD)
 - Sunday, September 15th—annual meeting (in-person, location TBD)
- a. Meet Dates
 - Wednesday, June 5th
 - Wednesday, June 12th
 - TUESDAY, June 18th (rain date Thursday 6/20 due to Juneteenth)
 - Wednesday, June 26th
 - Tuesday July 2nd or Wednesday July 3rd (consider Tuesday because of July 4th holiday and need for a rain date)
 - TUESDAY, July 9th (rain date Wednesday 7/10)
- b. Important Champs dates
 - Champs July 20th and 21st
 - Champs Coordinators contact info submitted by 6/20
 - Champs meeting for coordinators and coaches Sunday 7/7 (virtual)
 - Electronic entries due by 11:59pm 7/12
 - In-person registration 7/13
- c. Other important dates for the season
 - Registration due from teams by 11:59pm Friday May 24 (that is Memorial Day weekend, so plan accordingly)
 - Registration paid at June Board meeting (6/3)—\$7 per swimmer
 - Coaches test due by 11:59 pm Friday, May 31st
 - Coaches meeting Saturday, 6/1 at 9am—in person at Atlee

7. Good of the league

8. Adjourn. Motion made to adjourn and seconded at 2004.