

GRAL May 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call (Michelle) and turn in registration checks (Cindy)
2. Call to Order at 1903
3. Present vs Absent: All teams are present
4. 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. Need new people to fill those positions.
 - b. Thank you to everyone who worked to get registration submitted. Remember that you can still add new swimmers throughout the season; your team will pay for them at Champs registration.
 - c. Coaches meeting took place on Saturday 6/1/24. The meeting went well with all teams represented.
 - d. Thank you to Roy and Debi who have been putting in countless hours for officials training and tracking. They have done a great job! The document will not be updated online real time to reflect certifications. Asking for teams to take ownership of certification lists. Official's coordinators should know who is certified and trained and be able to produce that list upon request. They should also be helping set up training for meets with the opposing teams.
 - e. Len Everett scholarship applications are due by midnight June 28th; the form shuts off, so don't wait until the last minute. Personal Recommendations are due July 7th. The information is on the general page of the website and has been shared on the GRAL FB page. Please share with your families as we typically receive a small number of submissions each year!
 - f. Here are some reminders as we start the season; these were also discussed at the coaches meeting.
 - Need to have positive check-in. Don't print anything until check-in is completed. Ideally the same person should complete check-in each week. Pass on to team leadership. Ideally, the same person should do check-in every week to make the process easier and have a familiar face.
 - Dive certifications: coaches must have paperwork with them. Swimmers should be marked if necessary (with X or O) at check-in. How to edit the form in the system? It is not submitted to us. Some teams will ask parents to do it before the kids come to the meet and then they are checked at check in.
 - Exemptions: We talked about them in detail last month. Be sure your team has submitted them. We are now 48 hours before the first swim meet and there is no guarantee we can get it done in time. And remember that any change from the typical bathing suit requires an exemption. Relay exemptions are if your roster says you do not have enough swimmers to write a relay. It is not for situations when swimmers are not available for meets.

- All caps worn at GRAL meets need to either be a GRAL team cap (no year round teams) or plain. No writing on backs or anywhere deck furniture can be damaged.
 - Weather: It is the lifeguard's responsibility to blow the whistle to clear the deck. Only four people make the decisions regarding delay/cancelation of a meet and three of them are from the home team. It is the two (home and away) parent reps, pool manager (if your manager is 16, figure out who that should be at your pool), and the meet director who make decisions. Review the weather policy and have it handy at meets to answer questions. Remember that we changed the rule this year about when meets can be postponed. New rule: Within 12 hours of a meets scheduled time, if there is agreement with the meet director, the teams may proactively reschedule the meet. Minimum number of people needed to run a meet is in the handbook.
- g. Acceptance of May Meeting Minutes Federal club made a motion and bell creek seconded and no oppositions.
5. Officer Reports
- a. Secretary (Michelle Shores, Battlefield Green, secretary@gralva.com) All teams have either turned in the COI or are in the process of having their certificate corrected. The handbook states that the insurance carrier has to have GRAL listed as additional insured in order for the meet to be held at the pool. Michelle shared that the contact list has been updated to reflect all parent reps instead of GRAL reps. See board page on website.
- b. Treasurer (Cindy Anderson, Raintree, treasurer@gralva.com)
- Absent, report given by Julie
 - The storage rental fee and the MoneyMinder (finances tracker) renewal were paid in May.
 - The taxes were filed May 10th.
 - The CHAMPS insurance will be paid this month.
 - The bank balance as of 5/31 is \$27,033.
- c. Officials (Roy Sabo, Milestone, officials@gralva.com) Debi and Roy are sharing duties for the officials training. Great attendance at all sessions. New referee training was completed successfully. 5 new S&T sessions done. Later today or early tomorrow an email will come... Certification grid updates on the computer is not feasible. As trainees and coaches are getting trained, have your official's coordinator get the certification. If you don't have an official's coordinator, send it to GRAL rep or Ref. The teams should be able to identify who needs to be trained. The walks for training need to be identified by the team that is sending the official to training. The parent email template has a training section for discussion with the other team.
- d. Computer (Christy Evanko and Ralph Jones, computer@gralva.com) Meets have been sent out to all computer reps. Swimmers should be in good standing. The form needs to go to coach and computer rep. If it is not sent 24 hours before the meet the swimmer can not swim in the meet. The form is in the computer part of the website. Please send

the results as soon as the meets is done. The ref signs off the meet. Send sooner rather than later. Any swimmer added after registration needs to send in the form. Top times can not be pulled from the list because the swimmer is not registered. The 9 year old does not have top times because they have moved up a swimming division and will not have times.

- e. Equipment (Moira Sweazey, Hanover, equipment@gralva.com) Bags with goodies (ribbons/DQ cards, etc.) are located in the back of the room. The divisions have appropriate number based on the size of the teams. Home teams use ribbons for both teams. Ribbons come packaged, don't open them all at once.
 - f. Champs—July 20th and 21st CHAMPS@gralva.com All the dates are earlier this year. CHAMPS contacts needed for teams. Sunday 7/7- Virtual meetings via zoom 630pm-champs coordinator 715pm-computer rep or person doing entries for champs, 745pm-all coaches, Link will go out closer to the date. Senior swimmers will be highlighted in the heat sheet and the info is needed earlier. Increasing the number of heat sheets and shirts to have on hand in case people want them. 1159 of 7/12/24 is CHAMPS entries deadline. Registration process is 7/13/24 is in person at ATLEE 6-9pm and each team will sign up for their time. Six teams are missing a CHAMPS coordinator. Please ensure your team has completed the contact form for your CHAMPS coordinator. If you want your team to fly your flag at champs bring it to this date! CHAMPS pickup is Thursday 7/18 at Rockville and Atlee. Both locations will be open for pickups. 7/20 and 7/21 is CHAMPS. This is a “yard” year.
6. Old Business—None
 7. New Business- Its our 50th birthday this year! Hungary Creek started the league! Do you know anyone that was involved in GRAL from 1974-80s? email the board with their contact info!
 - a. 2024 GRAL meeting dates
 - Monday, July 8th (in-person, location TBD) Rockville? Maybe bellcreek again?
 - Sunday, September 15th—annual meeting (in-person, location TBD) federal club?
 - 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, evening 7/13

8. Good of the league

9. Adjourn- motion made by federal club and Wembley seconded