

Greater Richmond Aquatic League

Board of Directors Meeting

July 10, 2023, at AshCreek

Next Board Meeting Monday September 17, 2023, at Burkwood

The Greater Richmond Aquatic League (GRAL) is an organization of swimmers, coaches, and parents whose aim is to promote and participate in the sport of summer swimming. GRAL provides an opportunity for young people to compete against others of similar ability in an atmosphere of fair play, good sportsmanship, and safety.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Roll Call:

- Present: Atlee, Battlefield Green, Bell Creek, Burkwood, Canterbury, Church Run, Colonies, Dominion Club, Federal Club, Goochland, Hanover, Hungary Creek, Kings Charter, Milestone, Old Church, Pebble Creek, Raintree, Rockville Dolphin Club, Tuckahoe Village West, Twin Hickory, Wellesley, Wembly, Wyndham
- Absent: AshCreek, Ashland, Chestnut Oaks, Fox Hall, Mechanicsville

President Report: Kristin Brittle (Atlee) president@gralva.com

- Shout out to Wyndham for great teamwork! When Canterbury had a pool issue, they moved the whole meet to Wyndham and then had to move to Saturday to finish.
- Need Volunteers for Executive Board – openings are Secretary, Treasurer, VP Champs, VP Equipment. Please share the facebook post or send to your team; any league parent can step up
- Strong scholarship application lineup – committee of four looking at those
- We have reinstated our umbrella insurance for 2023
- Mid season reminders – Bring stop watches, share extras, bring ribbons box and extra ribbons, DQ cards, charged Starter, computer
- Church Run's starter mechanism is not working, Nathan has one in storage he can lend; look at new battery rather than replacing whole machine first
- Last meeting is in September – according to bylaws third Sunday - Sun, September 17 at Burkwood at 7 p.m.
- Motion by Federal Club to accept May meeting minutes into the record, second by Milestone; approved unanimously.

Secretary Report: Julie Zubris (Rockville) secretary@gralva.com

- Absent, given by Kristin

- We have all Champs Coordinators' emails now

Treasurer Report: Debi Knott (Wembly) treasurer@gralva.com

- Treasurer's the easiest job – come do it!

VP of Officials Report: Roy Sabo (Milestone) officials@gralva.com

- Absent, given by Christy
- Roy has done a really terrific job with the training. Thank you to him for scheduling a seventh in-person training yesterday.
- Please make sure to look up officials before working them www.gralva.com/officials – if you think they should be certified and aren't email Christy@gralva.com
- The list of concussion certificates are online. Only Referees, Strokes and Turns, and Starters are required to have it.

Computer/Webmaster Report: Christy Evanko webmaster@gralva.com and christy@gralva.com

- Reach out to Christy at 804-310-1128 if you have any issues during the meets.

VP of Equipment Report: Nathan Mondragon (Goochland) equipment@gralva.com

- If you need ribbons, take them
- Any issues with equipment, email Nathan – has stands and mics in storage

VP of Champs Report: Allison Unowitz (Tuckahoe Village West) champs@gralva.com.

- Two emails have been sent out containing the following details
- **Thursday, July 13th via ZOOM - Mandatory CHAMPS Informational Meeting to review policies/procedures and answer any questions you may have.** A representative from each team must be present. CHAMPS coordinator MUST attend, Computer Reps who are responsible for CHAMPS entries and coaches that will be on deck. *6:30PM-7:15PM - CHAMPS COORDINATOR, 7:15PM-7:45PM - COMPUTER REPS, 7:45PM-8:15PM COACHES.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84624514649?pwd=dUhjZGZlWGp1eWFLTXFsNmoxcFI2QT09>

Meeting ID: 846 2451 4649

Passcode: 938476

- **Saturday, July 22nd @ 6:00PM, BURKWOOD - Mandatory CHAMPS Registration.** Need to bring everything on your registration "check list" document. A sign-up genius will be sent out for the teams to select their spots. One adult must bring the items for registration but it doesn't matter who (in some cases a coach will need to attend if there are issues with entries). Use the checklist to bring everything that is required.
- **Sunday, July 30th and Monday, July 31st - 2023 GRAL CHAMPS @ SwimRVA - 5050 Ridgedale Parkway, Richmond VA 23234; Sunday 12 & Under; Monday 13 & Older (TIMES TBD)**
- A limited number of **Heat Sheets and Shirts** will be available at the meet- cash or check only

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday, July 21st** – T-shirt orders must be submitted online via Jotform by NOON
- **Friday, July 21st by 10pm** Final Electronic Entries are due to Christy by 10:00PM, but the sooner the better!!
- **Saturday, July 22nd** - Final CHAMPS video due. Please remember videos OVER 90 seconds WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
 - File Name: TEAM INITIALS 2023
 - Video Format: *.AVI; If you can't do this, let Christy know and she will try to convert it for you.
 - Upload videos
 - to: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/149_teG3JIEKUTSpwX9dTKOe6ZBUcw91B?usp=sharing
- **Friday, July 28th** - Heat Sheet and GRAL T-Shirt pick-up from 6:00-7:30pm @
 - East End: ARA (Atlee Recreation Association)
 - West End: TVW (Tuckahoe Village West)

Old Business:

- None

New Business

- Scholarship – Volunteers for a committee in the fall? Jen Tucker (TVW), Victoria Harness (BC) and Anne Gail Jennings (TFC)
- Board meeting dates for 2023
 - Sunday, September 17th at 7pm—annual meeting (in-person)
- Meet Dates:
 - Wednesday, July 12th
 - TUESDAY, July 18th
 - Champs – Sunday, July 30 & Monday, July 31

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Nnpe

Motion to adjourn by Federal Club, second by Hanover.

Adjourned 7:42 pm

Respectfully submitted by Christy Evanko, Computer and Officials Coordinator