

Greater Richmond Aquatic League

Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2022 via Zoom

Next Board Meeting May 2, 2022 on Zoom

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 7:04 pm

Roll Call:

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

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

- Meeting minutes for March 2022 meeting were accepted into the record with no objections. Motion made by TVW, seconded by Federal Club, approved unanimously.

Secretary Report: Julie Zubris secretary@gralva.com

- Each team will need to submit proof of insurance (often called COI—certificate of insurance) directly to secretary by May 30th. It needs to have GRAL listed as an additional insured. If your current policy expires in April or May just wait and submit the new 2022 policy.
- Contact changes (board rep, parent rep, officials' coordinator, computer rep) for the website should now be sent to the secretary. Coaches and champs coordinators info will be collected in May and June.

Treasurer Report: treasurer@galva.com

- Debi Knott from Wembley has agreed to take on the role of treasurer.
- Debi has two requests in order to take over the position. First is that we are going to purchase an online system to track our financials (cost of \$179), and the second request is to have a committee to complete an audit of our financials. The members of the committee do not need to be exec board, they can be from the regular board.
- Total cost for medals is \$8315, we had budgeted \$8,000.
- Budgeted \$1000 for the new training and testing system, but we can get it for \$398.
- We went \$300 over budget on ribbons.
- Bottom line...we are \$300 over on ribbons, but \$600 under on training system, that gives us the leeway needed to spend \$179 on the online system for the treasurer.

VP of Officials Report: John Datovech (Ashland) officials@galva.com

- We will be purchasing a new training system, called Thinkific, training and testing of officials. It is \$99.50 a month, comes out to \$398 for the year. All the training will be online. The program will be Interactive, with questions embedded within the training. Trainings are being developed in April and will roll out in the first half of May.

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

- Registration has been sent out to Swim Manager teams and all the meets are in there. For teams not using SM, their registration will be sent out soon. For teams on the fence regarding switching to SM (who are not currently using SM), we need the computer rep to send a yes or no email to Christy to let her know if they will be using it. If this applies to your team, please communicate this info to your computer rep.
- 23 out of 29 teams (Rockville and DC are separate teams in this instance) responded to the survey. Christy is almost done compiling the results and will be sending out the info to the teams who responded.
- Registration is due Friday June 3rd by midnight. Money will be brought to the in-person board meeting on June 6th. We currently need a place for that meeting. The registration form is online to register your team's swimmers. For SM, you fill out the form that your team has "X" number of swimmers and then Christy will go into SM and then register those swimmers. For non-SM teams, it is a little more complicated.

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

- Extra stands for starters are available as well as a few microphones. Email Nathan and let him know if you need one.
- All the teams need rulebooks every year, both GRAL and USA Swimming. USA Swimming is not selling the books anymore. You can download the PDF off their website. The GRAL website has an updated GRAL handbook. If your team needs a hard copy of these, email Nathan and he will get you a photocopy version and bring it to the June meeting.
- The ribbons have arrived for the season and will be distributed at the June meeting.

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

- 2022 champs will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, 2022. Saturday will be 12 and under and Sunday will be 13 and over.
- Teams should start thinking about who champs coordinator for your team will be, but we don't need that info until the end of June.

Old Business

- Champs Umbrella Insurance: We currently have two bids, but need to get a third quote, so we are going to have to table this for another month.

New Business

- Treasurer: Debi Knott introduced herself. She works in accounting and has experience with nonprofit treasurer role. Motion by Federal Club, second by Fox Hall for Debi to be the treasurer of GRAL through September, 2023. No objections, motion passed unanimously.
- Best Practices Presentation on home meet prep will need to happen in May as the teams slated to share were not in attendance.
 - GRAL used to train the meet director, and Christy has all that information. She will scan the information and place it on the GRAL website so teams can access it and use it for internal training.
 - Hayley from the Colonies: behind the scenes at Colonies they have been board/succession planning because they will lose two very experienced parents this year. So any information/training that GRAL has regarding volunteer positions would be greatly appreciated.

- Christy will create a resources page in the password protected section of the website for teams to access all the information that has been/will be shared. Password is leneverett.
- Next meeting will be via zoom on Monday, May 2nd
- Meetings will be in-person for June (6/6) and July (7/11), locations TBD.

Adjourned 7:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by Julie Zubris, Secretary