

Rocky Mountain Swim League
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009

Welcome

Trent Rainey, RMSL President, welcomed parent reps and reminded them to sign in and update the roster information. Extra agendas and a calendar handout were provided as well.

It was moved and seconded to approve the June 6, 2009 minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Layla Schnacke reported the following:

Income for the 2009 Season = @\$29,000

Expenses for the Season = \$29,274.79

Balance left in the account as of today = @\$9000

Total Swimmers for 2009 season was 2367, up by 320 swimmers from the previous year.

Books will be closed after final check from T-shirt sales is received from Out of Breath Sports.

Roll Call

Quick roll call made to check representation of the teams. All teams were represented.

Old Business

Trent thanked the outgoing board members – Carol Eiber, Layla Schnacke, and Carol Zierk. He also thanked Sue Kreitman, outgoing president now moving into past president role. An additional thanks was given to outgoing tech support, Jed Summerton and Lora Louise Brody. The board also recognized South Park and Forest Park for their work with scoring Prelims and Finals and the Preserve for their outstanding efforts on the new website last season.

New Business

- Provisional Team Status from 2009 Season -- Forest Park

Explanation of provisional team to permanent team process outlined by Trent Rainey. Forest Park parent rep, Lisa Smith, expressed positive comments about

joining RMSL. Discussion from the floor was supportive in voting for Forest Park. A motion was made, seconded and it was voted to welcome Forest Park to the league as a permanent member ending their provisional status.

- Overview of Important League Documents and Procedures
 - By- Law, Technical Rules, Policies and Procedures
Please familiarize yourselves with these very important documents before the season begins. Trent briefly described the structure and purpose of each document. (A particular bylaw issue that will be addressed and further information will be requested from each team at a later date is whether your team is an HOA membership or an open enrollment team and any specific rules in relation to the membership status.)
 - By-Law Amendment Process
Trent gave a brief description of the process. The timeline is as follows: A proposed by-law amendment must be submitted to the RMSL board in writing by a team in good standing from 9/1 to 1/15. The amendment change must be discussed at a meeting and voted on by the March meeting. A 2/3 vote by teams is needed to pass a bylaw amendment.
 - Monthly Duties/Key Events Calendar
A monthly calendar of RMSL duties and key events was provided to all parent reps and discussed.

- 2010 Board nominations and election

Due to an incomplete slate, the nominations and election of the RMSL Board was tabled until the October meeting. Trent strongly encouraged the group to look for officers by the next meeting in order to adjourn the meeting in a timely manner.

- Division Assignment / Realignment Process

Various processes have been used in the past to determine the best division/team assignments. Those include but are not limited to: # of swimmers, record in their division, points scored in dual meets and at finals, # of entries in finals, etc. The division/team assignments are reviewed every year and any necessary adjustments discussed and approved by the league.

Realignment is necessary for 2010 due to some apparent imbalance with the current assignments. Following the success of the process used for 2009, a committee will be formed with a parent rep from a team within each division to examine and realign our team/division assignments for 2010. Please send Trent an email if you are interested in participating in this committee.

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- 2010 Season Start/End Dates

The general league schedule for the 2010 season will be:

June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26 and July 10* - Dual Meets

July 12 through the 15th – Prelims

July 16th – Prelim Makeup Day (if necessary)

July 17th- Finals

* The last dual meet will be *after* the deadline for prelim entries. Please note that due to this timing, seed times for the final dual meet will not be used for heat/lane assignments at Prelims. In addition, our by-laws require that swimmers participate in two dual meets in order to be eligible to participate in Prelims. At the point Prelim entries are submitted only four dual meets will have occurred so to assure that qualifications are met, it will be important that teams monitor this requirement during the first four meets to avoid issues with ineligible swimmers at prelims.

- Team Committee Responsibilities

Ideally, teams will keep their same committee assignment from 2009 for consistency and ease of transition with responsibilities. New committee: T-shirts was added for the team handling Ribbons. RMSL will seek bids this year from Out of Breath along with other interested vendors.

Please email Trent if you have concerns about your team's assignment.
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- Additional Discussion regarding Committee Responsibilities – Prelims/Finals

Due to renovation and other parties involved with the Stonegate facility, Stonegate will only be allowed to host Finals every other year. They will be able to host a Prelim meet in the "off-year" when they will not be able to host Finals. Finals next season (2010) will need to be hosted by another team. CCV is considering the request.

Questions about hosting prelims were raised. Layla clarified that all financial responsibility falls on the host team due to revenue from concessions going to host team. Trent reviewed the process of bidding to the league to host a prelim. More information and details will follow.

Length of 13-18 prelim and need for 8 lane pool was briefly discussed. Jeff Ishee will run some scenarios on the computer to see how time is reduced and compare to 8 and under prelim in 6 lane pool.

The Preserve reported that it is a potential 8-lane pool in the future. Heritage Greens is considering removing their pool as a prelim site due to decreasing numbers of volunteers. This discussion was tabled to a future meeting.

- Official Election of Trent Rainey to President

It was motioned, seconded and approved confirming Trent Rainey as the 2009-2010 RMSL President.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knolls Clubhouse