

Greater Richmond Aquatic League

Board of Directors Meeting

July 6, 2026 @ The Federal Club

Next Board Meeting Sunday, September 20th at 7pm (Location: Milestone Clubhouse, 11030 Milestone Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23116)

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 7:00pm

Roll Call:

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

President Report: Roy Sabo (Milestone) president@gralva.com

- June meeting minutes approved
 - Motioned for Approval: TFC
 - Second: PC
- Weather Policy for Meet 6
 - (1) 4 people who make decisions for alteration/delay/cancelation: two team reps (home and away), pool manager, meet director
 - (a) Can also agree to proactively cancel all relays
 - (2) Postponements cannot be made until 12 hours before schedule meet start time
 - (3) Let ralph@gralva.com know if you change/delay start time/date
 - (4) Wednesday is last date meet can be completed

- (a) All individual events must be completed for meet to be considered complete
- (b) Any swimmer with a qualifying Champs time in a meet 6 that WAS NOT completed will have that time accepted for Champs
- (c) League will deal with incomplete meets in a one-on-one manner, so contact president@gralva.com and ralph@gralva.com as soon as it is clear that a meet will not be completed.
- (5) Virtual Meets
 - (a) Each team swims at their own pool
 - (b) Teams need same # of officials at each pool
 - (c) May go down to 2 timers per lane
 - (d) Need to let ralph@gralva.com know before meet
- New Board Members for 2027 Season
 - Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Officials, VP of Champs (we need two co-VPs), VP of Equipment, VP of Technology
 - Ask your team and parents if anyone is interested; you do not have to be a GRAL Board Rep to be considered for these positions

Secretary Report: vacant

Treasurer Report: Cindy Anderson (Raintree) treasurer@gralva.com

- Updates
 - Accounts: \$48,325 as of 6/30/2026
 - Final Registration Dues
 - (1) Will be communicated to teams shortly after the completion of meet 6
 - (2) Check Delivery at Church Run on July 11th from 11am-3pm
 - (a) Link for Divery Schedule provided to champs coordinators.

VP of Officials Report: Tom Connolly (Pebble Creek) officials@gralva.com

- Updates
 - Reminder: if teams decid to go “virtual” for meet 6, each pool needs the same # of officials on the deck
 - Champs Officials will be notified later this week

VP of Training and Certification: Steve Harness (Bell Creek) training@gralva.com

- Updates: None

VP of Equipment Report: Moira Sweazey (Hanover) equipment@gralva.com

- Updates
 - Ribbons
 - Do not share ribbons with other teams
 - DQ Cards
 - Contact league if you need more

- At September meeting we will discuss league-vs-team purchasing decisions

VP of Technology Report: Mark Rakes (Colonies) technology@gralva.com

- Updates: None

VP of Champs Report: Heather Jensen (Church Run) champs@gralva.com

- 2026 Champs Preparation
 - July 6 at Midnight
 - Ads and Heat Sheet Book Orders due
 - Coach Lunch Orders due
 - Tee-Shirt Orders due
 - (link provided to Champs Coordinators)
 - July 9 at Midnight
 - Champs entries due
 - July 10 at Noon
 - Len Everett Sportsmanship Award Form due (each team submits one nomination)
 - July 11, 11am-3pm at Church Run Recreation Center
 - Link for Diver Schedule provided to champs coordinators.
 - Checks will include
 - Final Registration Check (Additional Swimmer Fees)
 - \$ amount be communicated to teams shortly after the completion of meet 6
 - Total costs for Ads, Coaches lunches, heat sheet books, tee-shirts, champs registration fees)
 - Teams not provided full amount will be barred from participation at Champs
 - July 15
 - Champs videos due (link provided to Champs Coordinators)
 - July 16, 6pm-7:30pm at Church Run Recreation Center
 - Tee-shirt and heat sheet pick-up
 - Link for Diver Schedule provided to champs coordinators
 - Digital Heat Sheets
 - Provided to GRAL Reps
 - Print and share with coaches ONLY
 - Bleacher, Volunteer and Warm-Up Assignments
 - Determined after entries completed
 - #s determined by full roster size; not # of champs qualifiers
 - Expect delivery Monday
- 2027 Champs Planning
 - Working with SwimRVA on potential dates

Computer Coordinator Report: Ralph Jones ralph@gralva.com

- Updates: None

Old Business:

- None

New Business

- None

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- None

Upcoming Board Meetings

- September Year-End Meeting
(1) Sunday, September 20, time TBD, Milestone Clubhouse, 11030 Milestone Drive,
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Meeting adjourned

- Motion: TFC
- Second: PC

Respectfully submitted by Roy Sabo, President (acting as Secretary)