

March 16, 2010 Minutes Montgomery County Dive League

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. 2010 Schedule

Hosting pools are needed for both All Stars and Divisionals.

3. Board Updates

- President:

Two-day coaches' clinics will be conducted by Krista Irish on May 15-16 and June 5-6 from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. at Martin Luther King pool. An advanced clinic will be held on June 6, 2010 from 3-6 p.m. for anyone who completed the general clinic this year or last year. Attendance at the clinic is not mandated by the MCDL board but is encouraged; returning coaches should undergo re-training every three years as MCDL rules and rule changes are reviewed at the clinics. Coaches will be informed that the MCDL book will also be available on line. The size of the coaches' clinics is limited to 15 coaches. Enrollment may be restricted to head coaches and assistant coaches, with coaches-in-training (CITs) to be registered as space permits.

- Website update

The diver database will be reactivated each year. For entry of meet results on the website, divers' names will be selected from pick-lists and once scores are entered, they can be maintained from year to year. There will be some website re-design. The board is looking to add capability to print labels for ribbons in the future.

A pilot is planned to evaluate the use of an excel spreadsheet-based meet sheet for automatically calculating scores at the meet to be held between Old Farm and Carderock Springs.

Reps will be asked to identify whether their pools have WiFi later in the season.

- Salary survey

Dive team reps were asked to provide information on coaches' salaries to Theresa Barton by e-mail; an anonymized summary of the results will be provided to the reps.

- Safety – reminder to conduct and submit results of inspection

2008 was the last year that boards were inspected by an outside contractor hired by MCDL. The next such inspection will occur in 2011 (3 year cycles).

For the 2010 season, inspections of boards will be conducted by the pool. Forms are available on the MCDL website. Completed forms should be submitted to the MCDL Board by the second weekend in June (June 9, 2010).

- Treasurer

A handout regarding dues will be provided at May meeting. Dues (\$200 per pool) are due June 1 and insurance (\$10 per diver) will be due the first Friday in June with final payment by the third Friday in July. Reps were reminded that MCDL insurance fees are non-refundable and that coaches who are also competing as divers must be registered and insured. MCDL does not provide liability insurance for coaches.

- Publicity
This position remains open. It primarily involves sending e-mails to the Gazette. Interested parties should contact MCDL Board
- Rules updates
Judging clinics
 - Old Georgetown, Ashton, and Rock Creek
 - Tentative times are 11 a.m. Sunday, June 13, 2009 (Ashton), 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19, and 6 p.m. Thursday, June 24. Website will be updated and e-mails sent to reps when dates/times/locations finalized.

Trial rule: 13-18 year olds may change the dive on dive sheets during the break. This trial rule was unanimously approved.

Dive Rosters:

The Board plans to "retire" the participant dive sheet forms. Instead, reps should print out copies of the roster for each team from the web site prior to the start of the meet (approximately 3 p.m. on day of meet). Scores should be recorded directly on the roster; only divers on the roster may dive/compete. Divers who are "diving up" should be circled on the sheet.

At the completion of the meet, the meet secretary and rep sign the roster on which the scores have been captured. One copy of the roster with scores is given to the away team rep and another copy is sent to the MCDL Results.

This trial rule for dive sheet rosters in place of participant forms was unanimously approved (Note: The dual meet results sheet should still be filled out, no change from previous years.)

Divisional meets

Proposal to add a second referee for these meets was discussed. Concerns were raised regarding whether there were sufficient numbers of referees for all age groups if this proposal were adopted. There was general agreement that the proposal was acceptable as a recommendation when sufficient numbers of referees were available but would not be a requirement. It was noted that some officials may serve as both judge and referee for these meets, which might increase the feasibility of two refs per event.

This trial rule was unanimously approved.

All Stars

Discussion of proposal to have meet sheets for All Stars turned in at least 30 minutes prior to the start of an event rather than collected during the Divisional meets. It was noted that names of divers to be competing at All Stars should still be collected at the Divisional meets.

This trial rule was unanimously approved.

- MCDL book cover
Reps were asked to solicit proposals for this year's book cover design. Proposals to be submitted to Board@MCDiving.org. The cover would be in color on the website but would be printed in black and white for books.