

May 18, 2010 Minutes
Montgomery County Dive League

1. Welcome to 2010 Season

Copies of the agenda & “Dummy” dive roster with scores on roster sheet provided to attendees for reference

Officials Clinics dates/times and sites

- June 13 (Sun) at 11 a.m. – Ashton Pool
- June 15 (Tues) at 6 p.m.- Rock Creek
- June 19 (Sat) at 4 p.m. – Old Georgetown
- June 22 (Tues) at 6 p.m.- Glenwood

Coaches Clinics

- June 5/6 – basic coaching clinic - 9 a.m to 2 p.m. at Martin Luther King pool.
- June 6 - advanced coaching clinic - 3-6 p.m. at MLK for coaches who completed basic clinic this year or last year
- Information on MCDL website

2. Open Board positions

Publicity – Sharon Ruckdeschel (CA) volunteered; unanimously adopted

3. Divisionals and All Star Hosts and other Assignments

Div I – FV (tentative)

Div II- MW (tentative)

Div III- either RC or MO (other pools cannot host)

Div IV – WL

Once host pools are identified, T. Barton will send out list of other assignments to sign-up for other assignments (e.g., Volunteer Coordinator, Table Coordinator, Wild Card Meeting Coordinator, All Star Table). Divisional assignments made on first-come/first-serve basis.

Confirmed All Stars Hosts

- 12 & under at OF on Wed, July 28
- 13-18 at CA on Thurs, July 29

4. Dues (Thiede)

Reminder that dues (\$200.00 per pool) should be to A. Thiede by June 1, 2010; if received after that date, a \$25.00 late fee will be charged.

Clarifications made regarding registration fees for divers – all divers must be covered by MCDL insurance, including coaches who compete as MCDL divers and those

divers who join for a trial period. The \$10.00 insurance fee is non-refundable. Insurance (\$10 per diver) will be due the first Friday in June with final payment by the third Friday in July.

5. Safety (P. Barton)

- For 2010 season, boards will be self-inspected by pools (information on page 4 of the 2010 MCDL handbook)
- Self-certification of inspection forms (found on MCDL website) are to be completed and sent to P. Barton by June 12, 2010.
- Outside contractor will conduct inspections for the 2011 season

6. Officials clinics

- Information on Officials' clinics on MCDL website
- All officials must have attended a clinic within the past 3 years; listing of those who have completed the clinic in 2008, 2009, or 2010 can be found on MCDL website. If someone has attended a clinic in this timeframe but name is not included in the list of attendees, that person should send an e-mail to the MCDL Board
- New parents should be encouraged to attend Officials Clinics.

7. Carol Sprague

D. Collins informed the reps of the MCDL Board's plans to honor Carole Sprague, a long-standing MCDL member who made extensive contributions to MCDL (Ways and Means; arranging for Divisional & All Stars trophies and t-shirts; purchasing all ribbons for the league). The Board will speak to Carole's family regarding an appropriate tribute. At present, the MCDL Divisionals t-shirts will be made available for sale to all MCDL Divers to raise funds for charitable donation (to be selected).

8. Coaching/safety issues

The issue of "double-bouncing" was raised at the first coaches clinic. This practice is unsafe and MCDL discourages this practice; will include this information with other "tips" for coaches identified from discussions at the coaches clinics.

Impromptu discussion raised by one of the reps regarding responsibility for dealing with injuries occurring during practice or meets. From the discussion, it appears that most MCDL reps and their coaches are subject to the rules established by the pool management for handling and reporting of injuries for insurance purposes. The pool manager may be required to complete an incident sheet; in most pools, it is the life guards and pool manager who maintain responsibility for dealing with this. Coaches (as employees of the pool) were urged to clarify this with their pool management.

9. MCDL web site changes/improvements

- T. Barton discuss how to locate pool page and input information for team roster. Access to certain functions are restricted. Contact support@MCDiving.org to arrange for correction of errors. Page 3 of the MCDL handbook also has contact information for the Board members
- Discussion of use of the roster sheet for capturing final scores for individual divers and as official record of participants. Specific instructions were to circle names of anyone “diving up” and crossing out names of anyone on the team that did not participate. The completed roster with scores for each diver is to be submitted to Records at the conclusion of the meet. The form can be scanned and e-mailed or can be sent by regular mail

10. New, re-usable dive team boxes distributed for each pool

- Boxes contain 15 copies of the MCDL handbook (handbook will also be available on the MCDL website and will be updated upon request)
- 100 dual meet sheets
- 20 divisional meet sheets
- Pre-addressed envelopes for submission of dual meet results (team rosters with individual diver results and dual meet result sheet)
- Information regarding coaches and officials clinics
- Ribbons

11. Miscellaneous items

- Information/forms for obtaining SSL hours for working MCDL events available on MCDL website
- Only those who are “official” coaches, i.e., hired by the pool, are able to serve as MCDL coaches. Coaches-in-training cannot serve as the coach of record for practices or meets.