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Dear Richmond Rapids Members:

My name is Craig McCord and I am the Meet Manager for the upcoming Team Aquatic Supplies BC Open Long Course Provincial Championships that the Rapids will be hosting at Watermania this July 3rd – 6th. I am contacting you at this time to request your help in putting on a very successful meet.

Since the Rapids Swim Club was formed in the fall of 1999, the club has hosted many successful meets including a number of Provincial Championships over the past eight years. Putting on a meet requires a fair bit of manpower and we will need the help of all the members of the club. There are many jobs that need to be done and we will be posting sign-up sheets at both Watermania and Minoru to get people involved. By signing up, you will ensure that we have the manpower to run a successful meet and it will also allow you to accomplish a few other things:

- Earn your remaining PPP points to meet your benchmark for this year
- Earn up to 1/3 of your PPP points for next year
- Receive a special commemorative T-shirt if you work 2 sessions at the meet
- Swimmers who are not competing, but work at the meet will be eligible to have CAPP hours signed off on for next year
- Watch the future Olympians and Paralympians as they begin their preparation for London 2012; it's only four years away.

These are great incentives and we hope that all members will take advantage of the opportunities. If you are unable to attend the meet due previously booked holiday commitments, then I would encourage you to contribute in another way. Event Sponsorship will assist the club in putting on a great meet. There are 115 events in the meet and the cost of sponsoring an event is 25 dollars. Each event sponsor will be named in the event header in the meet program.

Our time is short as we head into June and we have a lot of work to do. I find it very inspiring to watch the Coaching Staff; the Board of Directors and all the other volunteers work as hard as they do to make the Rapids one of the best clubs in the province and the country and all because they care about the swimmers. If you are interested in helping in anyway, please get in touch with the office at rapids@shaw.ca or sign up on the sign-up sheets at your pool. I thank you in advance for all your help and look forward to seeing you on deck for the 2008 BC Long Course Provincial Championships. If you have questions for me, please email me at cmcswim@shaw.ca

Yours in Swimming,

Craig McCord