

2009 Annual Meeting –New England Swimming
Wellesley Community Center
May 2, 2009

Meeting began at 9:02 AM, with Chairwoman Laura Matuszak (GMA) thanking all for attending. Ray Grant (SSA) asked for a moment of silence for Kate Zenda Santarelli who passed away earlier this year.

Secretary's Report, Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC): Minutes from last year's meeting accepted. Motion made to accept minutes by Al Rozzi (LRW) second by Joe Frazier (BGSC). Motion passes.

Remarks from the Chair, Laura Matuszak (GMA):

-Laura thanked the Board and remark they are a dedicated, hard-working great group to work with. We had many successes this year: an Olympic athlete on the team. Elizabeth Beisel (ABF) did an awesome job at the Top Ten Banquet and Clinic. Thanks to Chuck Bachelor (ABF), the Attleboro Bluefish and Elizabeth.

Strategic Planning: Looking ahead to 2012 – we recently had our first meeting ever. *Mission Statement:* To promote and support personal excellence through competitive swimming.

Vision: To be the top performing LSC in the Eastern Zone to be determined by IMX, Virtual Championships, club recognition levels, number of swimmers making National, Zone and Olympic Meets. Presently, within the Eastern Zone New England does all right. Our top team is 25th in the Virtual Championships in the Zone. Our values as a board are: professionalism and leadership, pursuit of excellence (this may look different for different athletes and teams), accountability and responsibility, USA Swimming Rules, Regulations and Procedures, strong communication skills and a positive environment. Immediate action plans will be posted online.

Great Long Course Season. There was great support at 12 and unders in the new venue. 13-19 Champs at MIT and Sectionals at Harvard were exciting. Laura thanked everyone for all of their hard work.

Reports of Committees and Coordinators:

Calendar Committee, Ray Grant (SSA): The Long Course calendar is set. It is still hard to find venues on dates desired by Age Group and Senior Their goal is to get coordinate the New England Swimming calendar with the USA Swimming calendar – try to get a 4 year plan. Securing venues ahead of time would help.

Technical Committee, Ray Grant (SSA): No report.

Age Group Committee, Matt Craven (SAC): No report.

Senior Committee, Tim Murphy (BOSS): No report.

Coaches' Report, Jamie Bloom (WYST): Form for Junior Athlete Representative will be posted online. The current Junior Representative will become the Senior Representative. Coaches' meeting at 10:30.

Safety Committee, Priscilla Davis (UN-NE): There are forms that coaches must fill out regarding the new regulations for teaching diving. Swimmers are still hitting the bottom of the pool at 6 feet. Forms are on the website. Please complete one for each swimmer and test the 11 and unders.

Disability Report, Priscilla Davis (UN-NE): Booklets are online. The rules have changed. The new rules take the responsibility away from the referee for accommodations. The coach and the swimmer must approach the referee and request the accommodations they would like, but they are not guaranteed.

Officials' Committee, Bob Menck (UN-NE): Thanked everyone for their help at the championship meets. There were 54 officials at Sectionals. Many advance to N@ ad N#. Our goal is to provide the best officials.

Zone Committee, Sherry Wingfield (NAS): There will be a Zone meet, but the location is still to be determined. The meeting is next weekend and any information will be posted. Meet may be run in a different format, but will be held at the posted dates.

Registration, Mary Riddell (NE-Office): New fees have been established, but they remain unchanged. USA Swimming fee will increase by \$1 and New England Swimming will decrease by \$1. Mary reported she is trying to get rid of paper and post things on the website instead. All team rosters will be sent by E-mail. Transfer forms are to be sent by E-mail. Forms will be posted online. You can still use the old 3-part form until they are used up. Coaches will get an E-mail back stating when the transfer goes into effect and the date the swimmer is fully attached. Sanctions

will be confirmed by E-mail only. Ray Grant (SSA) asked if there is any reason the newsletter can't be online. Mary Riddell (NE-Office) was discussed at Strategic Planning and will talk to Rick Osterberg (Webmaster). Mary also reported that registrations will be close to 7000 by the end of the summer. She will not be in the office on Tuesdays.

Outreach Chair, Nadine Jesionek: No report.

Laura Matuszak (GMA) acknowledged the Board and thanked them for trying to provide the best opportunities for New England athletes. She especially thanked Mary Riddell (NE-Office) who works well beyond her office hours.

Presentation and approval of annual budget, Joe Frazier (BGSC): The financial statements as of August 31, 2008 were reviewed by our external accountants and the associated tax returns for the year then ended filed. Our financial performance was inline with expectations and the same is true for this year. For the 2009-2010 year, our budgeted excess of revenues over expenses will decline approximately \$10,000 due to the additional \$1.00 in registration fees that must be forwarded to USA Swimming. The Board Designated amount of \$30,000 is a reserve set aside to help ensure the long-term viability of New England Swimming. Motion made by Ray Grant (SSA) to approve the budget, seconded by Al Rozzi (LRW). Motion passes. Laura Matuszak (GMA) clarified items that were discussed at Strategic Planning. First, a reserve is recommended for any non-profit to protect them if there is no income to the non-profit for one year. Second, the Board is hoping to form a New England Swimming Foundation to raise money for New England Swimming as an independent organization to seek out donations and corporate sponsorships.

Unfinished Business: no unfinished business

Elections, Mariella Allard (UN-NE) Chairperson of Nominating:

Age Group Chair, Matt Craven (SAC), unopposed.

Treasurer, Carol Healy (SAC), unopposed, secretary casts one vote.

Technical Chair, Mariella Allard (UN-NE), unopposed.

Board of Review, Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Ray J. Grant (SSA), John Ogden (YNS), Jessica Harrison (SAC) – alternate, unopposed.

Nominating Committee: Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Pam Warner (UN-NE).

Dan Warner (NSSC) is nominated from the floor by Joe Bernal (BGSC). Vote will be by ballot. Pam Warner (UN-NE) and Mariella Allard (UN-NE) are elected to the Nominating Committee.

Secretary casts one vote for the slate.

New Business: Matt Forrest (SOLO) remarked that the entries for the Open are due before the end of Super-Sectionals. Laura Matuszak (GMA) said she will ask for an extension.

Coaches' Meeting will be held in the large room upstairs. Officials will share this room with Meet Managers' Meeting. Meetings will begin no earlier than 10:30AM.

Motion made to adjourn by Al Rozzi (LRW), seconded by Chuck Bachelor (ABF), motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 9:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Tynan, Secretary
New England Swimming