

**New England Swimming
Wellesley Community Center
Wellesley, Massachusetts
March 30, 2010**

Members Present: Laura Matuszak (GMA), Kathy Dacey (UN-NE), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Joe Frazier (BGSC), Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC), Matt Craven (SAC), Bob Menck (UN-NE), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Sherry Wingfield (NAS), Carol Healey (NE-Office) **Guests:** Mary Riddell (UN-NE), Rick Osterberg (UN), Nadine Jesionek (UN), Lisa Sholudko (LRAC), Dan Warner (NSSC)

Priscilla Davis (UN-NE) presented past Chair, Ray Grant (SSA), with a lovely clock in appreciation of his service as Chair. Laura Matuszak (GMA) thanked Ray for his guidance and support.

Quorum established at 7:01 p.m.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Bob Menck (UN-NE) to approve minutes with minor changes and reimbursement requests. Seconded by Joe Frazier (BGSC). Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report, Carol Healey (NE-Office)

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Mariella Allard (UN-NE), seconded by Sherry Wingfield (NAS). Motion passes.

Budget for 2010/11, Joe Frazier (BGSC) Mary Riddell (NE-Office): Joe reported that the results of NE Swimming's operations for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009 were within \$300.00 of the projections prepared in the prior year budget preparation process. Joe anticipates that the results of operations for the year fiscal ended August 31, 2010 will favorably exceed the current year budget by approximately \$11,000. Joe then presented the budget for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2011 to the Board. Bob Menck (UN-NE) reported he is looking to augment budget for championships for officials. Mariella Allard (UN-NE) noted this year we need to order awards. Mariella Allard (UN-NE) motioned to approve the budget. Seconded by Kathy Dacey (UN-NE). Discussion: Discussion additional awards for the newly added LCM Regional Meets (i.e. changing to all ribbons, awards by request only for 13 and overs, online awards). Awards will be reverted to Technical Committee and Age Group Chair.

Technical Committee, Mariella Allard (UN-NE):

NES Stipends: All Age Group Meet stipends will be \$3000 and Senior and Open will be \$5000. Carol Healey (NE-Office) moves to approve stipend as recommended by Technical. Seconded by Jamie Bloom (WYST). Discussion: Rationale for stipends. Stipends were designed to be a thank you to teams for hosting championships. Facility costs vs. meet fee income. Different pools involve different costs and income opportunities (concessions). Matt Craven (SAC) reported that we should look at what other LSC are offering their host teams. We have two goals: 1. Excellent facility for meet 2. Quality meet. Motion passes.

Bay State Games: Motion made by Carol Healey (NE-Office) and seconded by Sherry Wingfield (NAS) to approve Bay State Games approval fees of \$20/day and \$1.50 per swim fee. Discussion: Approved meet request must be submitted to New England Swimming by Bay State Games, protection of weekend due to "Regionals", approval would be contingent on Bay State Games following procedures for approved meets, including using a USA Referee at the meet, will tryouts be approved meets too? Joe Frazier made motion that if Bay State Games Finals meet is approved, there will be a \$20/day approval fee and \$1.50

splash fee. Seconded by Bob Menck (UN-NE). Amendment for only swimmers wanting their times to be in SWIMS to fill out form with their USA ID information and \$1.50 per swim made by Priscilla Davis (UN-NE) and seconded by Bob Menck (UN-NE). Motion passes.

Additional funding for MIT, Dan Warner (NSSC): At night, NSSC used the extra pool for relays so that meet could end sooner, requested addition \$1000. Motion made by Sherry Wingfield (NAS) to approve and seconded by Bob Menck (UN-NE). Motion passes.

Calendar Committee, Laura Matuszak (GMA): Laura reported that Ray Grant (SSA) has concerns around Long Course Regionals. Working on a plan with Tim Murphy (BOSS). If it goes to 5 sites from 4, need to let teams know.

Annual Meeting: Saturday, May 1st and Strategic Planning, Saturday May 1st and Sunday, May 2nd, Laura Matuszak (GMA):

Annual Meeting: Carol Healey (NE-Office) reported timeline must be posted by April 1st. Jamie Bloom (WYST) reported the Slate of Nominations:

General Chair: Laura Matuszak (GMA)

Vice Chair: Ray Grant (SSA)

Senior Chair: Tim Murphy (BOSS)

Financial Vice Chair: Arthur Athanas (has experience in budgets and accounting, children swim for YNS)

Treasurer: Joe Frazier (BGSC) (1 year term as finishing Carol Healey's term)

Secretary: Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC)

Board of Review: Robert Burns, Kathy Dacey (UN-NE), Bob Gauvin (Alternate, SSA), Jeff Johnson (Alternate, PSC)

Nominating Committee: Chris Sheppard (CRA), Al Rozzi (LRW), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Ray Grant (SSA)

Strategic Planning: will start Saturday after Annual Meeting and Sunday it will be at Harvard Pilgrim from 8-3.

Motion made by Priscilla Davis (UN-NE) and seconded by Bob Menck (UN-NE) to approve Slate of Officers pending USA Registration. Motion passes.

LEAP, Laura Matuszak (GMA):. First part is done.

Board Member Job Descriptions, Carol Healey (NE-Office): If you have not turned them in, please do so.

Swimposium, Jamie Bloom (WYST): The swimposium will be held October 16, 2010 before the Top Ten Banquet on October 17th. The swimposium will be held at Greater Lawrence Technical high School. There will be presentations for officials, coaches, parents and swimmers, and there will be club development.

Swim Across America, Laura Matuszak (GMA): The event is not sanctioned by USA Swimming but people have asked that we promote it. Rick Osterberg (UN) suggested that such items be put on the website somewhere.

Zones, Sherry Wingfield (NAS): Buses and hotels are set. Breakfast and lunch will be at the hotel. 10 & unders will have lunch with the team.

Athlete's Report: No athlete rep present. Kathy Dacey (UN-NE) will get sweatshirt and gift card for Jessica Harrison (SAC).

Regionals, Matt Craven (SAC): Hope to have 5 sites with no top end cut. BB converted times for minimum and maximum age of 19. Discussion involving team assignments, medals, top end cuts. E-mail Matt Craven (SAC) with thoughts on the subject.

Officials' Report/Open, Water Report, Bob Menck (UN-NE): Bob reported that 12 & unders was a success. Alice Jinn (GMAS) learned Clerk of Course. 13-19 went smoothly. Had an opportunity to submit an application for an Open Water Workshop. Bob Menck (UN-NE) was selected to go to Irvine in June to attend. There is an Officials' Workshop for Referees in Minneapolis. Patty Murphy and Alice Jinn will attend.

Coaches' Report, Jamie Bloom (WYST): Feedback from 12 & unders was that the officials did a great job under the unfortunate circumstances. Blog is continuing on with not much action. Laura Matuszak (GMA) asked if any coach is interested in the rep role.

SWIMS Workshop, Carol Healey (SAC): It was a great experience and I learned many new ways to keep our LSC organized with registrations, reports and reporting of times.

Office Report, Laura Matuszak (GMA): Nadine Jesionek (UN) would like to see a Diversity Chair to the Board and a diversity inclusion committee. By-law change will be needed.

Other:

Jamie Bloom (WYST): WYST is hosting a fundraiser triathlon in June.

Kathy Dacey (UN-NE): There is a molestation case in San Jose. We should consider adding CORI checks as background checks to our protocol in addition to the USA Swimming background check. Will be discussed at Annual Meeting.

Matt Craven (SAC): 14 & under cut times will be out soon.

Bob Menck (UN-NE): clarified that meet must have separate distance session for stipend.

Next meeting – Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 9AM at the Wellesley Community Center.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Bloom (WYST) second by Bob Menck (UN-NE). Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Tynan , Secretary
New England Swimming