

**New England Swimming  
Wellesley Community Center  
Wellesley, Massachusetts  
June 8, 2009**

**Members Present:** Laura Matuszak (GMA), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC), Bob Menck (UN-NE), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Ray Grant (SSA), Jessica Harrison (SAC), Carol Healey (SAC), Joe Frazier (BGSC), Matt Craven (SAC), Clare Foster (SAC) **Guests:** Sherry Wingfield (NAS), Mary Riddell (NE-Office), Rick Osterberg (Webmaster), Lisa Sholudko (LRAC)

**Treasurer's Report, Carol Healey (SAC):** Accounts are as follows as of June 8, 2009:

Combined Checking Accounts: \$77,910.22

Certificate of Deposit: \$53,222.79

Money Market Account: \$128,812.44

Business Savings Account: \$60,094.32

Carol reported we are trying to shift money to get the best interest rates.

**Quorum Established 7:09PM**

**Secretary's Report, Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC):** Motion made by Mariella Allard (UN-NE) to accept the minutes of March 23, 2009 with minor typographical edits. Seconded by Matt Craven (SAC). Motion passes.

**Reimbursement Requests, Mary Riddell (NE-Office):** The past two years reimbursements have been late. Will E-mail asking for changes to the reimbursement requests. If no response, no adjustments; otherwise we will have a list of proposed changes.

**Election of Junior Athlete Rep, Jessica Harrison (SAC):** Four essays were submitted. First vote, #1 and #4 tied. Second vote essay #1 chosen. Andy Disco (HHS) is the new Junior Athlete Representative. Jessica Harrison (SAC) will notify Andy and the other candidates.

**Appointments to the Board, Laura Matuszak (GMA):** Debi Kesper (WTSC) is the newest Board Member. Pam Warner (UN-NE) is stepping down as a Board Member.

*At-large:* Bob Menck (UN-NE), Kathy Dacey (UN-NE), Amy Parratto (SSA), Sherry Wingfield (NAS)

*Age Group Committee:* Matt Craven (SAC) - Chair, Amy Parratto (SSA), Ron Zuwallack (CCSC), Laura Matuszak (GMA), Keri Cunningham (RAMS), Sherry Wingfield (NAS), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Mike Spring (MAG)

*Senior Committee:* Tim Murphy (BOSS) - Chair, Chuck Batchelor (ABF), Don Lemieux (GMSC), Mike Spring (MAG), Mike Parratto (SSA), Joe Bernal (BGSC)

*Technical:* Mariella Allard (UN-NE) - Chair, Mary Riddell (UN-NE) - Secretary, Matt Craven (SAC) - Age Group Chair, Tim Murphy (BOSS) - Senior Chair, Jamie Bloom (WYST) - Senior Coach Rep, Jessica Harrison (SAC) - Senior Athlete Rep, Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Ray Grant (SSA), Sherry Wingfield (NAS)

*Calendar:* Ray Grant (SSA) - Chair, Mary Riddell (NE-Office) - Secretary, Matt Craven (SAC) - Age Group Chair, Tim Murphy (BOSS) - Senior Chair, Jamie Bloom (WYST) - Senior Coach Rep, Mariella Allard (UN-NE) - Technical Chair.

*Safety:* Priscilla Davis (UN-NE)

*Nominating:* Jamie Bloom (WYST) - Chair

**Report of Strategic Planning Meeting, Laura Matuszak (GMA):** The mission and visions should become part of the by-laws.

**Conflict of Interest Policy, Laura Matuszak (GMA):** The wording is the same as that of USA Swimming. Potomac Valley Swimming uses the same policy. We just need to correct the typographical errors. Ray Grant (SSA) made a motion to accept the policy. Seconded by Bob Menck (UN-NE).

**Convention Reimbursement Procedure, Mary Riddell (NE-Office):** Mary questioned the \$28/day food reimbursement with no receipts. New England Swimming provides \$25 per day or should we change it? Bob Menck (UN-NE) moved to change the daily food allowance to \$28 per day. Seconded by Priscilla Davis (UN-NE). Ray Grant (SSA) asked if we should require receipts for everything. Sherry Wingfield (NAS) asked if we should take the amount out. Ray Grant (SSA) makes a motion that must have receipts for over \$25/day max \$28. Seconded by Bob Menck (UN-NE). Motion passes. Ray Grant (SSA) asked if we have approved it, does it become policy? Laura Matuszak (GMA) said that it has not been approved by the delegates yet.

### **Annual Meeting Reports:**

*Coaches' Meeting, Jamie Bloom (WYST)* – Many coaches were concerned because a Senior Coaches' meeting was occurring at the same time. Matt Craven (SAC) came in at the end of the Senior Coaches' meeting to address Age Group concerns. They also discussed the new suit rule and the safety start rules. Mary Riddell (NE-Office) asked if trash was discussed. Jamie reported that yes it was a big concern of the coaches. They also discussed ethics. Laura Matuszak (GMA) reported that some coaches approached her during the meeting and that they were upset because the Senior coaches were not there.

*Officials' Meeting, Bob Menck (UN-NE):* Thirty officials were present. They discussed suits. They broke into small groups to discuss items. One negative observation was that many Board members did not give a presentation or did not even bother to attend the Annual Meeting.

*Meet Managers' Meeting:* If it is on the website, we will not be providing printed materials. Talked about admission fees. Mary Gentry (NCAC) suggested that to make it fair for teams who want to be part of your 75%, run the meet with your swimmers first so you see how much room you have to give away. Pin down the numbers on swims/splashes. Always underestimate. Bob Menck (UN-NE) fees are the same for approved or sanctioned meets. Non-calendar meets we don't control the fees. We must have limitations on entries and time. Penalties need to be imposed. Carol Healy (SAC) asked on what criteria we are basing this? Laura Matuszak (GMA) noted we are not checking timelines of meets. Bob Menck (UN-NE) said he is constantly having issues with meets running over. Mary Riddell (NE-Office) said there is a fine of \$1.50/splash over the time limit. Laura Matuszak (GMA) asked what is best for the kids. Oversubscribing of meets will absolutely be an issue, particularly during long course. Matt Craven (SAC) noted Connecticut Swimming is OK with 5 hours. Lisa Sholudko (LRAC) said parents don't know they can complain. Laura Matuszak (GMA) said that technical will take it up as the national rule is 4 hours per session. Rick Osterberg (Webmaster) came to the meeting and asked all to check registrations before and after the meets. They discussed trash and teams entering two meets on the same weekend and backing out of one. Host teams should stick to 4 day rule. If money not in by the 4<sup>th</sup> day, then the team is out. Mariella Allard (UN-NE) discussed that there is stealing on deck.

*Other:* Matt Craven (SAC) said that he was saddened that there were more officials than coaches at the Annual Meeting. We have a policy that coaches are supposed to come to the meeting or they are fined. Need to impose a penalty. He talked to Peter Clark. Peter may be able to come to the next Annual Meeting. Matt will follow-up. Laura Matuszak (GMA) wants all committees to look ahead and they should have a brief statement to get information to the general body.

### **Calendar, Ray Grant (SSA):**

*Long Course:* Long Course is set. 14 & unders at Dover will be all day Thursday-Sunday with no 10 and unders on Thursday.

*Short Course:* Senior Meet will be in December. It may be open to other LSCs. 12 and unders will be February 25-28<sup>th</sup>. 13-19 will be the second week of March. Regionals will be February 13<sup>th</sup> weekend. Ray Grant (SSA) noted that it does not say that these meets need to be put out to bid. If we have a plan, can't we lock it in to be on a quadrennial plan. We can lock in BU for Seniors for next 3 years, Upper Valley Aquatic Center for 12 and unders

for next three years and we can lock in MIT. Mariella Allard (UN-NE) moved to accept Ray Grant's (SSA) suggestions. Seconded by Bob Menck (UN-NE). NSSC has MIT locked up for next three years. Carol Healy (SAC) asked if that leaves BOSS out of running a Championship meet? Ray Grant (SSA) reported that Tim Murphy (BOSS) wants to run a Senior long course meet in January. He also wants to host long course championships for the next three years. Laura Matuszak (GMA) asked if it is safe to say that a team who bids for a quad will get priority? Rick Osterberg (Webmaster) suggested that we publish the quad plan for a long time period and a month before meet bids are due, lock in the championship meets. Be open and transparent. Laura Matuszak (GMA) supports the idea of a quad plan. Important to keep everything open until champs in July. What is good for families? Bob Menck (UN-NE) noted that the further out we plan, the happier families will be.

### **Reports from:**

*Zone Meeting, Sherry Wingfield (NAS):* The Age Groups Zone Meet will be at Penn State August 12-15<sup>th</sup>. Dates for other big meets planned, New 2010 Senior Meet will be the same weekend as Juniors. It will be harder than Zones, but easier than Juniors. They also discussed changes to protocol for 8 and 10 lanes meets. The 2010 meeting was attempted to change to a conference call and other recommended having a meeting in our own zone, but it will be in Ft. Lauderdale.

*Registration Meeting, Mary Riddell (NE-Office):* Find a pool link will be on website.

*Officials, Bob Menck (UN-NE):* It was held in Minneapolis. The hot topic was two suits. We need to communicate that we don't want people swimming with two suits. Doesn't want officials to have to stare at swimmers to try to see if wearing two suits. Matt Craven (SAC) asked if anyone is checking if swimmers are using duct tape for compression. Officials Tracking – now have ability to print own card.

*Disability Meeting, Sherry Wingfield (NAS):* We don't put out enough information on disability swimming. USA Swimming wants integration on regular teams. Talk to referee and make adaptations. Sherry suggested we bring disabled swimmers to Zones. Priscilla Davis (UN-NE) stated we need recall ropes for deaf swimmers.

**Long Course Zone Team, Sherry Wingfield (NAS):** Sherry has two busses planned and a hotel at \$95/night. Breakfast and dinner at hotel and lunch will probably be out. Qualifying period is August 6, 2008 through August 3, 2009. Have not posted swimmer application yet.

**Convention –Delegates, Laura Matuszak (GMA):** Will be held September 15-20, 2009 in Chicago. Delegates are Laura Matuszak (GMA), Ray Grant (SSA), Matt Craven (SAC), Tim Murphy (BOSS), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Jessica Harrison (SAC), Andy Disco (HHS), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE). All delegates must make their own arrangements. Be sure to be there for voting meeting that is typically on Saturday. Let Laura know whose going and whose not.

**Technical Committee, Mariella Allard (UN-NE):** Tim Murphy (BOSS) is requesting admission to be increased from \$1 as price of Harvard is going up. Mariella Allard (UN-NE) suggested that if we up it, the higher price should only apply for adults. Carol Healy (SAC) made a motion to increase the admission fee by \$1 for this Open meet this Long Course Season. Seconded by Priscilla Davis (UN-NE). Matt Craven (SAC) noted he does not feel we should regulate admission fees. Carol Healy (SAC) asked if Tim could apply for a stipend. Laura Matuszak (GMA) reported that fees at Harvard have gone up since Tim bid on the meet. He is in a tough position. Carol Healy (SAC) said it is tough because entries for championships are limited by the qualifying times. Ray Grant (SSA) noted that we can over-regulate champs as people are captive to this meet. Everyone wants a great meet and great facilities, but they don't want to pay for it. There have been requests for increases in stipends in the past. Matt Craven (SAC) noted that the MIAA charges \$10 for adult admission and \$7 for students. This needs to be addressed before next season.

**Athlete's Report, Clare Foster (SAC):** Clare reported that she had a good two years. Laura Matuszak (GMA) thanked Clare. Clare will put together frequently asked questions for website. She will also help Jessica Harrison (SAC) get towels for the Open.

**Coaches' Report, Jamie Bloom (WYST):** Jamie has been spoken to many times regarding the new Age Group cut times. Laura Matuszak (GMA) reported that we need to educate people about why such dramatic cuts were made. So many kids lost a lot of cuts. We know the reasons, let's help others understand. Mariella Allard (UN-NE) said this new format gives more recognition to the 13-14 Age Group. Matt Craven (SAC) said he would like a Regional format for summer too. Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC) asked what will happen if qualifiers fill up due to the harder cut times and lack of qualifying times for the Qualifier meet. Laura Matuszak (GMA) said that the Qualifier Meet is never full and they do not expect a problem this year.

**Official's Report, Bob Menck (UN-NE):** Open Meet: Scott Doty, Administrative Referee: Don Weaver, 14 & under meet: Bob Menck, Administrative Ref: Dave Saunders, 10 & under referee: Lisa Sholudko. May swim 2 swimmers per lane for event 400 yards or more.

**Other:**

Sherry Wingfield (NAS): Date for USA Camp and Coaches' Clinic. Dan Colella from Duke will come to Elms College. There will be lunch in the dining hall. There will be swim, classroom and parent sessions. It will be held September 13, 2009. Bob Menck (UN-NE) asked if officials could be observed doing starts, etc. Sherry was not sure. Will post in 1-2 weeks.

Matt Craven (SAC): Zone Select Camp. Four NE athletes attended. Had fun and worked hard. Laura Matuszak (GMA) congratulated Matt for doing a great coaching job at the camp.

Nadine Jesionek: National Black Heritage Meet was awesome. 28 athletes attended from New England. Three were US Swimmers.

Laura Matuszak (GMA): There will be a few transitions in the New England Swimming organization. Rick Osterberg (webmaster) is stepping down as Webmaster August 31, 2009. We will need a new Webmaster. We do have personnel committees: Laura Matuszak (GMA), Ray Grant (SSA) and Joe Frazier (BGSC). A lot goes on beyond website. We need to consider a private individual, company, and free sites. Think about how we transition our office. Mary Riddell (NE-Office) is willing to continue for us for up to 4 years. Put together job description. Mary leaving will change our organization financially, organizationally and structurally. Would like Mary to stay on to transition.

Next meeting:

Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 7PM at the Wellesley Community Center.

Motion to adjourn made by Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), seconded by Bob Menck (UN-NE) Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Tynan , Secretary  
New England Swimming