

**New England Swimming  
Wellesley Community Center  
February 2, 2010**

**Present:** Members - Laura Matuszak (GMA), Joe Frazier (BGSC), Bob Menck (UN-NE), Tim Murphy (HARV), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Matt Craven (SAC), Andy Disco (HHS), Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Carol Healey (NES Office), Kathy Dacey (UN-NE).

**Guests:** Lisa Sholudko (AAC), Mary Riddell (UN-NE), Jeff Worthy (U-NE), Nadine Jesionck (UN-NE).

7:05 p.m. Discussion prior to quorum being met: Calendar Committee has one bid for LC Regionals.

7:08 p.m.: Quorum met.

**Calendar Committee:** Regionals will be 2.5 days with 5 sites (Warwick, MIT, Dover, N.H., Springfield and YNS). This meet conflicts with the Bay State Games.

Discussion regarding the advantages of following this regional meet format.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes accepted with small changes. Motion made to accept minutes by Bob Menck (UN-NE), second by Carol Healey (NES Office), motion passes.

The Treasurer is looking for financial reports for all meets; surcharges are not always being calculated and paid correctly - this is being very carefully monitored and each meet is being thoroughly checked and reviewed and correct surcharges are being sought from every NE meet.

**Technical Committee:** Stipends for meets will remain the same, and entry fees will be increased. Discussion regarding the need to continue stipends at their current levels with splash fees being increased. Bob Menck (UN-NE) made a motion for this issue to go back to the Technical Committee so that there can be a closer evaluation and discussion about how to better allocate stipend resources; second by Matt Craven (SAC). Carol Healey (NES Office) opposed. Motion passes.

The technical committee suggested surcharges be applied to "approved meets" and "observed meets" as currently there are no charges for these types of meets.

The committee recommends charging the following for approved meets:

Sanction/approval fee: \$80 per day (4 times the current \$20 per day sanction)

Surcharges: \$1.50 (2 times the sanctioned meet surcharges) per splash.

Observed meets: \$20 per day sanction fee and \$5.00 per swimmer surcharge.

Much discussion followed about how approved meets have an advantage on not being on our calendar and not having to pay surcharges, yet get their times into SWIMS. Observed meet swimmers utilize the services of our USA officials and times chairman without paying a fee. All agreed that the swimmers who want their times observed would be

willing to pay the fee. The logistics of collecting the forms and funds would be figured out at the necessary time. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Mariella Allard and was seconded by Matt Craven. Bob Menck suggested, after doing much research of other LSC's, that we should charge \$5.00 per observed swim instead of per swimmer. He moved to change the amount recommended to \$5.00 per swim with a start date of May 1, 2010. Motion seconded by Jamie Bloom. Tim Murphy and Carol Healey opposed. Motion passed.

**Annual Meeting:** The meeting will open at 8:30 for reception; with a 9:00 start for the General Assembly. Group meetings will follow. Beginning at 5 p.m. there will be a strategic planning meeting led by Arlene McDonald from the National Office of USA Swimming. All board members are expected to attend.

Proposed By-Law changes need to submitted in writing by March 31st to be posted on the website for viewing by the community by April 1st, along with the proposed slate of officers. Jamie Bloom (WESY) will prepare a small bio (3-5 sentences) to introduce candidates to the General Assembly.

Budget issues: please get 6 months of information in to Joe Frazier (BGSC) and let him know if there are any line item changes.

At the Annual Meeting, the coach's meeting will not start before 10:30 a.m.; there will also be a Meet Manager's and Official's meeting.

**LEAP Program, Carol Healey (NES Office):** This is the Leadership Evaluation and Achievement Program. Carol Healey (NES Office) will be emailing people to help with various applicable areas to complete the information required by this program. These issues are time sensitive.

**Club Recognition Program:** There is a big push at the National level for participation in this program; New England currently has about 10 clubs participating. Other LSC's are offering incentives for participation - some tie this to reimbursement.

**Club Leadership Workshop** - Peter Clark (National Office) headed a Club Leadership Workshop recently, 13 people from 6 teams attended, 2 were from New England.

**Athlete's Report, Andy Disco (????):** there is some interest in the Junior Athlete Representative position, questioning when the application is due. It is due after the Annual Meeting, for the June meeting, when the election will take place for that position.

**Official's Committee, Bob Menck (UN-NE):** There will be at least one committee member at each Regional meet. The lanyards are in, and the officials are using them, and they enhance the official attire appearance for the officials. The Committee will set up a conference call with Mary Gentry (NCAC) to discuss the upcoming age group meet. They will contact each venue to discuss specifics. Meet referees need to have made

arrangements for their own replacements should they be unable to attend and work a competition they have committed to.

**Coach's Report, Jamie Bloom (WESY):** There is now a BLOG for coaches on the website! Jamie Bloom (WESY) will follow through on a date and location to sponsor a Swimplosion for New England in the upcoming months. Dates being considered are October 23rd, with the second option being October 16th.

**National Review Board Workshop, Kathy Dacey (UN-NE):** Kathy Dacey (UN-NE) attended the 2010 National Review Board Workshop held in Phoenix, AZ. National issues which were discussed included how to deal with teams who "tie up water" to prevent others from renting pool time, national changes to the By-Laws and how they affect the LSC, and how penalties for similar infractions may differ depending on an LSC's situation, among many other topics.

**Other Business:** Laura Matuszak (GMA): discussed what she feels is one of the key responsibilities of Board Members - to use the principles of Governance to enhance this LSC. Our LSC will be among the next to go through the LEAP program/process, which will help our LSC more clearly define our mission and keep our mission statement in mind as our LSC goes about its daily business.

Championship meets - a suggestion is made to put something in the program to enhance parent education at every level.

New England has received comments, complaints and compliments regarding recent competitions. Also, any member of the NES community can email interesting stories, comments, photos, etc., to Carol Healey (NES Office) for placement on the web page.

Matt Craven (SAC): An athlete who will age up in the time period between Regionals and Age Groups, can swim an event in their own age group with a time faster than the top cut-off time in an attempt to qualify for Age Groups at the next age level.

Bob Menck (UN-NE), Official's Chair, wants to define what is a championship meet in the Policy and Procedures Handbook. This can already be found in the Meet Manager's section of the Handbook.

The next meeting of the Board of New England Swimming will be held on March 30, 2010, at 7 pm at the Wellesley Community Center.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. by Matt Craven (SAC), second by Kathy Dacey (UN-NE), motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Dacey, for the Secretary