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New England Swimming  
Harvard-Pilgrim Center - Wellesley, Massachusetts  
November 13, 2012 - Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

**Board Members:**

*Present:* Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Sarah Bartholomae (SAC), Joe Bernal (BGSC), Chuck Batchelor (ABF), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Matt Craven (SAC), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Joe Frazier (BGSC), Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck (BEST), Judi Lombardi (NSSC), Laura Matusak (GMA), Bob Menck (UN-NE), Tim Murphy (MBM), Rick Osterberg (UN-NE), Tori Weinstock (PSC).

*Absent:* Chris Downing (CRA), Ray Grant (SSA), Olivia Jameson (NSSC), Chris Sheppard (CRA)

**Guests:**

Carl Cederquist (CRIM), Christie Close (ABF), Kathy Dacey (UN-NE), Ken Galica (NWSC), Carol Healey (NES-Office), Dan Reilly (ANA), Mary Riddell (UN-NE), Lisa Black Sholudko (AAC), Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC-NE)

**7:12 pm – Quorum (15/21) Established - BOD Meeting Called to Order by Matt Craven, Administrative Vice Chair**

1. **Welcome** – By Matt Craven, Administrative Vice Chair, sitting in for General Chair, Ray Grant.
2. **Secretary's Report, Judi Lombardi:** Minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting reviewed. Motion to amend clarification and wording of item #5, Reimbursement Policy for National Meets made by Rick Osterberg and seconded by Mariella Allard. Motion to approve Secretary's report with amended technical committee clarification made by Mariella Allard and seconded by Matt Craven. *Amended Motion Passes.*
3. **Treasurer's Report, Joe Frazier:** All treasury reports as of 11/13/2012 are on file at the New England Swimming Office and available upon request. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Priscilla Davis, seconded by Bob Menck. *Motion Passes.*
4. **Budgeting recommendations for 2012-2013 fiscal year:** NES Office will send out a form for any committee's requesting budgeted monies for next year to be completed in January so, we can engage in a discussion during February BOD meeting.
5. **Reimbursement Policy Revisited, Priscilla Davis:**  
Priscilla reported that disabled swimmers regularly participate in two USA Swimming Disabled Championship Meets, Santa Clara and Greater Toledo. In addition, the Paralympics sponsor a series of other Non-USA Calendar Meets that disabled swimmers regularly participate in – Jimi Flowers Classic, Can/Ams Championship, and Paralympic National Championship. Priscilla made a motion to discuss an amended version of the reimbursement policy to allow for 3 disability meets total, two of which must be the USA Calendar Meets with the 3<sup>rd</sup> meet to be one of the Paralympic meets above. Each meet is to be \$500 max each. Matt Craven seconded the motion. Tim Murphy reiterated that he is unsure that it is good policy to earmark monies for non-USA meets given that we are a USA swimming organization. Chuck Batchelor agreed with Tim but believes that the nominal fee is okay to support disabled swimming. Joe Bernal contributed the information that other LSC's support these meets such as, Florida and California. Motion passes as amended 14 yes – 1 opposed.
6. **Calendar, Matt Craven:** Matt reported the following:
  - a SCY times and standards are completed and posted. Regional sites are all okay, except for the additional 7<sup>th</sup> site.
  - b SCY Championships are scheduled and set to go.
  - c Regionals are a concern over the size of the meets.
  - d Long Course is still in the discussion stages for what we want the summer atmosphere to be. Carol Healey asked if we have a timeline for when these decisions are due. Matt reported that they are looking at December 1<sup>st</sup> but would prefer now. Currently, there is a proposal to have the second

weekend in July for Senior Championships. Age Group Championships and Open Championships both are looking at the July 25<sup>th</sup> weekend to have their championship. However, six LCM pools would be needed. Carol asked if there is a philosophy on why we are looking at Opens and Seniors for the LCM season. Matt reported that it would allow swimmers to be able to compete at an LSC championship meet before they go off to college. Tim Murphy is not sure that we need to have an Open Championship. Chuck Batchelor is concerned that older swimmers who age out will be left out. Tim reported that Harvard is not available at that time due to Bay State Games. Chuck added that if we end up without a Senior meet then move Opens to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Matt mentioned that if we move it that late, then it will bump up against Zones in Buffalo. Discussion was tabled until Age Group and Senior committees could discuss it further.

7. **Technical Committee Report, Mariella Allard:** Elite Senior Time Standards have been established. No other report.
8. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. *Senior Report, Joe Bernal:* Seniors will be February 28<sup>th</sup>. They estimate that there will be 6 heats of each event with no bonus cuts. In addition, outside teams have expressed interest in attending the meet. John Ogden expressed no concern to Joe over handling the flow of the meet.
  - b. *Age Group Report, Jamie Bloom:* For LCM season, they are continuing with Regionals, opposed to Age Group Qualifier because the LSC has grown.
  - c. *Inclusion Report, Nadine Johnson-Jesionek:* Nadine reported that they are down to 6 members. They lost 5 members who have gone away to school. Despite the loss, they have been busy. They have reached 1210 Water Safety Days held. Currently, they are working on a variety of initiatives such as, a Scholarship Program, implementing an Advisory committee and more swim community events.
  - d. *Officials Report, Bob Menck:* Bob reported that they had 50+ new faces at the fall clinics. They just assigned the Senior BU Meet Refs, Ken Galica and Bob. High School meets are winding down now. They are getting more requests to observe NCAA meets, which is hard since they happen over our championship meets too. We are starting the process to see if we can help, but only 20 are dual certified.
  - e. *Coaches Report:* Chris Sheppard absent
  - f. *Athlete Report:* Tori Weinstock did not have anything to report at this time.
9. **Office Report, Carol Healey:** Registration information is currently at 5,098 athletes, 112 Officials, 235 Coaches, 24 Other. We have 44 clubs. We need club business membership. Peter Clark can come out in February to do a long, 1-day class. In addition, Carol asked if anyone was interested in a Leap 3 committee.
10. **Other:**
  - a. *Kathy Dacey:* Kathy raised the subject of Awards since they have to be ordered by December if we are to get them on sale. Medals cost between \$.75-\$.89 per medal. Decision, with Athlete rep input was as follows:
    - a. Regionals: Medals for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Ribbons for the remaining places and Best Time ribbons for 10 & under. In addition, introduce heat winner prizes.
    - b. 12 & under Age Group Championships: Jamie Bloom reports that they will continuing with 1-20 places with 10 medals/10 ribbons as well as 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> high point for each age group. Matt pointed out that almost everyone would be getting medals given the single age cuts and racing format. Jamie reported that there would be no more changes and continues as above.
    - c. 13 –19 Age Group Championships: 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> medals with no ribbons. Kathy reported that there are enough ribbons for this year but that we need to look at the long-term discussion. Carol suggested that we continue with the same format until the ribbons run out.
  - b. *Chuck Batchelor:* Reported that he recently attended a meet in Southern California, a larger

LSC and was more appreciative of how we, NES, conducts swim meets after experiencing a few variations such as, no heat sheets and checking-in every single event.

- c. *Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck*: Requesting a presence or sub button on the NES website. Carol reported that the website is being updated and while on the subject, she needs an updated committee lists.
- d. *Matt Craven*: Informed everyone that every team needs to have a bullying policy in place by January 14, 2012 or will just be given the standard USA policy as their team policy.

- 11. **New Business**: BOD Meeting Schedule: Carol Healey tentatively established future meeting for January 8<sup>th</sup> and February 5<sup>th</sup>. The remainder of the meeting dates will be scheduled by Ray Grant, General Chair.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt Craven, seconded by Bob Menck. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully, submitted,  
Judi Lombardi, Secretary  
New England Swimming

\* Minutes approved 11-0 with typographical errors on January 14, 2013