

New England Swimming
Harvard-Pilgrim Center –Wellesley MA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2013

Approved on January 7, 2014 by the Board of Directors

Board Members: Christie Batchelor (ABF), Chuck Batchelor (ABF), Joe Bernal, (BGSC), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Carl Cederquest (CRIM), Matt Craven (SAC), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Christopher Downing (CRA), Joe Frasier(UN), Ray Grant (SSA), Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck (BEST), Ali Lie (EVO), Laura Matuszak (GMA), Paul Memont (SOLO), Bob Menk (UN-NE), Tim Murphy (CRIM), Rick Osterberg (UN-NE), Chris Shepard (CRA), Tori Weinstock (PSC)

Guests: Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Nicole Carter (EVO), Kathy Dacey (UN-NE), Scott Doty (UN-NE), Ken Galica ((UN-NE), Carol Healey (NES-Office), Chris Payson, (SSC), Kyle Schak (CRIM), Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC), Dan Warner (NSSC),

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

Welcome, Ray Grant: Ray welcomed Ali Lie (EVO) to the Board as the new athlete representative.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Matt Craven, second Priscilla Davis. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: All treasury reports as of 7/9/2013 are on file at the New England Swimming Office and available upon request. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Tim Murphy, seconded Priscilla Davis. Motion Passed

Calendar:

Qualifier Meets: Some teams were given new pool assignments in order to avoid overcrowding of venues.

SCY Calendar: Discussion of the possibility of breaking the AG Championships into multiple groupings in light of the lack of availability of pools. The suggestion was to have a 10&U Championship on Feb 21-23. On Feb. 11-14, a 11-14 Championship meet would be held with single age cuts. A 15-19 Championship would be on March 6-9. Since the numbers of swimmers are so large, the AG Committee may have to change dates, formats and cuts.

Fundraising: NES is developing a fundraising policy for teams that use the NES name to receive tax write-off benefits. It will be presented in September.

Zone Report: Jamie reported that 28 swimmers had already signed up. They are staying at the Doubletree. There is a need for more chaperones.

Technical Committee: No report. The committee will be working on the reimbursement policy at their next meeting.

Convention: Carol is waiting for people to respond as to whether or not they are attending.

Inclusion: Nadine reported that they have 9 active members. They athletes on the committee have chosen their replacements using criteria that was previously set.

Eastern Zone Summit – see brochure. It was held at Northeastern and was a positive experience. They swam at MIT and BCYF. Presenters and participants included Rhi Jeffrey and Miss Massachusetts. Participants also helped run the Water Safety Festival. Carol thanked Nadine and her committee for all their work.

Athlete Report: No report

Coach Report: There has been a good response to coach's notes. There are meetings planned at both the Senior Meet and at 12 & Unders.

Swimposium: there are no funds available for 2013. We have put in a request for 2014.

Office: Carol is working on reimbursement requests.

Other Business: Ray said that the AG and Senior Chairs will be required to submit to the Board the formats and cuts for next year's championships 45 days after the conclusion of last championships. Tim suggested that a Quad Plan be set up. The target date for format and time standards is 9/1 2013 for the SC season. Dan Warner said that it is difficult to plan championships without a quad plan and that formats shouldn't change every year. Chris Shepard said that the AG committee is not always unified in its presentations. Tim suggested that the Senior and AG committees need to submit one proposal. Rick Osterberg is concerned that the Board picks apart proposals and doesn't empower committees to actually do their jobs.

Ray appointed Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck as Inclusion Chair and Mariella Allard as Safe Sport Coordinator.

Priscilla reported that the new name for Safety is Operational Risk.. Teams should be putting out the message of not peeing in the pool. She also said that 15 passenger vans are no longer USA Swimming insured.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariella Allard