

## NEW ENGLAND SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM via video-conferencing

*Minutes approved at the March 5, 2019 BOD meeting*

**Present:** (15) Matt Craven (CRIM), Sean Geary (CRIM), Eric Linseisen (UN), Chris Sheppard (CS), Priscilla Davis (UN), Jake Eastman (PSC), Brian Crawford (ESC), Jay Craft (KING), Sasha McNeal (PHX), Ken Galica (UN), Bob Menck (UN), Meg Feran (SOLO), Aaron Zhu (SOLO), Anne Kaufman (UN), Betsy Russell (UN).

**Absent:** (8): Arthur Athanas (YNS), Janet Harty (YNS), Rick Osterberg (UN), Caleigh Wukitch (KING), Connor Miller (KING), Lisa Black Soludko (UN), Malicia Policard (ICMY), Joe Frasier (BGSC)

**Guests:** Carol Healey (UN), Louis Arruda (UN), Nadine Johnson-Jesionek (UN), Jon Castaldo (CRA)

1. **Welcome:** Matt Craven welcomed the attendees and reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded. Matt requested a moment of silence for the recent passing of Jeff Johnson, Coach of Patriot Swim Club.
2. **Technical:** Bob Menck. To change the current Calendar Protection Policy for the 2019 LCM season to allow the following meets to run:

**July 11-14: Seniors weekend:**

( allow 12 and Under meets ONLY. Any 12 and Unders with Senior cuts are allowed to choose). Currently no other meets are allowed this weekend.

**July 18-21: 12 & Under weekend:**

( allow 13+ meets ONLY) Currently no other meets are allowed this weekend.

**July 25-28: 13-18 Champ weekend:**

( allow 12 and Under meets ONLY) Currently no other meets are allowed this weekend.

**The proposal was moved, seconded and discussed.** Discussion on the lateness of the proposal in reference to bids being due February 1<sup>st</sup> and on why the Board keeps re-visiting policies that have not even been in place for two seasons. The Coach Reps explained that it was brought to their attention that there were no chances for athletes to have any meets beyond July 6<sup>th</sup> weekend if they did not make Championship cuts. It was pointed out that the calendar is already posted with meets being offered on the first weekend In August. It was discussed that the Board should uphold their decisions and not constantly change policies just because there are complaints on social media.

The proposal was called to a vote:

**YES:** (9) Sean Geary, Eric Linseisen, Bob Menck, Brian Crawford, Jay Craft, Sasha McNeal, Ken Galica, Meg Feran, Chris Sheppard.

**NO:** (2) Aaron Zhu, Jake Eastman

**Abstain** (4) Anne Kaufman, Priscilla Davis, Matt Craven, Betsy Russell

The proposal passes for this 2019 LCM season.

3. Other Unofficial Business: The athletes requested a budget of \$8,000 for Athlete hospitality at Championship Meets. The request was sent to the Finance Committee to decide for this year and to include in budget proposal for next year.
4. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM with a reminder of the next Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in the NE Swimming Office.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Healey