New England Swimming Board Meeting
February 3, 2015, at Harvard Pilgrim, Wellesley, MA
Final Minutes

Board Members *Present:* Arthur Athanas (YNS), Christie Batchelor (ABF), Chuck Batchelor (ABF), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Carl Cederquist (CRIM), Matt Craven (SAC), Priscilla Davis (UN), Joe Frazier (UN), Nadine Johnson- Jesionek (UN), Alison Lie (EVO), Paul Memont (UN), Bob Menck (UN), Katherine O'Shea (PSC), Rick Osterberg (UN), Kyle Schack (CRIM), Mollie Westrick (KING)

Via Skype: Laura Matusak (GMA), Chris Sheppard (CRA),

Absent: Elise Atkinson (CRA), Joe Bernal (BGSC), Ray Grant (SSA), Judi Lombardi (NSSC),

Guests:
Louis Arruda (CRAN), Kathy Dacey (UN), Ken Galica (UN), Carol Healey (NES-Office), Mary Ellen Tynan (ME-Office), Dan Warner (NSSC)

7:10 pm – Quorum (18/21) Established - BOD Meeting Called to Order by Matt Craven, General Vice Chair

1. **Welcome, Matt Craven:** Thank you all for coming.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Approval of Minutes for November 17th meeting. Motion to approve made by Jamie Bloom, seconded by Arthur Athanas. Priscilla had questions about the end of season qualifying time requirements and two per lane competition. Rick explained. *Motion Passes.*

3. **Treasurer's Report, Joe Frazier:** All treasury reports as of February 3, 2015 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 Jamie. *Motion Passes.*

4. **Short Course Calendar, Matt Craven:**
   a. Matt reported that it appears the numbers for the Regional meets may be low. He discussed the option of loosening the lower end cuts to help with the numbers. Jamie will make a final decision. There is some concern based on the Regional numbers that Silvers may be oversubscribed. We will have to wait and see.
   b. The Senior meet was great with only positive responses so far.
   Carl asked if swimmers need to be entered in the Regional Meet to do a time trial. Carol reported that no they don't but they need to contact the Meet Director ahead of time and will need to pay the time trial fee plus the swimmer participation fee.

5. **Long Course Calendar – Bid Results, Matt Craven:** Matt reported that the Calendar Committee meets tonight and will be finalizing the end of season meets.

6. **Budget Review, Joe Frazier:** The committees have presented their budgets and they will be reviewed and finalized. The budget will be ready for the April Board meeting to discuss and vote for presentation at HOD.

7. **Officials' Report, Paul Memont:** Paul reported that Bob Menck will be the Meet Referee for Ithaca Sectionals.

8. **Coaches Report, Kyle Schack & Christie Batchelor:** Christie reported they are working on a schedule to see if they will be able to hold a meeting during 12 & Unders. Carol just asked that if so, they give UVAC notice..

9. **Athletes' Report:** Ali Lie reported they are editing their first newsletter. Katherine reported that the food donations from Seniors totaled about 80 pounds. Elise reported that the athlete reps are trying to come up with a working definition for "deck changing". They proposed three options which were briefly discussed. Carol will find the USA Swimming definition. There needs to be clarification if deck changing includes girls pulling down the straps of their technical suits.. Matt mentioned that this needs to be carefully monitored as with modern technology a slip up could be very embarrassing. Laura (technical) will help the athletes with this.

10. **Inclusion Committee Report, Nadine Johnson-Jesionek :** Nadine and the committee took a look at the last three years. The report shows what has worked well. They also looked at programs like those in Pacific and Maryland LSCs and what may be worth trying. Nadine will approach Technical at=bout the 2015 Outreach Application. Inclusion is looking at attending a multi-cultural meet. There will be more ideas going forward (see handout).

11. **Safety Committee, Priscilla Davis:** Priscilla reported that she asked college coaches about social media and whether or not they look at a recruit's social media pages. She found that some coaches look and some don't but that most admissions offices do look at social media. Coaches did admit that they had dropped recruits based on social media postings.

12. **Safe Sport, Carol Healey:** Anne Kaufman and Betsey Russell are going to the Safe Sport Conference in Colorado next weekend. They are looking for two more members of the committee – one an athlete.

13. **Technical Committee, Laura Matuszak:** Laura will follow up with the athletes and Nadine. She is working on the changes from the last meeting. Send any new suggestions to Laura. The next technical meeting will be in April or May.

14. **Nominating Committee, Jamie Bloom:** The committee will be posting nominations for Age Group Chair, Technical Chair, Treasurer – all two year terms. The Junior Coaches' Rep will be elected at the HOD meeting. Please email Kyle with any nominations. There will be several Board of Review openings. If interested email Jamie. There are positions on the Eastern Zone Board of Review. Need to ask Ray if these positions are appointed or elected. Perhaps Carol should post that the Board of Review positions are open and Carol will ask Ray who interested people should contact.

15. **Zone Report, Jamie Bloom and Mary Ellen Tynan:** Christy asked about SCY Zones and if coaches can just enter swimmers since we don't send a team. She is informed that the entry has to be done through the Zone. She noted that perhaps it is time to re-evaluate whether we should attend. Matt Craven suggests perhaps sending out a survey to the top kids at 12 & unders and ask if they would have gone if it were available to them. Laura noted it is a big philosophical and financial decision. Christie will bring it up with the coaches at the coaches' meeting and maybe we should consider a task force. Jamie and Christie both volunteered to be on the task force.

16. **Office Report, Carol Healy:** We have 8057 athletes registered for 2015 which is down from last year. We are only missing 153 proofs of age. Rick Osterberg is working on part of the Registration tool so that meet hosts can check for proof of age when running their registration report.

17. **Senior Committee, Mary Ellen Tynan:** Mary Ellen gave the report from the December 20th Senior Committee Meeting (see attachment).

18. **Age Group Committee, Jamie Bloom:** Working on the time standards. They will be posted by the Age Group meets

19. **Election of Athletes to BOD, Carol Healey –** Carol presented the list of current team athlete reps. Rick made a motion to accept the list of athlete reps on the screen as this year's House of Delegate Athlete

Reps. Seconded by Joe Frazier. Motion passes with two abstentions.

20. **Annual Meeting –** will be at Harvard Pilgrim or the Marriott. The coaches' meeting will be before, maybe around 1PM with Annual Meeting around 3PM. There will also be a Meet Managers' Meeting. If you want to have a committee meeting let Carol know.

New Business:
Christie Batchelor: Christie asked what happens if a safety marshal is not doing their job at a meet. She suggested that at meets there should be a safety marchal meeting just like a timer's meeting. We need clear expectations that they need to be enforcing policies on deck changing, warm-ups and deck access. Rick suggested we delegate this to the Safety Committee. Maybe also discuss it at the next Meet Manager's Meeting.
Nadine Johnson-Jesionek: Nadine asked if Inclusion could do a Touch the Wall video night. Arthur explained the process.
Chris Sheppard: Chris reminded everyone that the national Diversity Select Camp applications are due February 9th.

Closing: Motion to adjourn made by Rick Osterberg, seconded by Jamie bloom. Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully,

Submitted,
Mary Ellen Tynan
New England Swimming