

New England Swimming Board of Director's Meeting

Minutes, July 8, 2014

Board Members Present: Ray Grant , Rick Osterberg, Jamie Bloom , Chris Sheppard, Ali Lie, Elise Atkinson, Mollie Westrick, Carl Cederquist, Arthur Athanas, Priscilla Davis Katherine O'Shea, Kyle Schack, Christie Batchelor, Chuck Batchelor, Matt Craven, Laura Matuszak, Nadine Jesionek, Joe Bernal

Board Members Absent: Joe Frazier, Judi Lombardi

Guests: Carol Healey, Lisa Black Sholudko, Paul Memont, Bob Menck, Mary Riddell, Anne Kaufman, Dan Warner, Mary Ellen Tynan, Ed Westrick, Nicole Carter, Marshall Muir, Tim Mulvihill

Called to order at 7:04 PM

Welcome by Ray Grant: welcomed the three new athlete reps and Anne Kaufman as the Safe Sport Coordinator

Secretary's Report: Various grammar errors were reported and correct. Moved and seconded; passed

Treasurer's Report: Available on request. Moved and seconded; passed

Convention: Carol requested that all attending make their reservations ASAP and to let her know the days that they plan to attend.

Committee Reports:

Age Group Report: Jamie Bloom reported that the LCM Championship meets are ready to go. The committee is working on developing the next season's time standards to be posted with a target date of September 1st.

Athlete Report: Alie reports that they are trying to organize an athlete social day at Crane's Beach, Water Country, or Canobie Lake Park and would like NES to pay for the catering of food. The overall feeling was that we could do that and to keep us all informed of any progress with the outing. Carol commented that they would need some adult chaperones.

Official's Report: no report

Office: Carol Healey reported that we are now over 9,000 athletes and 1,000 non-athletes and 101 clubs.

Zone Report: Mary Ellen Tynan, Zone Coordinator reported that we have 36 athletes signed up already but more are expected. We are in need of a female coach for the 10 & U age group. Sign up ends July 21st. Practice will be held the Monday before leaving, on August 4th at WPI.

Senior Committee Report: Joe Bernal commented that the Senior Meet is all set. The pool is in good shape and SSA-SEEK is ready to go. Senior cuts for SCY Dec. Senior Champs will be out next week. The graduating senior ceremony is confirmed to take place the Sunday night of Senior Meet.

Coach Report: Christie Batchelor and Kyle Schack: Christie is still working on the coach reimbursement policy, just getting feed back from coaches. They are not sure if they will have a coach meeting at any of the Championship Meets. They are organizing socials after the board meetings for interested coaches and they are sending out promotional emails announcing the board meetings. Kyle supports the athlete activity presented.

Inclusion Report: Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck (attached)

Swimposium: Carol Healey requested some volunteers to help with the organization of the day. All presenters are confirmed and Regis College will be the site for the Athlete Clinics (9-11 and 1-3 PM) on August 4th. Maine will be joining us in participating in the Swimposium. There will be a track for Officials, for Coaches, for Parents , for Safe Sport and for Athletes. Mary Riddell, Nicole Carter (EVO) and Jamie Bloom (WYST) offered their help.

Technical: See attached Club Grant Incentive Proposal. After discussion, the proposal was moved to be approved by Laura Matuszak and seconded by Priscilla Davis. Motion passes.

Calendar Report: Matt Craven: reports that all bids for 2015 SCY calendar year have been received and will be reviewed at a meeting on July 20th. There were several Quad Plan Championship meet bids received that will also be discussed and voted on. Clubs/hosts will be notified the week of July 20th if their bid will be accepted.

Other: Jamie Bloom (Age Group Chair) asked that for the "Awards Banquet" criteria that we change the single age bracket for ages 13 and over to change from the single age 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, to age 13/14 (top 10), 15-18 (top 10) and keep the age 9, age 10, age 11, age 12 at top 6 beginning the 2015 calendar year. Motion moved by Carl Cederquist and seconded by Matt Craven. Alie Lie was against, thinking more athletes get a chance to achieve if we keep it single age. Vote: 8 in favor, 8 opposed. Ray Grant, General Chair, broke the tie by voting to approve. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Carol Healey, Office Manager