

**2011 HOD Meeting – Tentative Minutes
New England Swimming
Sterling YMCA
October 15, 2011**

Members Present: Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Joe Bernal (BGSC), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Joe Frazier (BGSC), Greg Gillette (EST), Olivia Jameson (NSSC), Nadine Jesionek (UN-BEST), Laura Matuszak (GMA), Bob Menck (UN-NE), Rick Osterberg (UN-NE), Tim Thompson (HHS), Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC), Tori Weinstock (PSC), Sherry Wingfield (NAS)

Members Not Present: Arthur Athanas (YNS), Chuck Batchelor (ABF), Sarah Conklin (SAC), Niko Fantakis (WYST), Ray Grant (SSA), Tim Murphy (CRIM)

Meeting called to order at 3:04PM, with Chairwoman Laura Matuszak thanking the Board and everyone for attending. She reiterated the mission statement and recognized several officials for their many years of service. She also noted that Alex Meyer is the first Olympian named to the Olympic Team and Tim Murphy (CRIM) was named as an Olympic Coach. Paul Memont was also selected as an Olympic Official. New England Swimming held an awesome clinic with Alex, Eva Fabian (GMSC), Tim Murphy and Jack Fabian. In other good news, CRA has purchased the Olympic Trial pool and Meghan Healey was awarded the Adolf Kiefer award at Convention.

Consent Agenda, Laura Matuszak: Annual Meeting Minutes pulled. Addendum has been added about improper election. Motion to approve amended minutes made by Bob Menck and seconded by Joe Frazier. Motion passes.

Board of Review Elections (Slate 1), Jamie Bloom: In May, a Board of Review was nominated that was too large so the election was invalid. The new slate (1) presented by the Nominating Committee is: John Dillon (SAC – Wellesley, Ma – athlete), Peter Gollands (PSC – Chelmsford, MA – athlete and coach – alternate), Rosemarie Meissner (GMSC?? – Ashburnham, MA), Ray J. Grant (SSA - Boston, MA). Jamie asked for nominations from the floor. Secretary casts one vote for the slate.

Board of Review Elections (Slate 2), Jamie Bloom: Nominee to fill vacancy created due to the resignation of Robert Burns. Nominee to serve on the BOR until 2012. Slate (2): Laura Rotenberg (Lennox, MA). Asked for nominations from the floor. Secretary casts one vote.

A resolution to amend and modify Article 610 of the Bylaws of New England Swimming, Inc. pertaining to the BOR organization, : Rick Osterberg noted that is a wording change to to 610.2.9 in Determination of Vacancy and 610.2.2 increasing the number of members on the BOR to seven member and 5 alternates increased from 5 members and 3 alternates. The rationale is (1) it is difficult to pull together 7 people for a pool of 8 to attend a hearing (2) It is to our advantage with a difficult case to have a panel of 7 otherwise the decision may get sent back to us. Motion made by Rick Osterberg to adopt Article 610 as presented. Seconded by Bob Menck.

Motion passes.

Board of Review Elections (Slate 3), Jamie Bloom: Nominees to serve on the BOR given adoption of By-Law to increase size of BOR: Anne Kaufman (Milton, MA – Term to expire 2012), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE - S. Hamilton, MA – alternate – Term to expire 2012), Spencer Daus-Haberle (NSSC – Lexington, MA – athlete – term to expire 2013), Jeff Worthy (ICMS – Roxbury, MA – alternate – term to expire 2013). Secretary casts one vote for the slate.

Other business:

Kathy Dacey (BOR): Four suggestions –

1. when coming to the BOR with a complaint, you are obligated to come with evidence and 2 people to back you up
2. try to mitigate own damages
3. have contacts with coaches and families
4. have a confidentiality clause tailored to your own business

Nadine Jesionek (Inclusion): Convention – Two athletes at OTC, Black Heritage Meet, Zone Meet in June, USA Swimming Diversity Summit in November at OTC.

Mariella Allard (Technical) – if things aren't working, please let her know

Laura Matuszak – took delegation to USA Swim Convention – suggestions to make meets more exciting and have more IMX meets.

Motion to adjourn made by Rick Osterberg, Second by Bob Menck. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Tynan, Secretary
New England Swimming