

**2010 Annual Meeting  
New England Swimming  
Wellesley Community Center  
May 1, 2010**

**Remarks from the Chair, Laura Matuszak (GMA):** Meeting began at 9:00 AM, with Chair, Laura Matuszak (GMA) thanking all for attending.

-Laura honored retirees Rick Osterberg (Webmaster), Rosemarie Meissner (SWIM, times, records) ,

Pam Warner (involved for 15-20 years), Mary Riddell (25 years of service). There will be a reception for Mary Riddell from 10:30-12:30 and in honor of Mary there will be a scholarship to honor those with work ethic, integrity and service. Laura also thank Carol Healey for coming on board and the New England Swimming Board, athletes, coaches officials and teams.

-Laura reiterated our Mission Statement and encouraged clubs to apply for Club Excellence and Club Recognition programs. We are undergoing the LEAP program as an LSC. Our strengths are our officials and competitive schedule.

**Secretary's Report, Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC):** Minutes from last year's meeting accepted with minor typographical corrections. Motion made to accept minutes by Bob Menck (UN-NE) and second by Joe Frazier (BGSC). Motion passes.

**Reports of Officers:**

***Treasurer's Report, Carol Healey (NE-Office):*** presented

***Technical Committee, Mariella Allard (UN-NE):*** Technical made meet information more precise with the meet template. Fees for Championship meets were increased. Please call technical if there are any issues you want addressed.

***Coaches' Report, Jamie Bloom (WYST):*** Coaches' meeting at 10:30. The BLOG is up and running. Positive feedback from coaches about the championship meets.

***Officials' Committee, Bob Menck (UN-NE):*** Thanked everyone for their help at the championship meets. There was a record number of officials at Regionals with a 70% participation rate. Lanyards were given to all officials. New England at officials and Zone and Sectional meets. 44% are female. That is the second highest percentage of all the LSCs. Alice Jinn (GMSC) and Patty Murphy (ABF) will go out to Minneapolis for training. There is an Open Water Workshop in Long Beach, CA during Open Water Championships. Bob will attend this hands-on training as part of the National meet. There is an officials meeting at 10:30 as a clinic. Bob thanked Scott Doty (PSC) who has

retired from officiating. He was thanked for his mentoring and service. Joanie Beisel (ABF) will be joining the Officials Committee.

*Age Group Committee, Matt Craven (SAC):* No report.

*Senior Committee, Tim Murphy (CRIM):* No report.

**Registration, Carol Healey (NE-Office):** About 7000 athletes registered. When an athlete transfer to an new team, the new coach will get a zip file of their times. Transfer fees are increasing to \$5. Any team with 20 or more registrations should send them electronically as it is a smoother process.

*Senior Athlete Rep, Jessica Harrison (SAC):* There are three positions for Junior Athlete Rep for the coming year as 20 % of the Board must be athletes.. Jessica reports she will be attending NYU. She was given an NYC Sweatshirt and gift card as a thank you for her work on the Board.

**Board of Review, Kathy Dacey (Interim Chair, UN-NE):** Please see attached files. Kathy reported that dispute resolution is part of the Board's job. Reports must be filed through the office if complaints are to be investigated. National Board of Review Workshop was in Arizona. Discussion about negative publicity involving swim coaches... Suggestions are: (1) protect the athlete (2) protect yourself. Kathy discussed CORI checks, USA Swimming background checks. Guidelines provided if you suspect a child is being abused.. Questions from the floor concerning cell phones in locker rooms, IT policies,...

**Presentation and approval of annual budget, Joe Frazier (BGSC):** Presentation and approval of annual budget, Joe Frazier (BGSC): The financial statements as of August 31, 2009 were reviewed by our external accountants and the associated tax returns for the year end filed. Our financial performance was in line with expectations and the same is true for this year. For the 2010-2011 year, our budgeted excess of revenues over expenses will decline approximately \$10,000 due to the additional \$1.00 in registration fees that must be forwarded to USA Swimming. The Board Designated amount of \$30,000 is a reserve set aside to help ensure the long-term viability of New England Swimming.

Motion to approve finance report made by Ray Grant (SSA) seconded by Kathy Dacey (UN-NE). Motion passes.

**Unfinished Business:** no unfinished business

**Elections, Jamie Bloom (WYST):**

General Chair, Laura Matuszak (GMA), unopposed, - Secretary casts one vote.

Vice Chair, Ray Grant (SSA), unopposed- Secretary casts one vote

Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC), Secretary, unopposed - Secretary casts one vote

Finance, Arthur Athana (YNS), unopposed - Secretary casts one vote

Treasurer, Joe Frazier (BGSC), unopposed – 1 year term to finish Carol Healey's vacated position - Secretary casts one vote.

Senior Chair, Tim Murphy (CRIM). Chuck Batchelor nominated from the floor by Ron Zuwallack (CCSC). Vote by ballot. Tim Murphy (CRIM) is elected as Senior Chair.

The Board is asked to vote whether or not to add a Diversity Chair to the Board. Vote by Ballot. Diversity Chair is added to the Board.

Laura Matuszak appoints Nadine Jesionek (UN-NE) as Diversity Chair.

**New Business:**

Nadine Jesionek (UN-NE) announced that New England Swimming athletes are heading to North Carolina in May for the National Black Heritage Swim Meet.

Tim Paiva (SSA) reported that the City of Dover, NH is considering closing the Jenny Thompson Pool. Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 there will be a march from the pool to Town Hall.

Jamie Bloom (WYST) – October 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a Swimposium at Greater Lawrence Technical High School and the Top Ten Banquet will be on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The Swimposium will have events for swimmers, parents, coaches and officials.

John O'Neill (LRAC) appealed to the Board to recognize SCM times at the Top Ten Banquet to help attendance at SCM meets. Open Water Championship will be September 18<sup>th</sup>

Motion made by Joe Frazier (BGSC) and seconded by Bob Menck (UN-NE) for the Secretary to destroy the ballots.

Motion made by Chris Sheppard (CRA0 to Adjourn,, seconded by Jamie Bloom (WYST). Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen Tynan, Secretary  
New England Swimming