

2011 Annual Meeting – Tentative Minutes

New England Swimming

Harvard Pilgrim Health Building

May 7, 2011

Board Members present: Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Matt Craven (SAC), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Andy Disco (HHS), Niko Fantakis (WYST), Joe Frazier (BGSC), Ray Grant (SSA), Olivia Jameson (NSSC), Nadine Jesionek (UN-NE), Laura Matuszak (GMA), Rick Osterberg (UN-NE), Tim Thompson (HHS), Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC), Sherry Wingfield (NAS)

Board Members not present: Arthur Athanas (YNS), Chuck Batchelor (ABF), Sarah Conklin (SAC), Bob Menck (UN-NE), Tim Murphy (CRIM)

Meeting called to order at 9:49AM, with Chairwoman Laura Matuszak thanking the Board, Board of Review, Committee Chairs and Carol Healey for hard work this past year. Reviewed our mission statement and vision, recognized new teams to New England Swimming. Presented Meghan Healey (CRIM) with the hero award for saving a swimmer's life at the Indianapolis Sectional meet. She will be nominated for the Adolf Kiefer National Safety Award. Jim Bailey was also recognized for his role in the swimmer's recovery.

Secretary's Report, Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC): Motion made to accept minutes from October 16, 2010 by Ray Grant second by Tim Thompson. Motion passes.

Reports of Officers:

Jamie Bloom (outgoing Senior Coaches' Rep): Twitter account up and running, Christy Batchelor was Coach of the Year, Peter Clark roundtable. Thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

Matt Craven (outgoing Age Group Chair): Thanked SSSA and Dover for historically stepping up to run long course championship meets. Also thanked Tim Murphy, Dan Warner, and Mary Gentry for running quality meets.

Mariella Allard (Technical Chair): continued progress made last year.

Mike Harrison (Officials Committee): 404 Registered Officials. June 4th training for officials – S & T, Starter and Referee Clinics. Instituted non-athlete background checks. Open will be national Officials qualifying meet. Paul Memont, Paul Maker and an official from outside the LSC will be there. Beginning 2012 there will be funding to defray cost to attend National Qualifying meet outside of LSC. Special Olympics on Father's Day – need officials.

Priscilla Davis (Safety and Disability Chairs): Safety always ongoing. Workshop in

Minneapolis in July. Disability (JJ Sabatino) - Santa Clara Meet and NH Special Olympics June 3-4th.

Kathy Oates-Dacey (Chair – Board of Review): clarified the role of Board of Review and its limitations. BOR cannot help with facility negotiations, problems with suppliers of employees. Suggested exclusivity contract of a head coach wants a n assistant coach to stay with the team. Can also make a contract with families.

Nadine Jesionek (Chair – Inclusion Committee): Developed Inclusion Committee. Create sustainability and profitability. JJ Sabatino (CAN) discussed the purpose of the inclusion committee – increased registration from diverse background, increase diversity among teams, help unregistered teams get registered Andrew Murray discussed sending swimmers to the Eastern Zone Diversity Camp.. Fifty-eight swimmers to attend Black heritage Meet. There will be a Splash Bash Diversity Swim Meet.. Will be meeting June 6th. Long Term Committee Goals: Increase Media coverage, create scholarships, run a big swim meet. Also, allowance for meet fee assistance through New England Swimming.

Ray Grant (Chair – Calendar Committee): Spoke for Tim Murphy – Tim is stepping down as Senior Chair effective today. Short Course Calendar bids due July 15th. Clarified bid procedure. Championship meets are awarded on the quadrennial plan. Once the new plan is out from USA Swimming, we will put out championship meets out to bid for the next four years.

Joe Frazier (Treasurer): Treasurer's Report presented.

As of 5/7/11: checking \$10,755.60 & \$34,811.59=\$45,567.19

Savings \$197,055.27, CDs: \$53,989.12 & \$50,620.96=\$104,610.08

Mutual Fund \$128,993.50

Speaking for Financial Chair, Arthur Athanas, Met budgeted goals for 2009-2010 year.

On target for 2010-2011. Budgeted out through quadrennial plan.

Highlights: 1. Banquet and clinic broke even for first time ever 2. Increased but for diversity initiative, coaches development, education and officials. Matt Craven made a motion to approve the budget. Seconded by Sherry Wingfield. Motion passes.

Sherry Wingfield (Zones): Sherry reported on the education and awards committee (see attached) including the coaches' educational incentive program. For Zones, chaperones will need to be registered and have background screen. There will be online registration for coaches, athletes and chaperones

Andy Disco (Senior Athlete Rep): Andy spoke about improving communication with the athletes through Facebook and other means.

Carol Healey (NE-Office): Athlete Registration fees will increase to \$60 per year beginning in 2012. Non-athlete fees will remain at \$60. Club registration will be \$100. New England was the 6th LSC to achieve LEAP 2 status and we want to get LEAP 3 as soon as possible.

Laura Matuszak especially thanked Joe Frazier for his hard work on the budget.

Elections, Jamie Bloom (Chairperson of Nominating):

Age Group Chair, Jamie Bloom (WYST) unopposed. Secretary casts one vote for Jamie Bloom.

Senior Chair, nominations from floor due to Tim Murphy's resignation. Christy Batchelor (ABF) nominates Joe Bernal (BGSC). Carol Healey nominates Matt Craven (SAC). Written votes collected and counted by Mary Ellen Tynan and Jamie Bloom. Joe Bernal elected Senior Age Group Chair. Motion to destroy the ballots made by Rick Osterberg, seconded by Joe Frazier.

Technical Chair, Mariella Allard (UN-NE), unopposed. Secretary casts one vote for Mariella Allard.

Board of Review**, Ray J. Grant (SSA) – nominee (athlete), Niko Fantakis (WYST) – nominee (athlete), Spencer Daus-Haberle (NSSC) – nominee (athlete), Jeff Worthy (ICMS) – nominee, Mike Ross (ABF) – nominee, John Ogden (YNS) – nominee (alternate). Secretary casts one vote for the Board of Review slate.

Nominating Committee: Jamie Bloom, Ray Grant, Chris Sheppard, Greg Gillette, Niko Fantakis, Ryan Yucka (HYV). Secretary casts one vote for the slate.

New Business: Birth certificates. Board considering requiring proof-of-age for all athletes 19 & under. Other LSCs are already doing this since USA swimming is age-defined competition.

Motion to adjourn made by Tim Thompson seconded by Ray Grant.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Tynan, Secretary
New England Swimming

** Addendum (added to these minutes after the June 13, 2011 BOR meeting):
Board of Review - An election for members of the Board of Review (BOR) was conducted at the May 7, 2011 House of Delegates (HOD) meeting. Per New England Swimming Bylaws (610.2.3.A), this election was conducted improperly, as the slate of nominees elected was larger than permitted. As such, the BOR election was subsequently declared invalid. Per NES Bylaws (610.2.3.B), the BOR members elected in 2009 will remain in office until they are properly replaced. It is expected that a BOR election will take place at the October 2011 HOD meeting to replace the BOR members elected in 2009.