

**New England Swimming  
Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare  
Wellesley, Massachusetts  
April 3, 2012 Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting**

**Members Present:** Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Joe Bernal (BGSC), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Joe Frazier (BGSC), Ray Grant (SSA), 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),

**Guests:** Staci Bowen (NSSC), Kathy Dacey (UN-NE), Amy D'Alissandro (NSSC), Scott Doty (PSC), Carol Healey (NE-Office), Judy Lombardi (NSSC), Joe Reid (NSSC), Mary Riddell (UN-NE), Lisa Black Sholudko (AAC), Kitty Tetreault, Dan Warner (NSSC)

**Members Not Present:** Arthur Athanas (YNS), Chuck Batchelor (ABF), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Sarah Conklin (SAC), Niko Fantakis (WYST), Greg Gillette (EST), Tim Murphy (CRIM), Sherry Wingfield (NAS)

7:03 pm

1. Welcome Remarks, Laura Matuszak – 12 weeks to Olympic Trials
2. Consent Agenda – motion made by Priscilla Davis and seconded by Bob Menck to approve consent agenda. Motion passes.
3. Calendar Committee:
  - a. SCY wrap up – Laura Matuszak mentioned six e-mails regarding air quality issues at MIT. Dan Warner – reported that MIT had system checked after 13-19 Age Groups and they did find technical issues that have since been corrected. Mariella Allard noted there were also issues at 12 & Unders with air quality. We should establish checklist of items to look for if there are air problems. Need to look at facilities that consistently have these problems.
  - b. LCM Preview, Carol Healey: Qualifier meet – 4 sites (Dover, MIT, Warwick, Springfield). No qualifying times, but there will be a protocol for cuts is sites are overbooked. Discussion regarding placement of teams for Qualifiers.
4. Annual Meeting: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – see attached.
  - a. Need new Coaches' Rep – Tim Thompson to work on this.
  - b. Officials' Committee Meeting – from 8-9:30AM
  - c. After Coaches' meeting, 1 hour for committee meetings and then 1 hour for Strategic planning
  - d. Newly elected members should plan to attend Strategic Planning
  - e. Working on one more person for BOR nomination.
  - f. General Chair can appoint up to 10 at large delegates of HOD meeting. Laura Matuszak seeking approval for At-Large votes for Kathy Dacey, Matt Williams, Lisa Black Sholudko, Brandon Jesionek, Mary Gentry, Victor Bowen. Motion to approve made by Mariella Allard, seconded by Bob Menck. Motion passes. 20 % of voting members should be athletes.

g. Athlete rep applications – athletes will decide on their two selections and present in June. Athletes will send out E-mail to athlete team reps about Annual Meeting and wanting to be at meeting.

5. Technical Committee Report, Mariella Allard – see handout –
  - a. YMCA Fee – Motion #1 – Mariella Allard makes a motion that we change the splash fee for the YMCA for meets. Seconded by Joe Frazier. Discussion: Impact is about \$5000. Motion fails.
  - b. New England Records Motion #1 – Motion moved and seconded to accept New England Records Motion #1. – discussion on high school and college times. Motion made and seconded to amend and strike sentence “Times achieve in observed meets conducted under NCAA rules and regulation as are not eligible to set New England or New England Resident records.” Motion to amend fails. Motion made and seconded to delete “approved or observed” and entire second to last sentence. Amendment passes. As a result, only times achieved at sanctioned meets will count for records. Motion moved and seconded to remove date. Amendment passes. Motion moved and seconded to table this discussion until June meeting. Motion passes.
  - c. Housekeeping Motion #1 – Motion made by Mariella Allard , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Grant. Motion passes.
  - d. Meet Subsidy Motion #1 – Motion made by Mariella Allard and seconded by Priscilla Davis. Discussion – figures reported from the teams’ financial reports. Do we need to subsidize the meets making a lot of money at the championship meets? Will come up for vote in June as financial issue.
  - e. Meet Subsidy Motion #2 – Mariella Allard makes a motion, seconded by Bob Menck.
6. Budget Presentation, Joe Frazier – More active Finance Committee this year. Budget request proposals used. Motion to approve budget for approval at meeting made by Ray Grant, seconded by Tim Thompson. Motion passes.
7. Office Report, Carol Healey– proof of age going along well.
8. Zone Meet plans and Zone meet, Carol Healey– Sherry Wingfield stepping up until Alex Cronin takes over. Three busses and hotel are booked. Website and applications to get going.
9. Zone meeting – Tim Thompson and Jamie Bloom going.
10. Other
  - a. Laura Matuszak – following up on BOR question from last meeting about oversight. Laura contacted USA Swimming. Response was that they will guide a local BOR. National also handles appeals and will make recommendations back

to local BOR. BOR functions independently from Board of Directors to prevent bias and protect privacy.

- b. Joe Reid (NSSC) – Swim Across America: - Dana Farber biggest charity. Kitty Tetreault (event director for Swim Across America for Boston and RI) New swim event at Harvard this year April 21<sup>st</sup> – want more age group swimming involvement.  
Team Relay Swim at Harvard – 2-hour swim. Team that swims the furthest in 2 hours win.. Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> – Boston Harbor Island Swim, July 14<sup>th</sup> at Nantasket Beach (1/2 and 1 mile swim) . Minimum age is 12. Swim in September at Narragansett Beach.
- c. Mary Ellen Tynan – report on IMX scores
- d. Carol Healey– thanked Laura Matuszak for her Chairmanship for past 4 years.
- e. Priscilla Davis– National Safety running poster competition – prize for New England kid.
- f. Bob Menck– Ken Galica (NWSC) and Bob Menck attending Zone workshop. Carol Healey and Mary Ellen Tynan attending for Registration and SWIMS.
- g. Dan Warner - Olympic Trial meet – must have Junior National cut.
- h. Nadine Jesionek – Water Safety Day. Also planning International Water Safety Day. Fundraiser asking for Corporate Sponsorships.
- i. Staci Bowen – has material for Water Safety Day. – May 15<sup>th</sup> get info out into the schools. Training on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. May 19<sup>th</sup> – Hanscom or Minuteman? Cambridge Ringe and Latin, Madison Park High School, Greater Burlington YMCA, UVAC. USA Swimming plans to make this an annual event.
- j. Kathy Dacey– spoke at coaches’ clinic Nadine ran. Well done and put together. Nationals Coaches’ Review asked Cathy to chair panel

Motion to adjourn made by Ray Grant, seconded by Joe Frazier

Respectfully submitted,  
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Secretary, New England Swimming