

New England Swimming
Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare - Wellesley, Massachusetts
June 12, 2012 - Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members:

Present: Mariella Allard (UN-NE), Joe Bernal (BGSC), Jamie Bloom (WYST), Sarah Conklin (SAC), Matt Craven (SAC), Priscilla Davis (UN-NE), Joe Frazier (BGSC), Ray Grant (SSA), Judi Lombardi (NSSC), Bob Menck (UN-NE), Rick Osterberg (UN-NE), Chris Sheppard (CRA), Sherry Wingfield (NAS)

Absent: Arthur Athanas (YNS), Sarah Bartholomae (SAC), Chuck Batchelor (ABF), Chris Downing (WYST), Greg Gillette (EST), Olivia Jameson (NSSC), Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck (UN-BEST), Tim Murphy (MBM), Tori Weinstock (PSC).

Guests:

Carl Ceberquist (CRIM), Kathy Dacey (UN-NE), Scott Doty (PSC), Carol Healey (NES-Office), Mary Riddell (UN-NE), Lisa Black Sholudko (AAC), Tim Thompson (HHS), Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC), Dan Warner (NSSC).

7:08 pm – Quorum (13/21) Established - BOD Meeting Called to Order

1. **Welcome Remarks, Ray Grant:** Welcomed new members and thanked outgoing members, Niko Fantakis (WYST), Sarah Conklin (SAC), Mary Ellen Tynan (PSC) and Tim Thompson (HHS) for their service to New England Swimming. Self-introduction of guests and board members.
2. **Secretary's Report, Mary Ellen Tynan:** Minutes of the April 3, 2012 meeting accepted. Motion to approve Secretary's report with minor typographical errors made by Priscilla Davis and seconded by Mariella Allard. *Motion Passes.*
3. **Treasurer's Report:** All treasury reports as of 6/2012 are on file at the New England Swimming Office and available upon request. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Mariella Allard, seconded by Priscilla Davis. *Motion Passes.*
4. **Athlete reimbursement:** Reimbursement requested for 45 swimmers meeting requirements for reimbursement totaling \$9,000. Motion to approve by Mariella Allard, seconded by Priscilla Davis. *Motion Passes.*
5. **Appointments to Board:** General Chair, Ray Grant appointed the following-
 - a) 5 At-Large Members: Chuck Batchelor (ABF), Laura Matuszak (GMA), Bob Menck (UN-NE), Tim Murphy (MBM) and Rick Osterberg (UN-NE)
 - b) Safety/Adaptive Swimming Chair – Priscilla Davis (UN-NE)
 - c) Inclusion/Diversity Chair – Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck (UN-BEST)Motion to accept appointments made by Matt Craven, seconded by Joe Frazier. Rick Osterberg abstained. *Motion Passes with one abstention*
6. **Annual Meeting Reports:**
 - a) Coaches: Tim Thompson reported that Greg Gillette will report on this at a later time.
 - b) Officials: Bob Menck reported that the officials broke up in 3 subcommittee groups with specific focus – 1. Training 2. Information Technology 3. Future – Where we are headed?
 - c) Age Group Committee: Jamie Bloom reported that the next quad was discussed. Two primary areas of focus were on extending the year to keep kids in the water with possible championships in December, March and July with the March one being a LCM Championship. Second, possibly swimming all meets as 14 & under and Open.
 - d) Senior Committee: Joe Bernal reported that they organized for Opens. Time standards are out and posted. Events will be limited to 7, opposed to the typical 9. They agreed on bonus qualifying times for all events with none for the 800 and 1500. They also posted a Relay Time Standard using aggregate time, avoiding many Relay Only swimmers. \$10/event - \$30/relay and \$20/event time trial. Open warm-ups for 90 minutes prior to start. The Committee is considering a distance weekend across the

state.

- e) **Meet Managers:** Carol Healey reported that Mary Gentry was a guest speaker on Technology Tips. Also, Meet Directors test to not have to come back resulted in 4 passed (80%).

7. **Technical Committee:** A written compilation of the proposed legislation was presented to the Board of New England Swimming for their review and vote by Mariella Allard:

- a) **Meet Subsidy Motion #1:** Moved by Mariella Allard, seconded by Joe Frazier, and amended as follows. *Motion passes as amended.*

New England Swimming recognizes that increased expenses impact some “end-of-season” meets. Accordingly, subsidies will be given to teams running these meets under specific conditions. There will be no additional Swimmer Participation Fee permitted for these meets, and all current entry fees and surcharges remain the same. No subsidy will be issued to offset hospitality costs for any meet. There is a limit of one subsidy per meet. This policy will take effect on September 1, 2012.

New England Age Group Championships	\$2,500.00
New England Open Championships	\$3,500.00
New England Senior Circuit Meet	\$5,000.00
New England Senior Championships	\$5,000.00
New England Open Water Championships	\$1,000.00

- b) **Meet Subsidy Motion #2:** Moved by Rick Osterberg, seconded by Joe Frazier, and amended as follows. *Motion passes as amended.*

Clubs that run calendar meets that offer a distance session (with or without a non-distance session) may apply for a \$250 distance session subsidy, subject to the limitations below. There is a limit of one subsidy per meet. This policy will take effect on September 1, 2012.

- The distance session must offer at least one individual event for each gender that is 800 meters or longer, OR must offer at least two individual events for each gender that are 400 yards or longer;
- The distance session must be no less than 3 hours in duration, exclusive of warm-up;
- The distance session must have a separate warm-up period that is 30 minutes or longer.

- c) **New England Records Motion #1:** This was moved, seconded, amended, and tabled at the April 3, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion was taken from the table for consideration. *Motion fails.*

- d.) **New England Records Motion #2:** Moved by Mariella Allard, seconded by Priscilla Davis, and amended as follows. *Motion passes as amended.*

Any time achieved at a Sanctioned or Approved meet and is entered into the USA Swimming SWIMS database, performed by a swimmer who is properly registered with USA Swimming is eligible to set a New England or New England Resident Record.

New England Record requirements:

- The swimmer must represent a USA Swimming club, or be USA Swimming Unattached, at the time of the swim;
- The meet must take place within the geographical boundary of the New England LSC

New England Resident Record requirements:

- The swimmer must represent a New England LSC club, or be Unattached-NE, at the time of the swim;
- The meet may take place in any USA Swimming LSC territory, or any FINA federation territory;
- Swimmers registered with the New England LSC and representing Team USA may establish a New England Resident Record at any USA Swimming meet or at any FINA federation meet.

e.) Meet Fees Motion #1: Moved by Mariella Allard, and seconded by Rick Osterberg. *Motion fails. (In favor: 3; Opposed: 7; Abstained: 2 [Ray Grant, Joe Frazier])*

f.) Meet Fees Motion #2: Moved by Mariella Allard, seconded by Bob Menck, and amended as follows. *Motion passes as amended.*

The following changes to fees and surcharges will be made, effective September 1, 2012:

- The sanction fee for Open Water meets will be \$100 per day.
- New England Swimming will collect a surcharge of \$0.75 per splash on all individual and relay events, including time trials and prelims/finals events, of all distances.
- New England Swimming will collect a surcharge of \$1.00 per swimmer for all non-championship calendar meets for the New England Swimming Travel Reimbursement Fund. This surcharge will be collected in addition to published entry fees and swimmer participation fees. This surcharge will be collected by the host club, and sent to the New England Swimming office.

g.) Sanction Motion #1: Moved by Mariella Allard, seconded by Joe Frazier. *Motion passes.*

There will be a limit of one sanction awarded per weekend for one host club at one pool. For the purpose of this policy, a weekend is defined as Thursday through Sunday. This policy will take effect for sanctioned events after September 1, 2012.

8. **Calendar:** Matt Craven reported that the quad plan is coming and expected to be done by December. Currently, SCY meets for the 2012-13 season are scheduled to be as follows: Regionals (6 sites) – Feb 22-24, 12 & under Age Groups – February 28-March 3 and 13-19 Age Group Championship- March 7-10. LCM dates tabled for now. Motion to set dates for SCY season made by Matt Craven, seconded by Jamie Bloom. *Motion Passes.*
9. **Eastern Zone Meeting Report:** Jamie Bloom reported that Laura Matuzak is the Eastern Zone Coach Rep. Zone meets will be closed to outside LSC's. Upcoming schedule established for the North from March 21st-24th in Buffalo and run as LCM meet. Increasing entry fee by \$1. For the South, it will be the same weekend in Christiansburg, Virginia.
10. **Long Course Zone Team:** Sherry Wingfield (NAS) reported that LC Zone meet will be held in Richmond, VA.
11. **Athlete Report:** Sarah Conklin reported the election of 2 new Junior Athlete Representatives. A rubric was used for the application process focusing on communication ability, dedication to NES and open-mindedness. The two new Jr. Reps are Christopher Downing (CRA) and Sarah Bartholomae (SAC). Motion to accept by Sarah Conklin (SAC), seconded by Matt Craven (SAC). *Motion Passes.*
12. **Inclusion Committee Report:** No Report at this time.
13. **Office Report:** Carol Healey reported NES registrations. Currently, NES has 7,784 athletes, 544 Coaches and 428 officials enrolled. She distributed a 4-month administrative calendar for all BOD members. Meet bids are due by 7/1.
14. **Other Business:**
 - Lisa Black Sholudko (AAC)** commented that the Special Olympics will be at Harvard this year.
 - Mariella Allard (UN-NE)** commented on having towels for Opens this year.
 - Dan Warner (NSSC)** commented that they have 22 kids registered for a last chance attempt for an Olympic Trial cut at the upcoming meet this weekend at MIT.
 - Joe Bernal (BGSC)** thanked Bob Menck for stopping by to offer assistance at the Senior Committee meeting.
15. **Next Meeting:** General Chair, Ray Grant canceled the scheduled July meeting. Next meeting will be September 4th, 2012 in which the meeting will open with a discussion of NES philosophy and plans moving forward.

9:27 pm - Motion to adjourn made by Ray Grant, seconded by Priscilla Davis. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully, submitted,
Judi Lombardi, Secretary
New England Swimming