

Summer Swimming Operational Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday February 3rd, 2013 2:00-4:00pm

K.C. Irving Center, Acadia Room, Acadia University

Attendance: Sue Jackson (President, Swim NS), Andrew Tanner (BWB), Kelly Polley (WW), Charles Williams (WW)

Conference Call: Ken Shea (Summer Swimming Representative), Bette El-Hawary (ED, Swim NS), Michelle Raiche-Marsden (CHH), Katherine Bourbonniere (CHH) Rob Arsenault (EH), Diane Arsenault (EH), Jane Lordly (LM), Cindy Hutchison (BSK), Donna Board (PCSS), Joe Cross (KM), Debbie Wright (SMBB), Stephen Belliveau (WB)

Regrets: Mike Dowell (MM), Jurgen Griegoschewski (DD), Paul Saulnier (DD), Felicia Boutlier (CS), Tania Williamson (WB)

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks-** Ken Shea called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

→ Ken welcomed everyone to the meeting; Bette did roll call.

2. **Additions & Approval of Agenda-**

Additions to the agenda: None

Motion to approve the agenda: Kelly Polley/Andrew Tanner- Motion carried

3. **Minutes of the September 9th, 2012 Meeting-Motion to approve the minutes as circulated:** Charles Williams/Kelly Polley- Motion carried

4. **Business Arising from September 9th, 2012 Meeting Minutes-**

→ **Terms of Reference-** Distributed; the terms line up with other Swim Nova Scotia Committees. The Vice Chair position has been removed.

○ Q & A: terms of office is one year, in the past it was a two-year term. This is consistent with other SNS Committees.

→ **2014 Provincials Host-** Bette to follow up with SMBB to host, they are unable to. SMBB is still also waiting to hear from HRM on their facility. They will consider it again at their upcoming meeting later this month. Bedford Beavers is considering it; they will know later this Spring. The Waeg is considering hosting as well.

→ **Year-Round Training Policy-** Distributed September 2012

5. **2013 Swim Nova Scotia Registration Fees-**

- Fees will be \$25 for swimmers, club fee of \$75 small team/\$100 large team due on Friday July 13. Final date for new swimmers to register and be eligible for Provincials is August 1*.
- Affidavits have been circulated via email, please collect the Family ones and retain on file at the Club level and submit Club ones to Swim NS with registration information.

6. **Swim Nova Scotia Update-**

- Thanks to the Cole Harbour Hurricanes for coming forward on such short notice to host the 2013 Summer Provincial Championships. The Hurricanes are trying to ensure the culture of Provincial Champs is still maintained.
- Chris Reith and Mary Claire Lynch will be returning this summer as the Summer Swimming Coordinators; we will hire a third in June. Unfortunately Kyle Watson is unable to return.
- Swim-a-Thon- A new online Swim-a-Thon fundraiser will be in place starting in September 2013 by Swimming Canada. If any Clubs do swim-a-thon as a fundraiser please email Bette and she will communicate the information as it is received.

7. **2013 Summer Swimming Competition Structure- Q & A**

- Changes were outlined in the document in orange.
- Q & A:
 - i. Participation events are on Friday afternoon; young families are able to come for one afternoon only; those in the 50m Free or 100m IM are spread out over the weekend. From an LTAD perspective, the age and stage of development for the Participation swimmers line up with the LTAD for a two-hour session. We will ensure there are adequate breaks so they do not swim their events too close together.
 - ii. The LTAD Sub-Committee reviewed the written feedback received by Swim Nova Scotia and took into consideration all of the concerns brought forward. The Committee reviewed the Competition Structure to ensure the LTAD philosophy is maintained.

- iii. The 15-18 year old swimmers will swim together, but they will be scored/awarded by 15-16 and 17-18.
- iv. Seeding for Participation swimmers is by time, not age group. Concerns expressed with having 10 year olds swimming with 6 year olds. Clubs and Coaches need to continue to educate their swimmer on focusing on skills, not who is in the lane with them.

8. **2013 Meet Schedule-**

- Thanks to all of the teams who were able to provide meet dates; the schedule should be finalized in the coming weeks. Bette is waiting to hear from Digby and Kentville with their meet dates.
- Pictou County Subway Sharks will be hosting an invitational meet in their new indoor facility.
- There are two additional meets added to the schedule with the addition of Pictou and Cole Harbour hosting Provincials.

9. **2013 Summer Swimming Provincials-**

- Presentation circulated, Katherine reviewed the document.
- Request to look into live webcast.
- Kelly noted that the marshaling should be easier with the electronic scoreboard displaying the heat/event.
- The Committee is looking into additional outdoor seating/athlete village at Dalplex.
- Parking on Friday afternoon will not be an issue at Dalplex, as they do not have classes at that time.
- The organizing committee is looking accommodations at Dal residence. Once they have secured group accommodations they will circulate the information.

10. **2014 Provincials Host-**

- SMBB & BB let Bette know by the end of February; Bette will then let WW know if they can look at hosting in 2014 or 2015.

11. **2015 Provincials Host-** Above

12. **New Business-**

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- Pictou Subway Sharks would like to shadow a club hosting an invitational meet. Donna will follow up with a team once the schedule is finalized. Both Bedford and the Waeg are willing to allow this.
- Meet Managers clinic 7-8am on Saturday February 9th at Dalplex. Let Kelly Polley know if you are interested in attending.

13. **Next Meeting**- Sunday June 2nd at 11:30am (start time TBD) in Halifax

14. **Adjournment**- Motion to adjourn by Kelley Polley at 3:05pm.