

Summer Swimming Opening Presidents Meeting Minutes

Saturday May 6th, 2006 1:30-3:30pm

Beveridge Arts Center Room 142, Acadia University

Attendance: Wayne Schram (Summer Swim Rep), Tom Sancton (SNS Vice President), Wendy Hudson (Officials), Martha Schram (WW), Cathy Lyons (SMBB), Jocelyn Nicholson (KM), Al Scott (BB), Chris Thomes (EH), Charlene Conrad (NGW), Katharine Cox-Brown (AG), Margie MacLean (BB), Joan Jobb (LM), Jennifer Briand (LM), Sandi Graham-Muise (MD), Margaret Rooney (WB), Tracy Lake (WB), Patricia Grant (WW), Michelle Raiche-Marsden (CHH), Laura Barrett (CHH), Vicki Holland (BSK), Brian Murray (BSK), Malcolm Pitman (BWB), Deanne Kelley (BWB), Geoff Wright (CS), Colin MacDonald (CS)

Regrets: Donna MacKinnon (Banook)

Introductions

1. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda- Tom called the meeting to order at 1:35pm. ***Moved by Cathy Lyons/Colin MacDonald Motion Carried***
2. Additions to Agenda- Food Bank Donation
3. Minutes of the September 10, 2005 Meeting- ***Moved by Cathy Lyons / Al Scott Motion carried***
 - **Action:** *For the 2006 summer season student(s) to put together a provincials "checklist" in conjunction with past hosts.- To complete this summer (Include a format for post Provincials reports)*
 - **Action:** *Update the Provincials meet package and the Operating Swim Guide- Done*
 - **Action:** *For the 2006 summer season all time trial results submitted will be posted online.- Clubs to do this season*
 - **Action:** *All clubs to submit top three choices of meets to Swim Nova Scotia by April 2006.-Done*
 - **Action:** *Add recommendation to templates that the 8 & under relays are run earlier in the day.-To do when meet schedule is available*
 - **Action:** *Remove the conversion charts from the Summer Swimming Directory.- To do this season*
4. Opening Remarks- Tom Sancton welcomed everyone to the meeting this weekend. Lynn Sitland sent her regrets for personal reasons this weekend. Swim Nova Scotia is looking forward to another great summer.
5. Swim Nova Scotia Update- Bette El-Hawary thanked everyone for attending the meeting and apologized for changing the date. SNS is awaiting grants from the Summer Career Employment Programs; if we are successful with grant(s) we will be able to hire students this season. A

memo will be circulated via email when we hear from them. The All-Star meet is scheduled to take place in Charlottetown on June 23-25th, 2006. When we receive the meet information from PEI we will circulate the information to the individual swimmers, club reps and post it online. Registration is now available for the NCCP Level I Skills Coach Course to be held in Halifax on June 30-July 2nd. All coaches (that are on deck at swim meets) must be certified Level I at Provincials and must be a member (at any level) with the CSCTA (www.casca.org). Later in May we will email out a club directory list, please email it back to use with up to date Club Executive information. Swim NS is looking forward to another great swim season. The web-page will be maintained regularly with important information. Finally, Swim NS would like to thank Wayne Schram for doing a great job working on our Board of Directors representing Summer Swimming over the last couple of years. Wayne's knowledge and expertise has been asset to swimming in this Province.

6. Summer Swimming Representative Report- Wayne Schram submitted a written report. Swim NS now requires all coaches to have a Criminal Record Check done to be one deck. Recommendation to do Child Abuse Registry Check. Last season we extended the period for All Star swimmers to train (until October 31st) and allowed them to swim one winter meet. Feedback/discussion on if the swimmers took advantage of this, and if they made the switch to winter. The logistics from the winter clubs was hard to manage (finance for two months). Comments from the Board table were neutral from the winter clubs. Concerns were expressed from non-All-Star team members that they would like to have the opportunity to swim through October- September is not enough time for summer swimmers to make a decision to commit to winter swimming. Everyone should get the opportunity, not just the All-Star team. This was recommended by the Summer All-Star Committee as an additional perk for those members. Discussion on opening it up to include everyone. Recommendation from the Summer Group that the winter training rule be extended to November 1st. Wayne will bring forward the recommendation to the winter clubs at the AGM. He will also bring forward the request for swimmers to compete in a winter meet. A concern was raised that this does not allow a level playing field as clubs in rural areas do not have the opportunity to train through the winter.

Action: Wayne Schram to bring forward the recommendation to the Swim NS Board of Directors to allow all summer swimmers the opportunity to swim in 1 winter meet through the month of October.

Wayne has completed his term as the Summer Swimming Representative on the Swim NS Board of Directors. If anyone is interested please let him know.

7. Registration

- Fees will be \$15 for swimmers, club fee of \$50 due on Friday July 14. Final date for new swimmers to register and be eligible for Provincials is August 1. Fees will be increased to \$20 for swimmers and \$75 small team/\$100 large team for 2007 season. The fees are not used to offset any deficits; Swim NS would like to allow Summer Swimming to have enough funds available to cover the costs of staff hired.
8. 2006 Meet Schedule- Most clubs submitted their preference of weekends to host meets through the summer. There are a few conflicts. Discussion. Thanks to Colby for accommodating the meet schedule.
 9. Inclusion of Swimmers With A Disability- Swim Nova Scotia is proposing that we include specific events for Swimmers With A Disability at Provincials (1 event per day) and at Invitational Meets (1 event/meet). Swimmers would earn awards (medals), but not be eligible to score points as none of the swimmers are currently classified. We do not know what the number of disabled swimmers is like within summer swimming, but we would like to be inclusive of them. Clubs can include in their recruiting brochures that Summer Swimming is inclusive for them.
 10. Seeding at Invitational Swim Meets- Discussion on clubs submitting entries to host clubs prior to their invitational meets through the summer. The benefits to the host club would be mainly on the logistics side of things, to the swimmers/clubs the benefit would be faster swimming. Swimmers would be seeded by time in advance therefore racing against each other. Those that do not submit times in advance would simply be seeded last with no time. The majority of clubs are now using Hy-Tek Software making it much easier to submit entries in advance. Recommendation for entries to be submitted in advance for the Waeg meet, other host clubs can do this as well. We will re-evaluate this in September at the Wrap-Up meeting.
Action: Clubs to submit their entries for the Waeg Meet on Tuesday July 4th. We will re-evaluate this in September.
 11. Summer Swimming Rankings- A recommendation was made that Swim Nova Scotia rank the summer swimmers through the season following the invitational swim meets. For example, every Wednesday they would be updated on the web-page. Top 20 is proposed. Having the rankings throughout the summer is a benefit prior to Provincials so swimmers know where they are ranked in advance.
Action: Swim NS to compile weekly top 20 rankings throughout the summer. Results will also be posted in hy-tek format.
 12. 2006 Summer Provincials Update- Bridgewater Barracudas. Deanne Kelly (Provincials Chair) gave an update on Provincials. Their committee has been in place and has been meeting over the winter. Everything is in

place, they are ordering the medals next week, and sponsors have been secured. Provincials sample packs of clothing were distributed.

13. 2007/2008 Summer Provincials Host Clubs- Windsor is slated to host Provincials in 2007; however they are expecting a new pool to be ready for 2008. There is an uncertainty for them to have a pool for 2007 therefore they would like to host Provincials in 2008. We are looking for a host for 2007. Bridgewater started their organization in July of the year before. A dedicated parent group needs to be in place and major meetings began in the fall, and a lot of work was done through the winter and into the spring with weekly meetings.

Action: Swim NS will send out a request to the clubs to host 2007 Provincials.

14. New Business

- 2006 Summer Swimming Time Standards- Time standards are the same as they were in 2004 (last short course Provincials). They will be emailed, posted on the Swim Nova Scotia web-page, and included in the directory.
- Summer Swimming Provincials History- Bedford. Record keeping at Provincials is not accurate (first initial in some cases, etc.) Bedford would like to see accurate records kept along with an all-time top 20 list. Swim NS can try to fill in the complete names of swimmers from the records with the assistance of the clubs.

Action: Swim NS will update the records to include full names with the assistance of the clubs.

Action: Swim NS will begin to compile an All Time Top 20 list.

- Pre-determination and publication of warm-up times at Invitational meets- Bedford requested that the warm-up split be included in the meet package. ***Action: Host clubs to include the warm-up split in their meet package.***
- Food Bank Donations- The Waeg suggested that donations be accepted at their meet and be delivered to Feed Nova Scotia on behalf of Summer Swimming. Everyone thought that this was a great idea.

15. Next Meeting- Sunday September 10th, 2006 1:30pm in Wolfville.

16. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Geoff Wright.