

Summer Swimming Opening Presidents Meeting Minutes

Sunday May 6th, 2007 1:30-3:30pm

Beveridge Arts Center Room 141, Acadia University

Attendance: Sue Jackson (Vice President Swim NS), Bette El-Hawary (Swim NS), Wendy Hudson (Officials), Jocelyn Nicholson (KM), Janet Payne (KM), Chris Davy (SMBB), Cathy Lyons (SMBB), Julee Adams (AG), Sandi Graham-Muise (MD), Chris Thomes (EHS), Vicki Holland (BS), Mike Laffin (BWB), Maureen Belliveau (BL), Michelle Works (NGW), Elizabeth Jones (NGW), Jane Lordly (LM), Peter Emmeneau (LM), Patricia Grant (WW), Laura Barrett (CHH), Michelle Raiche-Marsden (CHH), Malcolm Pitman (BWB), Mervin Goodyear (BB), Al Scott (BB), Lori Van Tassell (DD), Amanda Walker (DD), Heather Brutor (DD), Tracy Lake (WB), Dorothy Duke (CS), Tracy Addresson (CS), Eric Balsler (MM)

Regrets: Katy Griegoschewski (DD), Rob MacPherson (NGW)

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks- Sue Jackson called the meeting to order at 1:40pm. Sue introduced herself as the Vice President for Swim Nova Scotia; Lynn was unable to attend today's meeting. She is looking forward to working with the summer swimming group this season.
2. Additions & Approval of Agenda- SWAD events added to templates; will be discussed during templates. Pre-assigned seating at Invitational Meets. ***Motion to approve the agenda: Moved by Malcom Pitman/CathyLyons Motion carried***
3. Minutes of the September 10, 2006 Meeting- Omission of discussion of pre-assigned seating. ***Motion to approve the minutes: Moved by Chris Davy / Peter Emmeneau Motion carried***
- **Action:** *Wendy Hudson to review disqualifications- Distributed at the meeting; discussion on consistency of officiating at the meets. Discussions to hand out disqualification slips, warnings and encourage more officials (stroke & turn) at invitational meets. The Officials will look at a way to better inform the swimmers on any infractions; and improve communications with coaches.*
- **Action:** *Committee to be struck regarding entry qualifications at Provincials- Done (item #9)*
- **Action:** *Winter training policy to be updated and distributed to winter clubs- Done*
4. Opening Remarks- Included in item 1.
5. Swim Nova Scotia Update- Bette El-Hawary thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Swim NS is looking forward to another great summer season. SNS is awaiting grants from the Summer Career Employment Programs; Lesley Vair will be returning as our student. The All-Star meet is scheduled to take place in Charlottetown on June 22-24th,

2007 with a training session on June 16th at Centennial Pool. Letters will be distributed to athletes this week; they will also be posted online. Registration is now available for the NCCP Level I Skills Coach Course to be held in Halifax on June 15-17th. 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.cscsa.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. The web-page will be maintained regularly with important information and rankings.

6. Summer Swimming Representative- Due to personal commitments Graham Theussien had to step down as our Summer Swimming Representative during the winter; we have not named a replacement, however Bruce Phinney from the Waeg Waves has offered. If anyone else is interested in the position please contact Swim NS by Friday May 11th. Otherwise Bette will follow up with Bruce on the position the week of May 14th.
7. Registration
 - o Fees will be \$20 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. If clubs would like to confirm their team size please contact Swim Nova Scotia.
8. 2007 Meet Schedule & Templates- Most clubs submitted their preference of weekends to host meets through the summer. Kentville would like to move there date to June 30th and Colby would like to switch there weekend to July 29th. Discussion on the shorter season, Bedford expressed some concerns with this; all other clubs have not received any negative feedback. The templates were discussed, they were approved as presented. Discussion on the SWAD events; they should swim with the able bodied athletes and be scored separately. Clubs with swimmers with a disability should contact host clubs in advance of meets.
9. Entry Qualification at Provincials (Sub-Committee)- The sub-committee met through the spring; members included Michelle Raiche-Marsden, Al Scott, Chris Davy, Malcolm Pitman, Jocelyn Nicholson, and Eric Balsler. The sub-committee did not come to a formal agreement on the proposal; however Michelle and Chris did a review of the registration statistics. Michelle led the discussion on the proposal that she distributed. Questions and concerns were addressed on the proposal. Friday's events will include the 9-10 50m Freestyle and the Medley Relays (not 8 & Under).

Motion: To approve the sub-committee proposal- items 1 & 2 as stated, amend #3- based on the annual registration deadline and any additional allotments would be in addition to qualifying time allotments.: Moved by Malcolm Pitman/Al Scott. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve the amended proposal. Moved by Michelle Raiche-Marsden/Chris Davy. Motion carried.

Action: Michelle Raiche-Marsden will update the proposal and Bette will distribute it to the membership.

10. 2007 Summer Provincials Update- Lori Van Tassell distributed clothing.
11. 2008/2009 Provincials Dates/Locations- Waeg Waves Aug 22-24, 2008, Windsor Bluefins 2009
12. New Business-
Pre-assigned seating at Invitational Meets – Al Scott brought forward a recommendation that clubs hosting invitational meets should assign seating to the teams. Discussion on the pros and cons of this. ***Motion: To encourage host clubs to do pre-assigned seating at all Invitational meets considered by team size, and this information be included in the meet package: Al Scott/Peter Emmeneau, Motion carried.*** Discussion;
13. Next Meeting- Sunday September 9th, 2007 1:30pm in Wolfville.
14. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Malcolm Pitman.