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Summer Swimming Opening Presidents Meeting Minutes

Sunday May 4th, 2008 1:30-3:30pm

Beveridge Arts Center Room 141, Acadia University

Attendance: Bruce Phinney (Summer Swim Representative), Sue Jackson (President, Swim NS), Bette El-Hawary (ED, Swim NS), Wendy Hudson (Officials), Kim Adams (WB), Kerstin Henger (WB), Tracy Lake (WB), Vicki Holland (BSK), Cindy Hutchinson (BSK), Chris Thoms (EHS), Mervin Goodyear (BB), Mike Dowell (MM), Jocelyn Nicholson (KM), Wendy Leiper (CS), Dorothy Duke (CS), Anne Walsh (WW), Sandi Graham-Muise (MD), Michelle Raiche-Marsden (CHH), Laura Barrett (CHH), Lisa Boyle (CHH), Carol Rock (BWB), Norma Patterson (BWB), Jane Brookes (MM), Jane Lordly (LM), Peter Emeneau (LM), Cathy Lyons (SMBB)

Regrets: Katy Griegoschewski (DD), Jurgen Griegoschewski (DD), Al Scott (BB), Patricia Grant (WW), Eric Balser (MM), Mike Laffin (BWB), Ron Addison (NGW)

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks-** Bruce Phinney called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

- Bruce welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Fees will be \$20 for swimmers, club fee of \$75 small team/\$100 large team due on Friday July 18. Final date for new swimmers to register and be eligible for Provincials is August 1.

2. **Additions & Approval of Agenda-** -New award- Michelle Raiche-Marsden

Motion to approve the agenda: Moved by Sandi Graham Muise/Mervin Goodyear Motion carried

3. **Minutes of the September 9, 2007 Meeting-***Motion to approve the minutes: Moved by Jocelyn Nicholson / Anne Walsh Motion carried*

- **Action:** *Distribute Officials Clinics to Summer email distribution list as they become available. – Done*
- **Action:** *Clubs to email Trish Grant (Waeg Waves) with the approximate numbers to expect at the social- Ongoing*
- **Action:** *Bette to follow up with Fred Childs regarding the use of the plungers at the Waeg and let the Waeg know- Done, no problem to use them during Provincials and possibly another meet.*
- **Action:** *Clubs to submit bids to host 2010 Provincials to Swim Nova Scotia. Tabled to the May 2008 Meeting- Bedford expressed interest in hosting 2010, Kentville expressed interest in hosting 2010 or 2011. Bette will follow up with both clubs through May and finalize the hosts.*
- **Action:** *Wendy to present a time trial policy in May 2008- Item #6.*

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- **Action:** Swim Nova Scotia will update the wording in the handbook to Provincials Event Limits. - will be complete when the handbook is produced this season.
- **Action:** Michelle will revise the current standards/berths and implement the recommendations outlined in the "Review of Changes Made to Accessing Summer Swimming Provincials 2007". They will be distributed via email and approved at the May 2008 Meeting.- Item # 8
- **Action:** Strike a committee to develop a Governance model and bring forward a recommendation in May 2008- Item #7

4. **2008 Summer Provincials Update:**

- **Distribution of Clothing-** Anne Walsh went through the clothing order for Provincials. The deadline for orders is July 20th. Anne will distribute the club packages at the end of the meeting.
- **Waeg Update-** Bruce Phinney- The Waeg is waiting to hear from the Fire Marshall on the approval of the bleachers, they are still working on finalizing additional parking at Kings College. The club will be open to the membership so the main parking lot will not be available to the swim teams. The social will be at St. Mary's University, details will be circulated to all of the teams (no meal will be included).
- **Discussion on increasing the number of relays from 1 to 2-** Michelle Raiche-Marsden- Doing this will add about 10-15 minutes per day that the relays are held, about 40-50 extra swims for the swimmers. The relays have been very exciting in the past. Concerns expressed that small teams would be penalized if they can not fill the 2nd relay. The 2nd relay team does not have to score. There are two ways to do this, you can declare your second team automatically as exhibition, or you could enter them as a regular team and only 1 team would score (preference in hy-tek meet manager). Clubs do not have to enter the 2nd relay if they don't want to. The same relay would apply (need at least 2 per age group in order to allow swim ups). This is a great way to increase participation. **Motion: "To increase the number of relays per age group/gender from 1 to 2 per team." Michelle Raiche-Marsden/Jocelyn Nicholson. Motion carried.**

5. **Summer Swimming Representative-** Bruce Phinney- Enjoyed sitting on the Board for Swim Nova Scotia, through the winter season Bruce officiated at some meets. Bruce is looking forward to the "Governance" model being discussed and is happy that the Swim Nova Scotia Board of Director's supported this.

6. **Summer Swimming Governance** – The sub-committee (comprised of Laura Barrett, Al Scott, Bette El-Hawary, Chaired by Eric Balsler) met throughout the winter and developed the Summer Swimming Governance Model. The document was distributed in February/March to the clubs for

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their review/input; we would like final approval today. Discussion on adding the Child Abuse Registry check under Key Duties. Need to add under the composition “officials designate”. **Motion: To approve the Summer Swimming Governance Model with the two revisions. Laura Barrett/Cathy Lyons. Motion Carried.**

Action: Summer Swimming Governance Model to be brought forward to the Swim Nova Scotia Board of Director’s for final approval.

7. **Officials Update-**

- There will be no formal infraction sheet given to swimmers; communication will be direct from the Official to the Coach.
- Time Trial Policy- Wendy handed out a draft time trial policy. Time trials should be registered at least 24hrs in advance with Swim Nova Scotia; if your club needs to borrow equipment (watches/starter) the sooner you contact Swim Nova Scotia the better. Two bullets will be added:

-“All results must be submitted to Swim Nova Scotia within 48hrs following the completion of the time trial”

-“Assignment of meet official’s sheet must be submitted to Swim Nova Scotia with the results from the time trial”.

Bette will make the appropriate revisions to the document and email it to all clubs for approval via email. The policy will be in place this summer.

- Wendy will notify clubs of upcoming clinics. If your club would like to hold a clinic please contact Wendy. Bridgetown is anticipating a small club this summer and will be in need of assistance with officials.
- The Officials database for Swim Nova Scotia is being updated; Dave Laustsen will be following up with all clubs.
- Clinic reports are to be submitted in order to receive badges/pins.
- Question on Skills Coach Assessments- If a coach would like to get assessed they must register online for the assessment, there are more assessors available in the Province to do the evaluations. The evaluation cost is \$100 plus travel costs. Assessments can take place at swim meets, practices and time trials.

Action: Wendy to send Bette the Time Trial Policy, Bette to distribute.

8. **Time Standards & Berths-** Michelle Raiche-Marsden

- Michelle distributed information on the time standards & berths.

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- **Motion: To adopt the 25% for the qualifying times. Michelle Raiche-Marsden/Sandi Graham-Muise 2 against. Motion carried.** This should not affect the timing of Provincials.

9. 2008 Meet Schedule-

- Bette distributed a draft copy of the meet schedule and templates for this summer last Monday. All clubs managed to get one of their top choices for hosting a meet this summer. The St. Margaret's Bay meet is a fun meet for those swimmers that are not attending Provincials. The meet is after the entry deadline for Provincials. Lunenburg is considering July 5th for their meet, they are going to follow up with Bette. There were no changes to the meet templates. If you have any feedback on the templates please send them to Swim Nova Scotia throughout the summer and they will be addressed in September at the Wrap Up meeting.

The meet schedule and templates will be distributed at the end of this week.

Action: Lunenburg to follow up with Bette on the July 5th meet date, Bette to distribute the meet schedule and templates.

10. 2009/2010 Provincials Dates/Locations-

- Windsor- Cathy McMillan is the Chair for the Organizing Committee. The venue is booked, an organizing committee is underway. The dates will be August 21-23rd, 2009.
- 2010/2011 hosts will be finalized over the next month.

11. New Business-

- New Award: Cole Harbour Hurricanes would like to donate an award to Swim Nova Scotia to the team with the highest percentage of membership attending regular season invitational meets. The winning team would have their photo included in the meet program for Provincials. Discussion on the amount of work for tabulating the winner and the value of the award to clubs/swimmers. **Motion: Participation Award outlined in the proposal. Michelle Raiche-Marsden/Mervin Goodyear. Motion carried.** We will see how the award goes this summer and get feedback at the Wrap-Up meeting.

12. Next Meeting- Sunday September 7th, 2008 1:30pm in Wolfville.

13. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Cathy Lyons.