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## Summer Swimming Operational Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 1:30-3:30pm

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

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**Attendance:** Eric Balser (Summer Swim Representative), Sue Jackson (President, Swim NS), Bette El-Hawary (ED, Swim NS), Wendy Hudson (Officials), Kim Adams (WB), Kerstin Henigar (WB), Kirk Lycett (BSK), Cindy Hutchinson (BSK), Kerri-Lynn Washington (CS), Linda Connolly (CS), Amanda MacDonald (CS), Sharlene VanRoessel (KM), Kelley Polley (WW), Heather Travers (BB), Mervin Goodyear (BB), Mike Dowell (MM), Sandi Graham-Muise (MD), Jane Lordly (LM), Kristy Galivan (WB), Darrell Crooks (KM), MJ Laing (SMBB), Michelle Raiche-Marsden (CHH), Laura Barrett (CHH)

**Conference Call:** Wanda Bolivar (SMBB), Mike Laffin (BWB), Patricia Grant (WW)

**Regrets:** Katy Griegoschewski (DD), Jurgen Griegoschewski (DD), Donna Wright (DD), Ron Addison (NGW)

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

→ Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

*Additions to the agenda:* Discussion on how clubs allot berths for Provincials.

*Motion to approve the agenda:*

*Moved by Wendy Hudson/Mervin Goodyear Motion carried*

3. **Minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting-***Motion to approve the minutes: Moved by Kim Adams / Sharlene VanRoessel Motion carried*

**Business Arising from September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Meeting Minutes-**

→ **Action:** *Order of events at Provincials- Draft Provincials meet package was circulated, the break on Sunday will be scheduled appropriately (based on the session times). Discussion on moving the relays from Sunday to Saturday. If we were to move the events from Sunday to Saturday the finish time would be around 6:00 or 6:30pm. Windsor noted that the town would like them to be finished up by 6:00pm on Sunday. If relays did move to Saturday the 8 & under's would still do their relay on Sunday. Discussion on the length of time for the meet on Saturday. Suggestion to leave the events as they currently are; if there are any weather concerns we will re-visit. Last year Provincials finished up at 4:30pm on Saturday, Sunday finished up at 5:00pm. Rationale for switching the age groups on Sunday is around the results tabulation and having the younger swimmers swim*

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*earlier. **Motion to switch Sunday mornings IM events to start with the 9-10 age group. Moved by Kelly Polley/Sharlene VanRoessel. Motion Carried.***

→ **Action:** *Relay entry times at Provincials for the 13+ swimmers for events that they have not swum in the past. Relay recommendations were circulated by Michelle. Clubs are encouraged to do time trials to get times for these swimmers. Wendy suggested that we should review the entry times and results at Provincials next season. Clubs would be required to send a separate email stating how they came up with the entry times.*

4. **Summer Swimming Representative Report:** Eric was only able to attend two Swim Nova Scotia Board of Directors meetings throughout the winter; nothing to report over the winter season.
5. **Swim Nova Scotia-**
  - Fees as noted in the agenda; team sizes are based on last year's registration numbers; a small team is 49 or less members and a large team is 50+ members.
  - NCCP Update was circulated via email earlier in April. The equivalency will not be available until the fall for Swim Teachers. Course registration will be available within the next two weeks online (an email will be distributed). 'Swimming 101' will be held every six months (June and November). The costs will be determined by the pool costs and the number of candidates. All coaches are required to take the Making Ethical Decisions (MED) module (regardless of level). There are practice questions for the MED available on the CSCTA webpage ([www.cscata.org](http://www.cscata.org)). Information is available on the Swim Nova Scotia webpage under the coaches section.
  - Swim Nova Scotia will be hiring summer students within the next two weeks based on the number of Federal/Provincial grants that we receive.
6. **Officials** – Wendy Hudson submitted a written report via email. All time trials must have the proper officials in place; if you need assistance with officials at your time trials please contact Wendy. All officials at Provincials must be properly trained; this includes timers. All timers must have their Level I. Clinics are available throughout the summer. Clubs are asked to ensure that the timers they are submitted are certified Level I; if you are uncertain you can follow up with Swim Nova Scotia. Timers must have taken a clinic within two years; they are encouraged to work at one meet that season (but not required). Wendy thanked all of the officials who helped out with the Eastern Canadian Swimming Championships this winter.

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7. **Summer Provincials Report-**

- Kim Adams (Windsor Bluefins): Facilities have been booked; decisions on tarps, seating, etc will be finalized in June/July once the facility is complete. Funding has been very slow; not a lot of corporate donations have come in (about half the amount that they expected). Clothing samples are ready for distribution; clubs should pick them up following the meeting. Artwork has been established for awards; they will be finalizing them in the next couple of weeks. Expectation is to run a full canteen for all days, all meets throughout the weekend. The dance will be held at the Community Centre across from the pool; the capacity at the Centre is between 450-550 people. Concern was expressed about viewing at the pool; Windsor is limited by the pool configuration and the fence. Windsor is going to try to do what the Waeg did last year and rotate the spectator seating.
- 2009 Qualifying Times: Michelle Raiche-Marsden reviewed the qualifying standards as per the same formula that has been established. The times are slightly faster than they were last year.

8. **2009 Meet Schedule-**

- Everyone submitted their preferences for hosting in March; Bette distributed the draft schedule in advance for approval at today's meeting. Digby is unable to change the date of their weekend, they are aware that they are doubling with Bedford. The templates will not change. We assigned the templates for each meet. Concern raised on the scoring at Invitational meets; scoring is up to each team. SMBB is an open meet; traditionally for non-Provincials swimmers. Nobody will be turned away.
- **Action:** Swim Nova Scotia to re-send the recommendation for split warm-ups and cardless meets.
- Reminder that meet hosts try to do a split warm-up.
- Reminder that meet hosts try to pre-assign seating.

9. **Old Business-**

- 2010 Provincials- Bedford Beavers
- 2011 Provincials- Kentville Marlins

10. **New Business-**

- Cardless Meets- the expectation is that all meets will be cardless this summer; the Swim Nova Scotia students will be available to run all of the meets. If a club wishes to run a meet on their own the students will be available to assist them. The registration deadline will remain the same (middle of July); clubs should send Swim NS

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their registration lists before the first meet of the year and then send the final list and fees by the deadline.

→ Selection of Berths at Provincials- Discussion on how berths are assigned among different clubs. The majority of the clubs outline the guidelines to qualify for Provincials.

11. **Next Meeting**- Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 1:30pm in Wolfville with conference call capabilities.

12. **Adjournment**- Motion to adjourn by Wendy Hudson at 3:25pm.