

SUMMER SWIMMING WRAP UP MEETING MINUTES

Saturday September 10th, 2005

2:00-4:00pm

Beveridge Arts Center Rm 142- Acadia University
Wolfville, N.S.

Attendance:

Bette El-Hawary, Swim Nova Scotia	Wayne Schram, Summer Swim Rep.
Lynn Sitland, Swim Nova Scotia	Cathy Lyons, St. Margaret's Bay Breakers
Chris Thoms, East Hants Stingrays	Geoff Wright, Colby Sailfish
Jaqueline Woodworth, Middleton Missiles	Margie MacLean, Bedford Beavers
Jocelyn Nicholson, Kentville Marlins	Tracy Lake, Windsor Bluefins
Malcolm Pitman, Bridgewater Barracudas	Joan Jobb, Lunenburg Mariners
Debbie Emeneau, Lunenburg Mariners	Patricia Grant, Waeg Waves
Michelle Raiche-Marsden, Cole Harbour Hurricanes	Laura Barrett, Cole Harbour Hurricanes
Donna MacKinnon, Banook Lakers	Cathy Lyons, St. Margaret's Bay Breakers
Dave Gouchie, Bridgetown Seakings	Vicki Holland, Bridgetown Seakings

Regrets: Ron Addison, New Glasgow Wave Runners, Meredith Alexander, Digby Dolphins, Tom Sancton, Swim Nova Scotia

1. 2:15pm meeting was called to order by Lynn Sitland; **Motion:** to approve the agenda by Cathy Lyons, seconded by Jocelyn Nicholson. **Motion carried.**
2. Opening Remarks- Lynn Sitland welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance
3. Additions to the agenda-
 - o Entries at Provincials with NT
 - o Conversions
 - o Coaches on deck
4. Minutes of the May 7th, 2005 meeting - Carrie Bernard, Bridgewater Barracudas and Joan Jobb, Lunenburg Mariners were not in attendance in the minutes, but are listed.
5. Business Arising from May 7th Meeting-

Action Items:

- i. *Swim Nova Scotia to circulate meet schedule after speaking with Digby and Bridgetown and post online- DONE*

- ii. *Clubs asked to submit names of swimmers attending invitational meets to host club-* done for most meets, with the exception of Digby meet. There were a lot of gender/name mismatches with the swimmers at the meet. Discussion on how to improve this for next summer. Swim Nova Scotia will work with the host for the first meet (traditionally Waeg) to ensure that the names are consistent with what comes in the database the following week for the registration deadline. Swim Nova Scotia will then send out the master team list for host clubs to import into their program to keep all names/numbers consistent. Discussion on clubs submitting names of swimmers attending the meet in advance to the host club so they have a better idea of the numbers attending.

Action: *Swim Nova Scotia circulates master team lists following registration annually (in hy-tek format).*

Motion: to approve the May 7th minutes by Cathy Lyons, seconded by Margie MacLean. **Motion carried.**

6. **Chair's Report-** Lynn stated that this summer went very smoothly and congratulated the officials for moving up to run provincials with all summer officials.
7. **Executive Directors Report-** Bette thanked Liz Weiss and Andy White for helping this summer. This summer they attended all of the meets and ran several technical clinics. Bette also extended thanks to the members of the all-star committee (Michelle Raiche-Marsden, Andy Corkum, Brenda Perks, Wayne Schram) for all their work over the last 12 months on this committee.
8. **Summer Swimming Representative Report-** Wayne congratulated all of the swimmers for their accomplishments at Provincials and throughout the summer. Wayne also thanked Jocelyn Nicholson and her committee in Kentville for doing a great job with Provincials. He also congratulated the clubs for pushing through the officials. Lynn thanked Wayne for his work on the Board of Director's. Wayne noted that there is no term defined in the by-laws of Swim Nova Scotia for his position. He has sat in the term for 2 years and if anyone else is interested in taking over then please let him know; he is willing to continue.
9. **2005 Provincials-** Kentville- Jocelyn stated that their committee was comprised of a few inexperienced families that pulled together in the last few months. They received the Bridgetown Post Meet report a little later than they hoped so they did some brainstorming on the meet. Jocelyn extended thanks to Wendy Hudson for coming forward to run the officials. She also thanked Al Scott for volunteering his time to announce throughout the weekend. Some concerns were that the laptop was slow and made it difficult to produce medals quickly for presentations; the averages in some results were done incorrectly due to lack of volunteers (no chief finish judge); session referees were inconsistent; concerns with which

coaches should be allowed on deck- recommendation for coaches to have name tags; relays were confusing- recommendation for the coaches to write down the kids heat/lane number on their arms. Medal ceremonies ran very smoothly, they had two people in charge of sorting the medals the entire weekend- recommended keeping the same people in place for the entire weekend. Had a lot of compliments on their program layout. The clothing was a nightmare- they only made \$70.20 in this area. They sent out the information on the clothing orders in advance but they were not submitted on time, etc- recommend that if teams don't hand back in the clothing samples then they should have to pay for them. Her final recommendation was to have a generic provincials "checklist" provided by Swim Nova Scotia for clubs to ensure they are aware of all of the details of hosting provincials. Jocelyn submitted a final report with these recommendations included. Bette stated that this year a "meet package" was distributed that is generic for Provincials. There was a discrepancy with the start time that was listed and what was in the meet package. The 2006 meet package will be circulated to Bridgewater over the winter and we can ensure everything matches.

Concern raised on swimmers entered without an entry time at Provincials.
Discussion on not allowing swimmers at Provincials with an NT.

Motion: All individual entries for Provincial Championships must be submitted with an official entry time by Jacqueline Woodworth, seconded by Laura Barrett.

Motion carried.

Recommendation to post results from time trials on the web page. Discussion on swimmers competition at Provincials that have not attended a summer swim meet.

Action: For the 2006 summer season student(s) to put together a provincials "checklist" in conjunction with past hosts.

Action: Update the Provincials meet package and the Operating Swim Guide.

Action: For the 2006 summer season all time trial results submitted will be posted online.

10. Review of Templates/2005 Season-

- Digby had concerns with hosting a meet on Sunday this summer and are not interested in hosting a meet on a Sunday in the future due to the low numbers. It is the same amount of work required whether your meet is large or small. Suggestion to run meets in the same location on the same weekend. Discussion on the locations of the meets throughout the summer (i.e. Bridgewater/Lunenburg, Digby/Bridgetown, Kentville/Windsor, Cole Harbour/Colby, Bedford/Waeg). Recommendation that all clubs email Swim Nova Scotia by April with their top three choices to host meets, Swim Nova Scotia will prepare the meet schedule and present it at the opening meeting in May.

- Can we ensure that all of the relays for 8 & under's are run earlier in the day so they can leave after the lunch break? Recommendation to add to the templates.

Action: *All clubs to submit top three choices of meets to Swim Nova Scotia by April 2006.*

Action: *Add recommendation to templates that the 8 & under relays are run earlier in the day.*

11. Upcoming Provincials- 2006 Bridgewater: Malcolm went through some highlights. Their committee's have been established and have been meeting and will continue to meet over the winter. At the next meeting they will be selecting a logo and moving forward. Discussion on having finger foods available at the social and not having a meal provided. Everyone agreed that the swimmers would like to dance and not worry about the food aspect. Information brochure was circulated earlier in August; please book rooms as soon as possible. The 1999 report from BWB has been a resource to their club. They would like to have everything in electronic format. 2007 Windsor: The parent group is committed to host the event in 2007, however they do have reservations on the pool being available (waiting for federal funding). They are looking at a contingency plan in case the pool is not yet built.

12. New Business-

- Summer Swimming All-Star Team: Wayne Schram regretted to inform everyone that the banquet that was scheduled for today and postponed for next weekend has been cancelled. Brenda put a lot of time into organizing the banquet along with Andy Corkum and Michelle Raiche-Marsden; Wayne thanked them for their work. The changes that were made for the all-star team are still in effect for this season, however we are not certain which all-star team members are going to participate with winter clubs. Wayne would like to see the all-star committee continue over the winter months to make the banquet a success next September. Discussion on fairness of allowing the all star team members to have their swim season extended to November 1st. This was intended to be an additional reward for the all-star team members. This is a trial period this season; we will review the trial period in the future. The PEI meet will continue for the All-Star Team next June. Information will be circulated in the spring.
- Disqualifications at Invitational Meets: Inconsistency with officiating at the meets. Discussion on not disqualifying swimmers at meets earlier in the season. Coaches should be preparing their swimmers on their stroke infractions and any possibility of disqualification. These meets are not sanctioned therefore we do not have control over what the officials are doing. In winter swimming disqualification pads are used and a "ticket" is issued to the swimmer/coach that has made an infraction.

- Conversions: Clarification that the hy-tek program is the only program used for conversions. Recommend that we remove the old conversion charts from the directory.
- Coaches on Deck: Addressed under the Kentville Provincial Update. It is up to the host clubs of invitational meets to allow coaches on deck. Discussion of why coaches would like to be on the pool deck.

Action: *Remove the conversion charts from the Summer Swimming Directory.*

13. Next meeting- Sunday May 7th, 2006 Wolfville at 1:30pm.

14. Adjournment- **Motion** to adjourn by Geoff Wright at 4:50pm.