

# SUMMER SWIMMING WRAP UP MEETING MINUTES

Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

1:30-3:30pm

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

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## Attendance:

Bette El-Hawary, Swim Nova Scotia  
Lynn Sitland, Swim Nova Scotia  
Graham Theunissen, Kentville Marlins  
Laura Barrett, Cole Harbour Hurricanes  
Chris Davy, St. Margaret's Bay  
Eric Balser, Middleton Missiles  
Al Scott, Bedford Beavers,  
Tracy Lake, Windsor Bluefins  
Kathy Cox-Brown, Abenaki  
Malcom Pitman, Bridgewater Barracudas

Wayne Schram, Summer Swim Rep.  
Wendy Hudson, Officials Rep.  
Cathy Lyons, St. Margaret's Bay  
Michelle Raiche-Marsden, Cole Harbour Hurricanes  
Vicki Holland, Bridgetown Seakings  
Patricia Grant, Waeg Waves  
Margaret Rooney, Windsor Bluefins  
Donna MacKinnon, Banook Lakers  
Deanne Kelley, Bridgewater Barracudas

Regrets: Jocelyn Nicholson, Kentville Marlins

1. 1:30pm meeting was called to order by Lynn Sitland; **Motion:** to approve the agenda by Cathy Lyons, seconded by Michelle Raiche-Marsden. **Motion carried.**
2. Opening Remarks- Lynn Sitland welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Congratulations to all clubs that hosted meets this season, and to the Officials that have moved up through this season. Thanks to Wendy for her work in helping the Officials move forward. Also, thanks to Bridgewater for hosting Provincials this summer- they did a great job.
3. Additions to the agenda-
  - o SWAD
  - o Disqualifications at meets- under Officials
  - o Summer Swim Rep- under Summer Swim Rep Report
4. Minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting – **Motion:** Margaret Rooney, seconded by Cathy Lyons. **Motion carried.**

## 5. Business Arising from May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting-

### **Action Items:**

- Swim Nova Scotia Summer Coordinators to Design a Summer Provincials Checklist- The students worked on this through the summer with Jocelyn Nicholson and Deanne Kelley to develop a first draft. Once we receive the Bridgewater final report we will make some more revisions.
- Clubs to Submit Time Trial Results- This season they were all submitted; there were several that came in the day of the Provincials entry deadline. In the future we would like to receive them quicker. Suggestion to have a deadline to submit them within a certain time period following the time trial. Next season we will investigate putting in a timeline.
- Remove Conversion Charts from Directory- Done
- 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.- All summer swimmers are eligible to compete as “exhibition” at one winter swim meet through the month of October (at the appropriate level).
- Seeding At Invitational Meets- Discussion regarding the seeding at the invitational meets this season. It would be ideal if the rankings included all swimmers, prior to the invitational meets clubs can print the updated rankings and use them for seeding at the meets. Clubs are encouraged to do seeding at meets. Suggestion to bring this forward at the Opening Meeting in May 2007 as a strong recommendation for the clubs to utilize this. Al Scott will email a list of how to run a seeded meet.
- Swim NS to compile weekly top 20 rankings throughout the summer- Done as top 50
- Swim NS to send out a request for a host for 2007 Provincials- Done
- Swim NS to update records to include full names- Done
- Swim NS to compile “All Time Top 20 List”- Done
- Host Clubs to include warm-up splits in meet package- Done

**Action:** Swim Nova Scotia to compile full rankings.

**Action:** Clubs to do seeding at invitational meets.

6. Executive Directors Report- Bette thanked Lesley Vair and Corey Knickle for helping this summer. This summer they attended all of the meets and ran several technical clinics. Special thanks to the organizing committee from Bridgewater Chaired by Deanne Kelley. Also, thanks to Wayne Schram for his assistance over the past few years with the Summer Swimming program.
7. Summer Swimming Representative Report- Wayne extended thanks to Bridgewater for hosting Provincials, and thanked Lynn for working at Provincials all weekend. Also, thanks to Wendy Hudson for improving the Officials program with the summer program. Wayne stated that the winter clubs were happy to allow all of the summer swimmers to swim through the month of October. Fees would be dependant on the winter club fee structure. Wayne stated that he has received interest from Graham Theuissen to take over as the Summer Swimming Rep. There was no other interest expressed, therefore Graham will take over.
8. Officials Report- Report submitted. Al Scott expressed concern around disqualifications at meets and lack of consistency through the summer and at Provincials. Michelle Raiche-Marsden handed out a letter from a swimmer concerned with disqualifications. Wendy Hudson stated that there were disqualifications made at all meets through the summer with the exception of the first meet. Coaches should be giving their athletes feedback through the summer and not entering athletes in events where they have illegal strokes. There have been variances at the meets with the number of Stroke & Turn judges available, therefore making it difficult for consistency. Discussion on enforcing the disqualifications and having a date through the season where disqualifications would be enforced. Officials must communicate through the coaches regarding disqualifications. Recommendation to discuss this further at the May Opening meeting when we know the schedule of meets for the season. Patricia Grant stated that she was pleased with the consistency of officiating through the meets with regards to the Stroke & Turn judges. Al Scott stated that these decisions should be made through this group and not the coaches. He made a recommendation that the same standard of officiating be enforced starting at the 5<sup>th</sup> Invitational Meet through to Provincials.

**Action:** Discuss disqualifications at the May Opening Meeting; Wendy Hudson will bring forward some suggestions.

9. 2006 Provincials- Deanne Kelley handed out copies of the summary to the group. A detailed report will be submitted to Swim Nova Scotia as soon as it is available. A lot of hard work went into hosting Provincials; they had a lot of volunteer help from the parents. Thanks to everyone in Bridgewater for making it such a successful event. Deanne thanked Lynn, Bette, Lesley and Corey for their help over the weekend. If anyone has any feedback please email Deanne, or speak to her after the meeting.

## 10. Upcoming Provincials-

- 2007- Digby is the first priority, Bedford would be prepared to run it and if not then Cole Harbour would be willing to run it in an indoor facility. Discussion on the date for Provincials; Provincials will be August 17-19<sup>th</sup>, 2006.
- 2008- Windsor had initially expressed interest in hosting provincials for 2007; they had some challenges around their facility. The Waeg has also expressed interest in hosting as it is their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Windsor stated that they are happy for the Waeg to host, if the Waeg can't host then Windsor will. August 22-24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Waeg would host ideally (depending on their facility availability).
- 2009- Windsor will host if they do not in 2008.

**Action:** *Bette to contact Digby on their availability to host 2007, if not Bedford will host.*

## 11. New Business-

- i. 2007 Time Standards- Were circulated via email, based on the last 5 years of results from Provincials (10<sup>th</sup> place finishes). Times were not adjusted if they were slower.
- ii. Provincial Championship Entries- Al Scott submitted a Position Paper on Equitable Access to Championships. Discussion.
- iii. Pre-assigned seeding at Invitational Meets- covered.
- iv. Winter Training Policy- Laura Barrett submit revisions to the wording of the affidavit, the deadline for training will be extended for all summer swimmers through to November 1<sup>st</sup>. **Motion** by Cathy Lyons, seconded by Eric Balser to extend the 2 hour winter training limit to October 31<sup>st</sup>. **Motion carried.** Laura Barrett brought forward some recommendations for amendments to the Winter Training Policy. Discussion. **Motion** by Laura Barrett to accept revisions as discussed by, seconded by Margaret Rooney. **Motion carried.**
- v. Officiating (10 & unders consistency)- Covered under item #8.
- vi. Participation Awards (10 & Unders at Provincials)- Request for participation awards distributed. Will work with the host club at future meets.
- vii. Growth of Summer Swimming- Covered under ii.
- viii. Swim NS Financials- will be available via email in November and for discussion in May.
- ix. Swimmers With A Disability- Bridgewater had two swimmers at Provincials; Abenaki had one swimmer that swam at the Waeg meet. It is a great sport for persons with a disability to get involved in.

**Action:** *Committee to be struck regarding the number of entries for Championships-  
Committee members: Graham Theunissen (Chair), Al Scott, Chris Davey, Malcom  
Pitman, Michelle Raiche-Marsden, Jocelyn Nicholson, Eric Balsler, Vicki Holland,  
Abenaki Representative, Bette El-Hawary*

**Action:** *Winter Training Policy to be updated and circulated to all summer and winter  
clubs.*

12. Next meeting- Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Wolfville at 1:30pm.

13. Adjournment- **Motion** to adjourn by Eric Balsler at 3:45pm.