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## Summer Swimming Opening Presidents Meeting Minutes

Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 1:30-3:30pm

Beveridge Arts Center Room 142, Acadia University

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**Attendance:** Sue Jackson (President Swim NS), Bette El-Hawary (Swim NS), Wendy Hudson (Officials), Bruce Phinney (Summer Swim Rep.), Jocelyn Nicholson (KM), Eric Balser (MM), Vicki Holland (BSK), Jane Lordly (LM), Peter Emeneau (LM), Katy Griegoshchewski (DD), Jurgen Griegoshchewski (DD), Patricia Grant (WW), Tracy Lake (WB), Mike Laffin (BWB), Norma Patterson (BWB), Michelle Works (NGW), Tracy Adderson (Colby), Dorothy Duke (CS), Mervin Goodyear (BB), Al Scott (BB), Chris Davy (SMBB), Cathy Lyons (SMBB), Michelle Raiche-Marsden (CHH), Laura Barrett (CHH), Chris Thoms (EHH), Chris Stone (Observer, NSSCA)

**Regrets:** Julee Adams (AG), Sandi Graham-Muise (MD)

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1. **Call to Order** - Sue Jackson called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.
2. **Opening Remarks-** Sue welcomed everyone and thanked Digby for hosting Provincials. This was Sue's first Summer Swimming Provincials and she enjoyed the event hosted by Digby.
3. **Additions & Approval of Agenda-** *Motion to approve the agenda: Moved by CathyLyons/Eric Blaser Motion carried.* Governance/Decision making in Summer Swimming will be added to New Business. Bette received some feedback from multiple clubs regarding the templates. We will table that item for the May Opening Meeting.
4. **Minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Meeting-** *Motion to approve the minutes: Moved by Chris Davy / Peter Emmeneau Motion carried*
5. **Business Arising from May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting-**
  - **Action:** *Michelle Raiche-Marsden to update proposal & Bette distribute to membership- Done*
  - **Action:** *Finalize Summer Swimming Representative- Done*
6. **Executive Director Report-** Bette El-Hawary- thanked Lesley Vair and Dan MacAulay for their hard work this summer. This summer they attended all of the meets and ran several technical clinics. Special thanks to the organizing committee from the Digby Dolphins.
7. **Summer Swimming Representative-** Bruce Phinney- This summer's events were all very fun and enjoyable; we seemed to have had poor weather this season compared to previous ones, in particular Lunenburg and Digby. The number of Officials assisting clubs running time trials

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increased this summer, many small clubs were able run time trials with their assistance. Many changes have been made to improve summer swimming; governance and our position are great topics for this group to address. Bruce is the summer swimming representative on the Board of Director's for Swim Nova Scotia and will continue to represent everyone's view point. He is looking forward to next summer.

8. **Officials Report**- Wendy Hudson- Circulated a written report. Overall, Wendy was pleased with the number of clinics that were held this season; she will be working on a "ticket" to distribute to athletes upon a disqualification; she will have them available next season. Eight clinics were held this summer; Middleton (a very small team) held a clinic with 15 participants. Four Level II's were promoted and one Official earned her Level IV this summer. Questions surrounding the use of the plunger system and stop watches and the accuracy. The advantage of the plunger system is that it is started electronically therefore removing at least one part of human error. If it is used correctly then it is more accurate. We still use the stop watch as a back up time. Provincials are a sanctioned meet and we need to ensure the times are as accurate as possible. All manual times are checked against the electronic time to ensure accuracy; if there is a consistent discrepancy then someone would speak to the timers in that lane.

With such a short season, is there a possibility to hold an Officials clinic through the winter or spring? Yes, there are multiple clinics held over the winter season that anyone is welcome to attend- Wendy will be developing an Officials newsletter outlining various workshops and training opportunities.

Question regarding the decision the cancellation of the Lunenburg; the Officials met with the Coaches and Meet Management to make the decision to cancel it. The President and Vice President for the club were not informed or part of the decision to cancel the event. The decision is up to the Meet Manager; they would consult with the Referee and any other relevant committees. Meets held following the Lunenburg meet did improve their communication regarding canceling meets.

No minimum number of participants is required to hold an Officials Clinic.

If Officials would like to work at "winter" meets for training they are more than welcome.

***Action: Distribute Officials Clinics to Summer email distribution list as they become available.***

9. **2007 Provincials**- Digby- Final report is not available yet; Bette will email it to everyone when it is available. Their team was very pleased

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with the event and they welcome feedback and questions. Leftover ribbons are available at the end of today's meeting.

#### 10. **Upcoming Provincials-**

- (i) 2008 Waeg- Just getting their organizing committee underway. Question regarding the plungers and if they can be used with the salt water. Bette will follow up with Fred and let the Waeg know over the winter. Question regarding the social and the venue and the number of participants to expect. If clubs could do a poll within their teams and let Trish know before they book the venue. Additional comments: A larger venue is better for air circulation, or air conditioned. Improved lighting at the dance. Time change 7:00-9:00pm. Organizing committee is working on booking a block of rooms at the University Residences. Teams will be kept up to date on their progress. Parking is of concern; they are working on some spaces at Dalhousie and some VIP Parking available on-site at the Waeg.

*Action: Clubs to email Trish Grant at the Waeg with approximate numbers to expect at the Social.*

*Action: Bette to follow up with Fred regarding the use of the plungers at the Waeg and let the Waeg know.*

- (ii) 2009 Windsor- August 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, they are finalizing their Committee Chairperson and putting together their Committee Members. The pool is ready; the remainder of the facility will be ready by 2009.
- (iii) 2010 Provincials- If anyone is interested in hosting the event please email your bid to Swim Nova Scotia over the winter. It will be added to the agenda in May 2008.

*Action: Clubs to submit bids to host 2010 Provincials to Swim Nova Scotia. Tabled to the May 2008 Meeting.*

#### 11. **New Business-**

- (i) Time Trials- Wendy Hudson- There is currently no policy in place for time trials. Are clubs utilizing anything? No. Discussion on current policies in place and adopting the winter time trial guidelines. Wendy will review the policy and make a summer time trial policy and present it in May at the Opening Meeting. Can other clubs attend time trials hosted by other clubs? Great idea as well to co-host time trials and invite other clubs to attend.

*Action: Wendy to present a time trial policy in May 2008.*

- (ii) Review of 2007 Standards/Berths- Michelle Raiche-Marsden- Michelle distributed this in advance. Initial concerns going into Provincials was an increase in numbers; however the meet was manageable.

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Recommendation to move the IM's from Sunday to Saturday, also moving the shorter freestyle to Saturday. Other recommendations are outlined in the report. Change in qualifying times was an incentive to athletes.

Discussion and questions. Qualifying times are useful for larger teams; allotted berths are beneficial to small teams. The current wording of entry into Provincials is misleading to teams.

***Action: Swim Nova Scotia will update the wording in the handbook to Provincials Event Limits.***

- (iii) 2008 Time Standards/Berths- Recommendation in having two qualifying times (one based on the 20% percentile and one on the 25% percentile) and review both at the May 2008 meeting.

Berths allocations will be based on the first registration deadline with Swim Nova Scotia.

***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.***

- (iv) Winter Swimming Eligibility- Al Scott- Al circulated a motion via email. Moved by Al Scott, seconded by Patricia Grant: "Effective for the 2008 Nova Scotia Summer Swim Season, swimmers who have competed for one or more seasons of winter swim club training and competition are ineligible to compete in the annual Nova Scotia Summer Swimming Provincial Championship Meet." Discussion: How many winter swimmers swam at the 2007 Provincials? Not sure exactly how many. Michelle stated that we need hard evidence and to review the data before we can entertain this. Discussion. ***Motion Defeated.***

- (v) Decision Making/Governance in Summer Swimming- Al Scott- There is no policy outlining decision making within Summer Swimming; Al distributed a proposal regarding Governance. Discussion. There are issues around the actual Governance structure within the Summer Swimming Program. Recommendation to work on a Governance Model through the winter and bring forward a proposal in May 2008.

***Action: Strike a committee to develop a Governance Sub-Committee and bring forward a recommendation in May 2008. Committee members: Al Scott, Chris Davy, Laura Barrett, Katy Griegoshschewski, Eric Balsler.***

***Bette will email all clubs to seek any other volunteers that may not be in attendance.***

- (vi) Winter Training Policy- Discussion on the winter training policy. Do we need a sub-committee to review the Winter Training Policy? No, we will leave it as

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(vii) Swim Meet Schedule- If clubs could send their suggested meet hosting dates to Swim Nova Scotia as soon as possible we can get a draft schedule out over the winter.

(viii) Officials Clinics- There will be some official's clinics on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>. Details will be sent out once finalized. Another workshop will be held Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> for officiating Swimmers With A Disability.

12. Next Meeting- Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 1:30pm in Wolfville.

13. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Mike Laffin at 4:20pm. The 2007 Provincials Results book is available for pick up.