

Approved February 5th, 2012

Summer Swimming Operational Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday September 18th, 2011 1:30-3:30pm

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

Attendance: Amanda MacDonald (Summer Swim Representative), Sue Jackson (President, Swim NS), Bette El-Hawary (ED, Swim NS), Mike Dowell (MM), Jurgen Griegoschewski (DD), Paul Saulnier (DD), Simon Zaw (KM), Kelly Polley (WW), Jane Lordly (LM), Andrea LaRocque (MD), Donna Britten (WB), Deanne Oickle (BWB), Norma Patterson (BWB), Heather Travers (BB), Carrie Mosher (MD), Madelyn Kundzins (SMBB), Victoria Conrad (CS), Susan Graham (CS), Katherine Bourbonniere (CHH), Brian Bourbonniere (CHH)

Conference Call: Rob Arsenault (EH), Diane Arsenault (EH)

Regrets: Heidi Miller (SWAT), Eric Balsler (MM)

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks-** Amanda MacDonald called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

→ Amanda welcomed everyone to the meeting; introductions were done around the table.

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

Additions to the agenda: Summer Representative Report, 2011 Provincial Report

Motion to approve the agenda: Kelly Polley/Jurgen Griegoschewski - Motion carried

3. **Minutes of the May 1st, 2011 Meeting-Motion to approve the minutes:** Simon Zaw/Kelly Polley - Motion carried

4. **Business Arising from May 1st, 2011 Meeting Minutes-** None

5. **Swim Nova Scotia Update -**

Written report circulated; Bette extended thanks to Norma Patterson and Deanne Oickle for organizing Provincials this year. Thanks to all of the Summer Coordinators for their hard work this summer.

6. **Summer Swimming Rep Report-**

Written report circulated; Amanda extended congratulations to the winners from Provincials and thanked the host club for doing a great job.

7. **2011 Summer Provincials Update**

Deanne gave a verbal update on the event; a written report will be submitted to Swim Nova Scotia over the next couple of weeks. They were pleased with the event and were very happy with their Club's performance at the Championships.

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Bridgewater had a lot of community support; they also did some fundraising opportunities that helped with their financial success. The canteen did a terrific job with their sales.

8. **Long Term Athlete Development Sub-Committee Update-**

The LTAD Sub-Committee has been working very hard to move the summer swimming program towards the implementation of the long-term athlete development model. Year one objectives were reviewed; the Officials education did not take place this season, one will take place when we are ready to implement the program.

In January 2011, on behalf of the committee, Bette went through a basic overview of the work that the Committee had completed to date; in May 2011 the first draft of the proposal was circulated. It was noted as draft and clubs were asked to provide feedback on the program and suggestions on how LTAD could be implemented within the summer program.

The majority of the Clubs were able to provide feedback within the 3-month timeframe that was given to them; a few did submit after the deadline, which we did accept. The intent of the feedback gathering stage was to get feedback on why some of the suggestions in the proposal would not work and how we could make them work- for example, by having the clubs provide data for the 50 Kick event would give us some hard evidence to review timelines.

We were also looking for some other suggestions that the clubs might have had and how best we could implement the LTAD; by providing some basic web resources to clubs, we hoped that Presidents/Executives would meet with their Coaching Staff to go over the proposal to see how it would fit. By June 29th, only a very small portion of Coaches read the document and/or met with their Executives; by the July 15th meeting a few more Coaches had reviewed the document with their Clubs, but not all that were present.

Aims of Proposal:

After reviewing initial feedback, the Committee is still maintaining the same aims of the proposal that were laid out last January:

- Promote a progression of skill level
- Support Coach development
- Summer Officials development

Action: If clubs wish to submit any additional constructive feedback they can do so by October 1st. The Committee will circulate an update in October for Clubs to review.

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9. **Year Round Training Policy-**

- Discussion on the large teams having additional training opportunities with access to indoor pools.
- Moved by Deanne Pickle/Jurgen Griegoschewski, to approve the Year Round Training Policy as circulated. Motion Carried (6 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained).

10. **New Business-**

- None

11. **Next Meeting-** Sunday January 29th, 2012 at Acadia University at 2:00pm.

12. **Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn by Kelly Polley at 3:10pm.