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Summer Swimming Operational Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday September 9th, 2012 2:00-4:00pm

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

Attendance: Ken Shea (Summer Swimming Representative), Sue Jackson (President, Swim NS), Bette El-Hawary (ED, Swim NS), Andrew Tanner (BWB), Donna Britten (WB), Paul Saulnier (DD), Andrea LaRocque (MD), Kelly Polley (WW), Jurgen Griegoschewski (DD), Katy Griegoschewski (DD), Rob Arsenault (EH), Charles Williams (WW), Simon Zaw (KM), Felicia Boutlier (CS), Jane Lordly (LM)

Conference Call: Cindy Hutchison (BSK), Chassidy Jakeman (CS), Katherine Bourbonniere (CHH)

Regrets: Mike Dowell (MM), Michelle Raiche-Marsden (CHH)

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks-** Ken Shea called the meeting to order at 2:08pm.

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

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

Additions to the agenda: None

Motion to approve the agenda: Kelly Polley/Simon Zaw- Motion carried

3. **Minutes of the April 29th, 2012 Meeting-Motion to approve the minutes as circulated: Andrew Tanner/Rob Arsenault- Motion carried**

4. **Business Arising from April 29th, 2012 Meeting Minutes- None**

5. **Swim Nova Scotia Update –**

→ This season Swim Nova Scotia was fortunate to hire three Summer Swimming Coordinators who attended all of the meets and a few time trials, they also managed to run some clinics throughout the Province. I would like to thank Mary Claire Lynch, Kyle Watson and Chris Reith for their work over the last few months.

→ I would like to thank the Digby Dolphins for hosting 2012 Summer Provincial Championships, lead by Paul Saulnier, Katy & Jurgen. Their organizing committee did a terrific job ensuring that the meet ran smoothly throughout the weekend. Congratulations to all of the athletes who earned personal best times and to all of the teams for a wonderful job!

→ I would also like to extend thanks to all of the officials for making Provincials such a success and thank them all for their hard work and dedication throughout the season at all of the swim meets and in running officials clinics. Congratulations to all of the officials that earned higher levels as well!

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- This season started off with the All-Star Team travelling to Summerside, PEI for an invitational meet. We continue to work with PEI and New Brunswick to secure a competition at the end of June that will meet the needs of the All Star Team for Summer Swimming. As information becomes available it will be distributed.
- The Swim Nova Scotia Long Term Athlete Development Summer Sub-Committee will continue to meet and report back to the group later this fall. We will be reviewing the feedback received from this Summer's Competition Structure and have a document for distribution in December for discussion at the January/February. New members will join the Committee in October.
- New Swim Nova Scotia By-Laws were approved in June; terms of reference for all Committees are being reviewed, including the Summer Swimming Operating Committee. Updated terms of reference will be circulated later this Fall.
- If you have any questions, concerns, comments throughout the off-season please do not hesitate to contact the Swim Nova Scotia office.

6. **2012 Summer Swimming Provincials-**

- Provincials were a huge success in Digby this Summer. Digby was a small team and did a great job; the entire community supported the event. It was a huge revenue generator.
- 400 Provincial programs were produced; recommendation for future Provincials would be to print 250-300 only.
- Kelley Polley extended thanks to Digby for doing a terrific job hosting this event.
- Thanks to David Sharpe for attending and presenting awards and helping with the ribbons. The swimmers and parents appreciated his presence at the event.

7. **2013 Provincials Host-**

- We are seeking a host for the 2013 event; Bedford's facility is available to rent if any team would like to host there. Lunenburg will follow up with their Board to see if they are interested in hosting; Colby Sailfish will also follow up with their Board.
- 2014 Provincials Host could be St. Margaret's Bay Breakers or Bedford Beavers. Bette will follow up with St. Margaret's Bay Breakers to see if they are interested in hosting 2014 Provincials.

8. **Year Round Training Policy-**

- A revised policy was distributed; the change was an increase to 3 hours of training per week in the 11-12 age group. The number of hours is determined by the number of hours of training required for each age group. The LTAD sub-committee reviewed feedback received last Spring from the Summer Clubs. The Swim Nova Scotia Board will approve the

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updated policy and it will be distributed later this week to the year round Clubs and the Summer Clubs for implementation this season.

→ The swimmers age in the policy is determined as of their age next season.

9. **New Business-**

→ **Summer LTAD Sub-Committee Composition/Terms of Reference-** Bette reviewed the current members of the Committee: Michelle Raiche-Marsden, Tavia Raiche-Marsden, Duncan MacDonald, Amanda MacDonald, Brian Beckwith, and Bette El-Hawary (Executive Director). We are looking for new active Coaches to join the Committee to replace non-active Summer Coaches. This Committee reports to the main LTAD Sub-Committee, which is a Sub-Committee for the Board of Directors. The members of this Committee are: Lance Cansdale, Michelle Raiche-Marsden, Chris Stone, Brian Beckwith and Bette El-Hawary. The history of the LTAD with the sport of swimming was presented in February 2012. Feedback was requested from all of the Clubs, this should include feedback from Coaches as well. The Committee will review all of the feedback received. The Committee reviewed the summer meets throughout the season and made changes to accommodate the issues; last Spring when the committee presented the 2012 Competition Program it was noted that the program would evolve over time and would continue to grow.

→ Eric Balser stated that he is no longer interested in being part of the Summer Swimming Operating Committee as he feels he does not have a voice.

10. **Next Meeting-** Sunday February 3rd at 2:00pm in Wolfville. If there is inclement weather we can either re-schedule or do a conference call.

11. **Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn by Simon Zaw at 3:20pm.