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Summer Swimming Operational Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday September 13, 2015 1:30pm

Sport NS Building, 5516 Spring Garden Rd, Halifax

Attendance: Sue Jackson (President, Swim NS), Bette El-Hawary (ED, Swim NS), Susan James (EH), Graham Muise (MD), Barbara MacDougall (WW), Dawn Miller (WW)

Conference Call: Cathy Rose (BB), Jackie Dwyer (SMBB), Mark Swinamer (CHH), Wayne Chaisson (CS)

Regrets: Karen Neville (Colby), Tania Williamson (Windsor), Cindy Hutchison (BSK)

1. **Call to Order and Opening Remarks-** Sue Jackson called the meeting to order at 1:35pm. Introductions took place.

2. **Additions & Approval of Agenda-**
Additions to the agenda:
 - Under New Business: Season Length
 - Under LTAD Committee- Provincials Structure**Motion to approve the agenda: Dawn Miller/Graham Muise Motion carried**

3. **Minutes of the April 19th 2015 Meeting-Motion to approve the minutes as circulated: Susan James/Cathy Rose- Motion carried**

4. **Business Arising from April 19th, 2014 Meeting Minutes-** N/A

5. **Swim Nova Scotia Update-**
 - Sue Jackson thanked all of the teams for a great season and extended thanks to the Waeg for co-hosting Provincials
 - Bette El-Hawary extended thanks to the Waeg as well for co-hosting Provincials and also to all of the Clubs for hosting invitational meets throughout the summer and to all of the Clubs/families for their continued support at all of the swim meets.
 - Bette thanked Paige Robillard, Tony Liew and Sean Berrigan for their time this summer as the Programs Coordinators. We hope that they return again next summer.
 - The Swim Nova Scotia financial statements from this summer are not available yet. We hope to have them finalized at the end of October. Once they are ready they will be distributed via email to the Summer Community; clubs can follow up with Bette on any questions/comments via email or phone or they can be added to the Agenda at the Spring meeting.

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- Cathy Rose inquired on how to submit any incidents after a meet. Bette stated that clubs should be following up directly with her on any incidents, comments or concerns, etc. She will forward it to the correct Committee(s) or representatives if it is not under her jurisdiction.
6. **2015 Summer Provincials Wrap-Up**- Barbara MacDougall (Waeg Waves)
 - The meet was a great success for their team; they were pleased with community support and sponsorship that came forward.
 - The final report has been shared with Bridgewater and a copy will be sent to Swim Nova Scotia.
 7. **2016 Provincials Host**- Bette has spoken to Bridgewater and planning is well underway with their committee. Clubs are having difficulty securing accommodations in the area; Bette will follow up with BWB to see if they are able to set aside a block of rooms.
 8. **2017 Provincials Host**- Still looking for a host. Bedford might be interested in co-hosting with a smaller club(s); Waeg also suggested that smaller clubs could potentially work together to host. The Bedford Lions Pool is an HRM pool and anyone can rent the pool, this can either be for an invitational meet or Provincials. Any interested clubs are asked to email Bette as soon as possible.
 9. **Year Round Training Policy**- Recommendation for no changes to the policy. Bette will share this information with all Clubs.
 10. **Long Term Athlete Development Committee**-
 - Review of 2015 Competition Structure- No changes established for 2016.
 - 2016 Provincials Qualifying Standards- No changes to the standards; they will be reviewed at the end of the 2016 season.
 - Graham Muise inquired about the eligibility of Participation swimmers on relays at Provincials. Bette explained that this was discussed at the Coaches Technical meeting at Provincials; the LTAD will review the eligibility for Participation swimmers on relays at Provincials at Invitational meets.
 - Graham Muise expressed concern around the order of events at Provincials. He stated that over half of the summer coaches are concerned with this. Bette stated that this was brought to her attention on September 3 and requested that the coaches send her a suggested revised order of events. Nothing has been

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received yet. Bette also noted that the LTAD Committee did notice this at the end of 2013 Summer Provincials and tried to make adjustments to the order of events, however changes created a snowball effect. In 2014 a discussion took place with this main committee on the timing of the Participation events; it was the request of this committee to have the majority of the Participation events on Friday so families did not have the additional expenses for these swimmers over 2 or 3 days.

→ Summer LTAD Committee Members include Michelle Raiche-Marsden, Tavia Raiche-Marsden, Sandi McLean, Brian Beckwith and Audrey Rivest. Calls for Committee members have been made annually to clubs.

11. **New Business-**

- a. **Season Length-** Cathy Rose expressed feedback from her club to extend the summer season through to the end of August. Discussion on the season end date; next year the season will be extended by one week. Clubs are asked to discuss the desire to extend the season even more for the 2017 or 2018 season and beyond.

12. **Next Meeting-** April 24, 2016 1:30pm at the Sport NS Building, 3rd Floor Classroom.

13. **Adjournment-** 2:25pm (Graham Muise)