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## Summer Swimming Committee

### Meeting Notes

Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017- 1:00pm

5516 Spring Garden Rd. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room

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**Attendance:** Sue Jackson (Chair), Bette El-Hawary (Swim NS), Lauren Ching (CGC), Belinda MacGibbon (BB), Martine Comeau (WW), Barbara MacDougall (WW), Dawn Miller (WW), Joe Yurchesyn (CHH)

**Conference Call:** Patricia Benere (EHS), Danial Mossman (MD), Graham Muise (MD), Wayne Chaisson (CS), Blair Lipsett (BWB), Lisa Lebrasseur (WB)

**Regrets:** Danielle Keough (WJW)

1. Call to Order & Welcome- Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.
2. Additions & Approval of the Agenda-Motion: Belinda/Dawn to Approve the Agenda with no additions. Motion Carried
3. Minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting- Motion: Barb/Joe to Approve the April 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes as presented. Motion Carried.
4. Business Arising from April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting- N/A
5. Swim Nova Scotia Update-

Sue thanked the Clubs who ran meets, and extended thanks to those who continued to volunteer through the miserable weather.

Bette extended thanks to all Clubs for hosting Invitational Meets, the Windsor Bluefins and Cole Harbour Hurricanes for co-hosting Provincial Championships with Swim NS and to all Officials/volunteers for helping to run a great summer swim season.

Swim NS could hire four summer students through the Provincial and Federal Government to help run the summer program, thanks to Tyler Immel Herron, Tony Liew, Keenan Teghtsoonian and William Smith for their great work throughout the season.

We will be offering NCCP Courses through the month of October; if your Club is planning to hire new Coaches next season, please encourage them to take these courses, or wait until next Spring. Dates will be finalized and published in the next week.



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6. 2018 Competition Structure- Feedback was reviewed throughout the Summer as requested; the following comments have been addressed:

*Switch template A and B (like we should begin with B, or swap the events in A and B) because the 50m freestyle participation is in template B but you cannot swim the 100m IM participation without first qualifying in the 50m free participation (:55). By switching the two templates you give participation swimmers more opportunity to graduate into age group because they can swim the 50m free at the first meet, qualify for the 100IM and swim it at the second meet. We will ensure the meets start with template B; we will also ensure that heavily subscribed meets (Waeg, Bridgewater, etc) have a shorter template or a template that can be adjusted. This is not included in the Competition Structure; however, we will note it when the Meet Schedule is finalized.*

*Added a sentence to the Participation level swimmers who achieve the 50m Free time at Provincials to swim the 100m IM- they can add that event (deck enter in the computer room) and they will not be scored.*

Clarification is needed on Participation swimmers being able to swim in Age Group Relays on Sunday if they graduate that day. Swim NS will solicit feedback from Coaches over the next two weeks; this information will be included in the Provincials Meet Package.

During the meeting, additional feedback was given (Clubs are reminded to submit feedback in writing to Swim NS during the summer to ensure they are reviewed prior to the Committee Meeting):

Recommendation from Windsor: Remove the 400's from the Competition Structure and bring back the Relays at Invitational Meets. The 400's were added to the templates by request from Summer Clubs for those swimmers that wanted to try longer distance events.

Many the teams would like to see the inclusion the Age Group Relays (not Open) at a few Invitational Meets. The relays were taken out of the Invitational templates to accommodate the 5:00pm finish time; in previous years' they were not well subscribed to and were often dropped when meets were running late. Swim NS will look at including age group relays at the Kentville meet; this meet traditionally finishes early. We will also look to include them at one or two other meets if time permits.

Recommendation that the 200 Free not being swum as two per lane for safety. We will do our best to keep them as one per lane; however, if a meet is scheduled to finish after 5:00pm, they may be doubled. Noted that in 2017 only one meet (out of three) had the 200 Free being swum as two per lane.



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7. Misc. Related to Competitions-

Clubs hosting Officials Clinics- Clubs that are hosting an Invitational Meet are linked to their Head Official in June; they can then work one-on-one with them to schedule clinics in advance of meets or time trials. If their Head Official is not available, or a Club is not hosting an Invitational Meet, Clubs are asked to contact Swim NS and we will work with you to secure a Senior Official to organize your clinic. If Clubs are hosting Clinics that are open, they can forward the details to Swim NS and we will notify all teams.

Meet Schedule- All Clubs are asked to submit their preference to host a meet to the Swim NS office as soon as possible and to include more than one preferred date. The draft schedule will be circulated once we receive information from all teams. We will endeavour to not have two double meets on back-to-back weekends. Swim NS is hosting their Year-Round Provincial Championships July 5-8<sup>th</sup>, we do not have enough resources to host a Summer Meet the same weekend. Summer Clubs can start hosting meets June 30/July 1<sup>st</sup> weekend.

Waterproof paper- If clubs would like Swim NS to utilize waterproof paper at any meets, they are asked to ensure they have access to a photocopier and someone available to print/photocopy everything on site. The Program Coordinators will put the program and lane/timer sheets on a memory stick that can be taken to the printer/photocopier. The travel printer that we have will not print on waterproof paper without jamming.

8. 2018 Provincials Qualifying Times- No change to the qualifying times.

We did receive a recommendation to publish Yards times; they are available in the Hytek Team Manager report; however, we will send a copy to teams in the Spring when we send the standards file. Hytek Team Manager are the official conversion times that we use.

Provincials eligibility/qualifying period was clarified. Swimmers must swim in one Invitational competition by August 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to swim in Provincials. Swim NS needs enough time to review any challenges that are submitted. Swimmers can use entry times up to and including Monday August 6<sup>th</sup>; this will allow for any last-minute opportunities needed following the final invitational meets. The rankings will then be published on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> and the entry deadline for Provincials will remain as noon on Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup>.



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9. 2017-18 Year-Round Training Policy- A review is underway by Swim Nova Scotia, we will solicit input electronically from all stakeholders, including Summer Clubs. Once we have received input, we will share the feedback with our members. We hope to have information and a recommendation by early October. Summer swimmers may continue to train unlimited until November 1<sup>st</sup>; and can swim exhibition in the first Nova Tech meets of the season with a year-round club.
  
10. New Business-
  - Deck Access- Reminder to Coaches to ensure swimmers are only on deck to work with their Coach and for marshalling and not cheering for swimmers at the end of the pool deck.
  - Timers- It is difficult to recruit timers for all Swim Meets. We accept timers that are 12 years and older; priority is given to adults. Discussion on how to encourage more timers at the meets. Clubs are encouraged to organize timers' clinics and do training during time trials. We will continue to remind all Swim Clubs participating in meets to ensure they have volunteers in place.
  
11. Next Meeting- Date TBD
  - 2017 Summer Financial Statements
  - 2018 Registration Fees
  - 2018 Schedule of Events
  - 2018 Provincials Host Update
  
12. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm. Moved by Joe Yurchesyn.