

NHSA Annual Meeting, September 12 at Concord YMCA

Meeting started at 8:42 AM with Introduction of teams.

Secretary's Report: Al Rozzi from LRW accepted minutes from 2008 meeting in September, seconded by Missy Rowell from SBGC.

Treasurer's Report: Joanne Jackson reported that with 200+ swimmers that the account was in good shape after fees and charges. The only difference for the State meet was paying lifeguards. There is roughly 10,000 in account. SBGC accepted report, seconded by LRW.

Election of Officers:

Patty Deschaine, President nominated by Dick Cuddihee (PWS), seconded by SBGC

Joanne Jackson, Treasurer/Vice President nominated by LRW, seconded by SBGC

Brian Crawford, Secretary nominated by LRW, seconded by Patty Deschaine

New Membership:

Karen Jenovese explained that her Blue Dolphins team is non existent, and she has merged the team with the Concord YMCA. This comes as a name change, as other teams have done this in the past. The team is being capped at 100 swimmers, which is smaller than BLUE last year, so additional numbers would not be an issue.

SBGC made a motion to accept them, and this was seconded by MYT.

Karalyn of Hampshire Hills, President of the TSSA Swim league, discussed a merge with the NHSA league. She talked of dwindling numbers in the league and teams have been slowly moving over to the NHSA. This would be an additional 400+ swimmers to the league. She stated the league could bring a venue for a possible separate site. The TSSA had folded and was open to come into the league this or next year. Missy Rowell asked if they had pursued other leagues, as the TSSA is a "Tri-State" league. STORM spoke of the small team league and gaps in the levels of competition. STORM made a motion to discuss the State meet, seconded by EST. TSSA teams left the room to be discussed by NHSA teams.

NHSA teams agreed it came down to State meet and if we could hold additional swimmers. It was discussed adding another venue or site, or possibly adding cut times to the meet. This was shot down by a number of coaches. Missy Rowell talked about how the TSSA league was created, and it was done when the NHSA had implemented cut times for the Championship meet. She also pointed out that current teams in the NHSA now want to grow on their own numbers, and we needed to look at the future of the league. LRW pointed out that we need to look at the best interest of our current kids and that many New England teams have Regionals, Age Groups, etc. as their Championship meet, and do not have a "league Championship". MST commented on that the State meet for us should be capped and needed more discussion that could not be concluded on in one meeting. Patty Deschaine of CTS said that way back in mid 1990's her team was allowed in the NHSA league, but was not allowed to swim in the Championship meet based on numbers. It was here that she started the "Connecticut Valley Champs." and invited teams, which is still a meet to this day. STORM asked that if the meet was not at maximum, if some teams could bring swimmers. Patty spoke of with 400+ swimmers, spectators, deck, and warm ups would all be issues.

Three motions were made in the case of voting in the new teams:

#1: MST—The league feels not to accept the merger of NHSA and TSSA at this time because of numbers and to establish a committee to later bring in new teams at a later date. Seconded by SBGC.

9---YES, 5---NO, 1---ABSTAIN. Motion passed.

#2: SBGC— accept teams as Associate Members. Teams can swim at NHSA meets, and current NHSA teams could have meets with new teams and they would count. The teams would not participate in the league Championships at this time. As Associate Members, they would have non voting rights. Seconded by CTS.

15---YES, unanimous vote. Motion passed.

#3: SBGC—To freeze memberships of current NHSA teams for 2010 Championship meets and not in accept additional teams for the 2010 meet. Seconded by LRW.

13---YES, 2---NO. Motion passed.

TSSA teams came back into room, and the motions were read and explained to them. The TSSA teams accepted the Associate Membership. Upon entering room, they did say they all wanted to come in together, or not come in.

The committee to discuss the State Meet would be the current NHSA board (Patty, Joanne, and Brian). Steve Van Der Beken (MST), JJ Sabato (EST), Al Rozzi (LRW), Dick Cuddihee (PWS), and Missy Rowell (SBGC) all expressed interest in being on the committee.

ORO announced two Stroke and Turn and Starters Clinic:

October 3 in Durham and October 24 in Peterborough. These dates would go on web site.

NHSA Championship feedback: Coaches spoke of ongoing crowd problems. Teams agreed on Sanctioning the 2010 meet by NE Swimming. The event order would be the same as last year.

Next year's meeting would be September 11 at the Concord YMCA at 8:30 AM.

Open Discussion: MST said he wanted to see 400 Medley and Free Relays at the State meet. This would create event limits. He was told to write up this proposal and have 6 weeks before next year's meeting as events are part of the by laws.

T-Shirts: won by SBGC.

Sacntioned meets:

FINS: October 18: 8 + Under Developmental @ UMASS Lowell

FINS: November 1: 9-12 Developmental @UMASS Lowell

MST: November 28: Distance meet @ SNHU

MST: January 16 OR 17: Pentathlon @SNHU

MYT: October 30-November 1: Specialty @ Goffstown YMCA

EST: December 4-5: Exeter Sprints @ P.E. Academy

NCAC: November 6-8: Specialty @UVAC

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CCBS: March 13: Connecticut Valley Champs.

The 2010 State meet was voted on March 19-21 and would have a flat fee of \$15 per swimmer.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 AM

Minutes from 2009 September 12 meeting submitted,

-Brian Crawford, NHSA Secretary