

## NHSA MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011 @ SOUTHERN NH UNIVERSITY 8:20 AM

President Steve Van Der Beken started off the meeting with announcing that Phillips Exeter Academy was unable to host the State meet, as an email went out to coaches earlier in the week. Steve said he immediately contacted UVAC to see if their facility would be available. Brian Dirrane of UVAC spoke with Mary Gentry, who runs the UVAC meets, and her main concern was that we would need to keep the number of swimmers at 300 per session. UVAC also wondered if enough seating would be available, and if cost would have to go up with rental of bleachers, parking, and other intangibles with weather, etc. Stands would have to be cleared after each session. Mary Gentry would have final say after crunching numbers to see what would work; this would include possibly changing age groups/sessions. Steven said that UVAC should make a budget to propose to league of cost running the meet. Missy Rowell asked if we have looked into other possible venues, and Steve said not at this time, and he would if UVAC was unable to host. CTS said that the number of tickets per parents should be limited. Chris French asked if 8 and Unders could all be on one day. Again Steve said that UVAC would adjust after this year. Greg Gillett of EST said that a shuttle system would work best for older swimmers from hotels. The date of the meet is scheduled for March 16-18. Steve ended the discussion with saying that hopefully in the next week we may know and that he was confident that Mary would make it work.

SBGC voted to accept the 2010 minutes from Secretary Brian Crawford of ESC, EST seconded.

SBGC voted to accept 2010/2011 Treasurer's Report, UVAC seconded. Treasurer Sherri Collis emailed the report as she was unable to attend meeting. Steve pointed out that the league profited \$500. New England Swimming now receives \$1.50 from each swim and we increased our rates for this reason.

UVAC voted to keep/accept the same officers as last year, and this was seconded by Jon Luby of MYT. The 2011/2012 officers would be:

Steve Van Der Beken (MST), President

Sherri Collis (LRW), Treasurer

Brian Crawford (ESC), Secretary

Old Business: EST did a super job hosting last year's state meet. CTS asked about an earlier scratch deadline saying it was hard for 8 and Unders. Steve said that at UVAC, it would help with warm up not being as long, with 10 + lanes. CTS also noted it was hard getting kids to events with them not being on deck, and all agreed this would be easier with kids on pool deck. Mike Hirst of Storm said we should look at how much time we saved from scratching versus pre seeding. LRW asked if pools would allow a parent on deck. Steve again pointed out that since our meet goes on the N.E. schedule as "non calendar" meets, we do have to go by USS rules. All agreed we can post more heat sheets, and again having kids on deck will help with kids getting to events.

New Business: GST, an associate member requested to swim at State meet. All agreed that with numbers of this year meet, that it would be a no for now, but to hang in another year and see how UVAC does with running meet. UVAC asked to raise state fee of \$17 per swimmer to \$35 to keep

money coming into league. Steve said we have enough with \$14,000 in account and Missy stated that we are a nonprofit organization. Steve said for UVAC to find and propose budget this year and then see if we need to raise by the dollar on a year to year basis but not to make a significant jump. STRM said for us to look at how much we would like to be at down the road and then grow budget. Steve again pointed out we are nonprofit, and CTS said we are a developmental league. Steve said as coaches we should educate our parents about not bringing excessive family to the state meet this year.

On Treasurer's Report we had a significant drop in meet programs, from \$1,700 to \$300. Sales are split with league. It was discussed how UVAC would do sales, meet program, meet sheets. MST said UVAC would take all money from this. SBGC said she did not think that UVAC should not profit from all sales of admission, and that it (or some) should go to league, as it is league meet. Chris French of FINIS made a motion for this year that UVAC to keep all sales of admission and programs and MST seconded. One vote opposed, so motion passed. RAYS asked if all jobs would remain the same, and this would be up to UVAC. T-shirt sales awarded to SBGC. Brian/ESC would again run Essay scholarship, Karen Jenovese and Missy Rowell to judge. Teams asked if Regionals at UVAC could be sanctioned. Many teams thought this was unfair because their own team was not assigned to UVAC. Missy stated that it was taking away from league not to swim in dual meets, and according to bylaws teams needed to have 4 dual/tri meets scheduled. It was decided that unless UVAC can convince N.E. Swim for UVAC to assign all NHSA teams to UVAC Regionals, it was not fair to count.

Sanctioned meets:

October 22, RAYS Distance

October 23, RAYS Pentathlon

October 28-30 MYT Specialty

November 19, MST Distance

December 2/3 EST IM/Ready

December 9-11, UVAC Specialty

December 18, EST 8 + Under

January 7-8, MYT Distance

January 21 MST Pentathlon

March 9-11, EST IMX Ready

March 10, UVAC, Conval Invit. *-may be changed to Jan. 22 if state meet at UVAC*

Next year's meeting: Saturday, September 8 at SNHU.

Steve ended meeting by saying he would get back to everyone in one to two weeks with state meet. He thanked Shannon from EST for her work in running the meet in past years. Missy said if UVAC was a no on meet, we need to have another meeting and look at other options. This year's dates were not set in stone and we would look to option B, C, D, etc. if UVAC was a no.

SBGC made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:32 AM.

Minutes submitted,

Brian Crawford, NHSA Secretary