

NHSA Annual League Meeting, September 9, 2022 @ Workout and Wellness Center in Londonderry, NH

Teams in attendance: MST, CTS, BLUE, GYT, UVAC, RAYS, ESC, TWC. Missing: CONY, Keene Y

*President Steve Van Der Beken welcomed all coaches and started meeting by having teams sign in with any new contact info.

*Steve spoke of Secretary's Report, posted on NHSA website. Marilyn Soraghan of RAYS made a motion to accept the minutes and this was seconded by Steve (MST).

**Steve briefly reviewed Treasurer's Report (Treasurer John DiCaprio was unable to attend meeting due to sickness). In review, Steve explained that last season we overcame our loss from the Covid-19 year (not having the swim meet). Awards that were purchased, scholarships still given, and donations were still made. We have ~\$48,000 in account after last year's State meet. ESC made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and this was seconded by RAYS.

****Election of Officers:** Motion made to keep our current officers by Adam Gaulin (GYT) and seconded by Tim Hernon (CTS). No objections.

Officers' for 2022-2023:

President: Steve Van Der Beken (MST)

Secretary: Brian Crawford (ESC)

Treasurer: John DiCaprio (CONY)

****Old Business:**

Teams spoke of NHSA 2022 meet. Everyone was glad to be back at UVAC, but spectators were not permitted. The only exception was parents of graduating seniors for the ceremony. The other change was the meet was only two days, Friday afternoon, and all day Saturday. Teams agreed to do the same this season, but this decision cannot be made now without knowing every team's numbers.

Keene YMCA was accepted into the league and attended the NHSA meet. Pheonix Swimming did not answer about swimming in the 2022 league meet after several attempts from entry chair, Mary Gentry. They had results competing at another meet that weekend, and without communication everyone assumed they were longer part of the NHSA. Steve has been in touch with Nashua Y team- Storm and also Salem Boys and Girls Club, both whom had started their programs back up. RAYS questioned teams of the TSSA league who at one time showed interest in joining, but many teams

in TSSA have either merged, stopped, or have not shown recent interest.

New Business:

The 2023 NHSA State meet is on calendar for the dates of March 17-19 (listed on New England Swimming as a non-calendar meet). The plan is to open back up to spectators. Teams agreed to again waive the three meet requirement rule again for this season, as getting in all meets may be a problem for some. After brief discussion, Tim Hernon (CTS) made a motion to not change the bylaw, but again waive the rule for this year. This was seconded by GYT. Steve addressed that swimmers must be on your team and any unattached swimmers would have to be exhibition.

Steve spoke of collecting meet fees from teams and spoke of having the due date be at the meet. It was a problem for some teams getting their checks in on time.

Tim Hernon questioned the summer league meet for NHSA, as we did in 2019. Steve answered that it is the goal to offer an "End of the Summer" meet open to NHSA and other NE Teams. (and that, we would not be doing separate scoring or awards for the NHSA teams). Also, that the end of the summer meet does depend on New England Swimming's protection, calendar, and what dates are available for summer.

T-Shirts: All teams agreed to allow UVAC to run t-shirt sales, as host team, and offset the hospitality charge. All teams agreed, as well, to take this on a year-to-year basis. Last year, UVAC kept shirt sales to offset the hospitality charge.

Marilyn of RAYS spoke of two meets she was offering, and they are on the New England calendar:

October 29 and January 21, both at Salem Workout Club.

Next year's meeting set for September 8, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 AM

Brian Crawford,
NHSA Secretary