

GSSA ANNUAL MEETING MAY 11th, 2013 at 9:00AM

Nashua Country Club

PRESIDENTS NOTES

- State Meet is scheduled for Aug 3rd and 4th, 2013.
- Jim stated that things went much smoother last year with entries, paperwork, etc.
- We will make a by-law change to switch the annual meeting to the second Saturday in May at this meeting.

webmaster@gssaswim.com can be used to communicate with Mike Hirst.

<http://www.gssaswim.com/>

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Brendan McLaughlin

VICE PRESIDENT: Jim Rezzarday

TREASURER: Greg Derderian

SECRETARY: Margie Clark-Kevan

READING OF THE MINUTES: It was voted to keep minutes as written from last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The group approved the report as written.

OFFICIALS REPORT

Report from Paul Burkhardt

- Every team needs to have at least 1 stroke and turn person for one session at states.
- Stroke and turn Officials are now counted as a job at State Meets.
 - Talk to Mike or Paul if you will hold stroke and turn clinics.
 - Paul will contact each coach via email to set up stroke and turn clinics.
 - Each clinic is 1-2 hours plus apprenticeship meet training.
 - The fee is \$20/ participant.
 - 2 year certification (beyond the first summer apprenticeship)
 - Volunteers will attend the same clinic attendance for recertification.
 - Instructors will earn \$79 for teaching a clinic.
 - This clinic will only earn officiating capacity for gssa, not US swimming.
 - Patches have been ordered and booklets will be given out this year.
 - Bedford has already set up a 6/11 meeting.

REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

There is extra money in the account this year so teams that are not pledging will **not** have to pay fees this year (2013).

Request for Membership NEW TEAMS Blue Dolphins:

Karen Jenovese spoke about bringing the Blue Dolphins back. Dick Cuddihee sponsored her. Al made a motion, Ed seconded. BD team was accepted. *Welcome back!*

Blue Dolphins will owe dues this year and for the next two years.

Castaways (year 2), Cannonballs (year 3), and Tuftenborough (year 2) are still pledging and therefore owe gssa dues.

Claremont and the Rockingham Rays did not attend the meeting this year.

Claremont and Rays are on one year probation and therefore owe dues.

State meet:

- It was stated that in the past teams decided whether they will go to Milford or Manchester.
- In the past, divisions 1 and 3 (uss teams) went to Manchester, while 2 and 4 went to Milford.
- There was a conversation about parent complaints about incurred costs for non-US division one swimmers (many of Bedford's swimmers).
- There was a conversation about insurance and participation in the meets between Steve and Tim.
 - Brendan stated that it must be set up fairly within the league.
 - Karen asked about the league paying for insurance. The uss registered kids can get their observations (\$5 extra).
 - Nicole stated that league insurance would also cover the board members.
 - K and K insurance often runs weekend swim programs for \$300-400.
 - Sadler insurance was also mentioned.
 - Nicole said that a summer league price is usually cheaper too.
 - Steve said that uss covers everyone with a simple and reasonable process.
 - Milford is able to run states because they have a team already. Their insurance company will add the meet.
 - Steve asked if the league could pay for the additional costs for those swimmers who are not uss.
- Al motioned that the league would cover the insurance for the state meets.
- Al made a motion to the motion for the league to pay the \$5 observational fee for non-US registered team swimmers that are going to the Manchester meet. He also suggested research on fees could be brought to the meeting next year.
 - **The teams paying the bill should send their total athlete number to Greg to be paid.**
 - **Send the entry number to Brendan or Jim.**
 - ***This motion was passed- the gssa will pick up the \$5 fee for non-US swimmers going to the state meet in Manchester.***

State Meet Divisions Team alignment:

- Jim went through the team names to see which division they were in last year, then he asked where they felt they should be this year.
- There was discussion on Jasper Valley moving from 1 to division 2. Vote was in favor of this move.
- **Milford:** Castaways, NCC, Baboosic, NST, Claremont, Tuftenborough, myt, JV, bgcn, jaffrey, sbbc, wolfeboro, clark, gst.
- **Manchester:** BST, rays, mst, concord y, Exeter, blue dolphins, gold crush, HH, LRY, ORO, PST, pwst, storm, seacoast, sacco valley, gunstock, cannonball.
 - Margie will send the team names of alignment to Mike to post on the site.
- Gunstock swim team will not participate this year at states but will be back next year.

Contingencies for poor weather at champs:

- States at Milford is scheduled for 2 days.
 - It will be both Sat and Sun with events broken up evenly (~7 am – 3-4 pm).
 - If there is rain on Sat however, adjustments could be made to make Sunday go longer.
- Manchester will also try to set up a contingency for if it rains on Sat, so that the rest of the meet occurs on Sun.

2013 Awards:

Medal 1-8 for individuals, 1-4 for relays, 5-8 ribbons for relays. Extra medals can be used up. Next year we can/might budget medals for 1-8 relays.

Upcoming State meet sites:

Manchester and Milford are committed for next year (2014).

Need new sites for 2014. If you want to pledge a site for 2015 or 2016, speak to Jim or Brendan.

By-law Changes:

- Old membership by-law:
 - Any team wishing to continue membership within the Association must attend the annual spring meeting on the first Saturday of May and must remit an annual membership fee to be determined by the governing board.
- **New membership by-law:**
 - Any team wishing to continue membership within the Association must attend the annual spring meeting on the **second** Saturday of May and must remit an annual membership fee to be determined by the governing board.
- Old Championship meet bylaw:
 - The Association shall organize and operate a championship swimming meet each year during the first weekend of the month of August for all member teams. It shall be held at the end of the season, after all dual and triangular meets are finished.
- **New Championship meet by-law:**
 - The Association shall organize and operate a championship swimming meet each year during the first weekend of the month of August for all member teams.
Should the 1st of August fall on a Sunday, the state meet will be held on the following full weekend of August. It shall be held at the end of the season, after all dual and triangular meets are finished.
 - Next year states will be 8/2-3/14
 - States will be the weekend of 8/1-2/15 the year after.

Next year's by-law changes:

- Add referee information and set up a gssa official site.
- Change Swim Waiver and eligibility ribbons.
- Change the meeting date to 2nd Saturday of May because of USS meeting.

Nominations for Division Reps for 2013

D1: Ed Faszewski, BST

D2: Gretchen Dunn, MKS

D3: Tim Tompson, HH

D4: Ed McLaughlin, SBGC

Sanctioned Meets:

6/23 Exeter pre-season 12 and under invitational meet- all 25s

7/5-7 and 7/19-21, MST Rayco meets

Milford Rotary Meet, 7/20-21 (heads up on parking- we may not have as much available)

PWST, 7/27 pentathlon

Rule reminder:

Aging up (never aging down) is allowed for only **one** age group to be official and for relays only.

Aging up 2 groups would cause that relay to be exhibition.

Waiver form- any non-US swimmer going to a US sanctioned meet must send a waiver to Brendan, Margie or Jim so we know that swimmer is sanctioned for both gssa and a US meet.

Fundraisers:

Paul's wife does team pictures and rents out photo booths if you are interested in doing a fundraiser.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 am and divisions broke for state meet job assignments.

Next year's GSSA coaches' meeting is Saturday, May 10th, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Clark-Kevan

May 12, 2013