

**New Hampshire Swim Association annual meeting:
Saturday, September 8, 2012 at SNHU**

Welcome/Secretary and Treasurer's Reports: President Steve VanDerBeken called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. All teams signed in and updated contact information. He asked anyone to email webmaster Mike Hirst for any changes to contacts. 2011's Secretary's Report has been posted since shortly after last year's meeting. Sheri Collis of Lakes Region voted to accept the Secretary's Report, and seconded by Jon Luby of MYT. Steve briefly went over last year's Treasurer's Report that was emailed to all teams. MYT voted to accept report, and Brian Dirrane seconded.

Election of Officer's: Steve stated he was interested in staying on as President as was Brian Crawford as Secretary. Sheri Collis wanted to step down but Steve had nominated Judy Cook of Lakes Region to take over. This was seconded by Dick Cuddihee of PWS. Judy Cook elected. Steve thanks Sherri for her work and help on behalf of the league.

Old Business: All teams agreed that UVAC hosting NHSA State meet was a big success. The changes made were right on, there was no fire marshal, had warm up and warm down area, and many league records were broken. Brian Dirrane said that we would keep things pretty much the same for this season. Steve pointed out that with the time trials there should be a bit of a break after the session before they begin. Brian said they would plan for more busses to shuttle swimmers and parents, but said that there may be a charge for premium parking (on top). His biggest concern with last year's meet was the seating, but that went well. They plan to add more sets of bleachers as well. MYT questioned parking for coaches and it was agreed that one to two passes should be given out for coaches, and possibly officials, although they can come and go throughout day. Brian said he would bring this up with the UVAC's Executive Director. Brian and Steve will work on the details for the coaches and league. UVAC's café will be open as well as regular concession. This year's state meet would be March 15-17. Details of this year's meet will come out in mid-November and the contract will remain the same. New England Swimming has released dates of Regionals (February 15-17) but does not have any dates for Age Groups. (There could, at this time, be a potential 10 and under meet, 12 and under, 11-14 meet, or Senior meet.)

Open Discussion:

* A discussion came as far as sanctioning all Regional meets for NHSA as well as the High School State meet. There were many opinions on this, as some liked the Regional idea, but know that many swimmers are at the high school meet, which was Steve's point on letting the high school meet count as it wasn't fair to those swimmers who couldn't attend. UVAC questioned the idea of abolishing the 3 meet rule or possibly shortening the 120 day transferring of teams. Some coaches questioned the "team requirement" if this were to happen. Some teams said how they have swimmers not competing till December because of fall sports, but LRW brought up that that is their choice to do, and they had plenty of time to get meets in with proper planning. MYT questioned their commit level to their team and sport, and ESC stating that most teams always are helping others out with swimmers getting their meets in at the end. EST said that the season was long enough to get meets in. After a lengthy

discussion, Chris French of FINS proposed that all Regional meets should count for NHSA state meet. This was "so moved" and agreed by the league. The Regional meet will now count as an NHSA sanctioned meet for the league.

*Steve proposed that the essay scholarship be upped to 3 winners at \$500 each. Brian Crawford agreed saying that last year there were 20 entries. UVAC seconded, motion passed. Brian, Karen, and likely an MST coach would judge the essays. Depending on budgeting constraints this could be changed if needed.

*Gunstock, an Associate Member for last two years, still would like to have full membership to the league and attend the State meet. Coach Al Rozzi said he would have approximately 75 swimmers. LRW questioned the status on TSSA teams, as we agreed that they needed to be added first. EST stated that he and others are hoping for one large league, but that would mean splitting up the state meet and most coaches are not in favor of that. MST said that we should again put their status on hold and questioned that all teams are most likely going to be a bit bigger, and altogether will add a big number to the State meet. Steve said he would contact TSSA teams and find out what their future intent with the NHSA is. Sheri added that those teams are ahead of Gunstock on the list.

T shirt sales: awarded to ESC

Sanctioned meets:

*Please see the complete list posted on the NHSA website (as other meets may become sanctioned throughout the season).

MYT	October 26-28
UVAC	November 9-11
MST	November 17
EST	November 30-December 1
UVAC	December 7-9
EST	December 16 *10 + Unders
MYT	December 21-23
MYT	January 4-6
UVAC	January 19
MST	January 26

New Business/Other: Mike Hirst, webmaster, asked coaches if they preferred a login or password to the website, which coaches agreed was not necessary. He was also in the midst of making a new version and wanted to increase the archives. EST said he should include past state meets if we can get a hold of them, and MYT suggested top 10 times for our league, which we said probably would be too hard with many dual meets. SBGC said they would most likely have a name change in the future.

Next year's meeting date: September 9, again at SNHU.

MST voted to end meeting at 9:30 am and was seconded by UVAC

Minutes Submitted by Brian Crawford,
NHSA Secretary