

**New Hampshire Swim Association (NHSA) Annual meeting:  
12 September @ Concord YMCA**

Meeting started at 9:00 AM by current Treasurer/Vice President Joanne Jackson

Secretary Report: Brian Crawford stated minutes from 2009 meeting have been on web site. LRW voted to accept minutes from 2009 meeting and seconded by PWS.

Joanne presented Treasurer's Report by noting that there was ~\$13,000 in account. Expenses for 2010 were roughly the same, as pool rental went up at Phillips Exeter Academy and we were down a few swimmers from 2009. She also noted that meet programs, which was taken over by CTS cost a bit more as Dave Grilli from RAYS had a cheaper deal with his business for copies. CTS got 25% of the proceeds and said maybe we should decide on how to go about the meet programs in the future.

MST voted to accept Treasurer's Report and seconded by CONY.

**Election of Officers:**

President Patty Deschaine told coaches she was stepping down as President and wanted to thank coaches for their support and effort. The floor took nominations and Steve Van Der Beken (MST) was nominated by Brian Dirane from NCAC (seconded by RAYS). Vice President/Treasurer Joanne Jackson also announced she was stepping down in her position. CTS nominated Sheri Collis from LRW and that was seconded by ESC. Brian Crawford was nominated to stay on board as Secretary by CTS and seconded by PWS. All were accepted as board members.

Steve Van Der Beken took over the meeting and started by thanking Patty for her years of service. The meeting continued with the topic of merging the current Tri-State Swim Association (TSSA) into the NHSA. Steve reviewed that at last year's meeting a committee was formed on what to do to include 400+ swimmers, and if it would be possible. Patty took on the teams' entry last year, and said it had the meet timeline going till 10:30 P.M. on Friday night, and 8:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. She continued playing around with events, shortened warm up time, and put different age groups in different sessions but this still added time onto meet considerably. Patty sent this out to committee members to review. Steve discussed with committee members all of this information as well, and also mentioned with warm up alone we already pushed to the max. He also said he and committee members wanted to keep the meet at one facility and given that, plus numbers, timeline, and warm up, all felt that at this time there was still no way to merge the leagues. Also, if all the current teams had just a small growth the league would still be too large. So for the time being, the TSSA teams (those being represented at the meeting) would stay Associate Members of the NHSA.

Patty agreed to this and kept the discussion open to all teams. PWS said that we were already under the gun with numbers and pointed out the number of swimmers on deck is still an issue and the pressure of stopping the meet was still a concern.

HHS said that they were not arguing these facts but were questioning as to why a TSSA representative was not on the committee and also asked the question, "Are we wasting our time?" Steve responded that adding more weekends to the meet, with adding 400 kids, didn't seem to be a logical decision at the time until a bigger venue became available. HHS is concerned that with newer teams starting in the state of NH, and if they would be considered in the NHSA in future years. Steve responded with saying that this was an opportunity to grow the TSSA, and again, that when access to a bigger facility was available that we could include Associate members in the State meet. NCAC mentioned that using two venues is an option down the road and that were many other possibilities that should be promoted and discussed. CTS apologized for not having a TSSA member on the committee. STORM said a plan should be in place for the future. MST said there was no reason to keep the discussion going of

possibilities, and that TSSA should communicate together and come up with their own possibilities and present to us. STORM questioned to put in bylaws that to keep Associate Members in that had a representative at meeting. These four teams were: Hampshire Hills, Portsmouth, Oyster River, and Crush. PWS said that the current teams should tell their teams and families that the league will be larger in the future and that different possibilities for the State meet may go into effect. NCAC said that he is involved in the possibility of hosting the meet at UVAC. Brian Dirane (NCAC) wanted to take Al Rozzi's position on the present committee. Steve (MST) ended the discussion again suggesting that TSSA form their own committee and come with possibilities and ideas for a merged meet.

New Membership: Martha (Gunstock Swim Club) discussed her team in request to join NHSA as Associate member. They are in the middle of processing with US Swimming and have 20 swimmers to date and are expecting another 10-20. She said being new LRW they waited till after their sign ups to have/hold registrations. The team was voted in as Associate members.

Old Business: EST asked to be clear as to who is running the state meet? EST or league. EST would be taking entries for the meet. LRW will be in charge of T-Shirts for this year's meet. RAYS will take on programs.

New Business: NCAC will now be "UVAC" (Upper Valley Aquatic Club). SVRC pointed out their initials were stated wrong. STORM requested score at state meet be announced more frequently, or updated in results after event.

Sanctioned meets:

MST, Nov. 20 Pentathlon Meet

MST, Jan. 15 Distance Meet

EST, Dec. 3-4 Sprints

MYT, Oct. 29-31 Invitational

MYT, Jan. 8-9 Distance

UVAC, Dec. 10-12, Winter Classic

UVAC said that with CCBS folding, if any team wanted to take on the Connecticut Valley meet, held in March, that it was a great meet and wanted to see it kept going.

State Meet 2011: Vote on State meet either March 18-20 or 11-13. March 18-20 won. State meet jobs will remain the same as 2010 meet. Steve asked if Sam was still running Phillips Exeter.

PWS made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 AM.

Minutes submitted,  
Brian Crawford, NHSA Secretary