

**Granite State Swimming Association (GSSA)**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting**  
May 5, 2007  
Nashua Country Club

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jim Rezzarday at 9:00 a.m. following a brief social time.
2. **Attendance:** The following teams were represented at the meeting: SSA, BST, MST, ORO, RAYS, HHS, EST PWST, PST, CONY, BLUE, LRW, NASY, BYST, MTS, GCST, JRS, NSTC, JVST, CCBA, BGCN, BAB, SGBR, WST, MKS, NCC, WMR, CTS. Absent: Amherst Swim Club, North Country Aquatic Club, Exeter Swim Team?, and Greenwood Rec Swim Club.
3. **Minutes:** Moved (Matt Laramie), seconded (Dick Cuddihee) to approve minutes of the 2006 meeting as presented on the web page. (Voted to approve by majority.)
4. **President's Notes:** President Rezzarday reviewed items of concern from last year's state meet:
  - a. It is expected that all GSSA teams will participate in the GSSA Championship meet.
  - b. State entries must be submitted **on time** by all teams.
  - c. Exhibition swimmers cannot make official records.
  - d. New stroke and turn officials are needed- especially on the West side of the state. In the future they can be trained and earn GSSA (LSC developmental) certification.
  - e. Review of by-laws.
  - f. Reminder that all head coaches must provide ARC current FA, CPR and Lifeguarding or Coaches Safety Training certificates to the board.
  - g. Stroke and turn officials are now counted as a job at the state meet if it's a volunteer position.
5. **Election of Officers:** It was moved by (?) and seconded by (?) to approve the following slate of officers for 2007:
  - a. President: Jim Rezzarday
  - b. Vice President: Brendan McLaughlin
  - c. Secretary: Margie Clark-Kevan
  - d. Treasurer: Greg Derderian
6. **Division Representatives:**
  - a. Division One: Ed Faszewski (Bedford)
  - b. Division Two: Brian Crawford (Jasper Valley)
  - c. Division Three: Tim Thomson (Hampshire Hills)
  - d. Division Four: Missy Rowell (Salem)

7. **Treasurer's Report:** A report was not sent by last year's treasurer (Theresa Noel).
- a. Was Seacoast paid for states last summer?
  - b. Claremont was paid.
  - c. \$175 needs to be paid to Jack Fabian for web work.
  - d. \$1279 balance is left in GSSA account.

**8. General Business / Discussion**

- a. Manchester YMCA is present and therefore their team representative (Steve Van der Beken) now has voting rights.
- b. Gold Crush and Manchester Tiger Sharks are still on probation.
- c. Lakes Region will order ribbons as necessary for divisions 1 and 3. Sherry will put together an inventory list for re-ordering awards. Regan will check with Sherry. Judie Fischer will order ribbons for divisions 2 and 4.
- d. Next year we will vote on the venues for states.
- e. By summer, 2008 everyone will need to have meet manager 2 and team manager 4.0.
- f. Anyone who needs a used desktop computer can notify Jim Rezzarday. (Baboosic, Manchester Y and Concord Y expressed interest.)
- g. Discussion on if we needed a statement in the by-laws stating that all GSSA teams will participate in the GSSA Championship meet. It was decided that we did not need a by-law change because teams usually participate in states.
- h. Discussion on the two teams (N. Country and Milford) who sent in late entries.
  - i. Milford sent an apology letter and Coach Buffy assured the group that she is now running the swim program, knows the software, and accepts the responsibility. She will also be receiving the informational packet this year. No action taken- the meeting moved along.
  - ii. It was decided that the late entries that caused the NCAC swimmers to be exhibition only could not earn official records for exhibition swims.
  - iii. The league's policy, as always, is to go after the administration/coach, not the swimmers.
  - iv. It was asked that this summer meet directors communicate to all coaches that their entries were received by the deadline date. (All approved.)
- i. Major by-law changes in effect: (unanimously accepted)
  - i. Head coaches do not swim in the GSSA league.
  - ii. USS rules for stroke and turn unless specifically countered within the GSSA by-laws.
  - iii. Swimmers may not compete in a younger age group, but are permitted to move up one age group in relays only. Once the child

- swims up one age group they do not have to stay in that higher age group for all relays.
- iv. A swimmer may participate in a maximum of five (5) events per meet, of which a maximum of three (3) individual and two (2) relay events per meet. Swimmers may not swim in the same relay event in more than one age group.
  - j. Double dual meets – can be scored as such but count as one meet attendance for the swimmers.
  - k. More eyes and more officials are needed at our developmental level- especially on the Claremont side of the state.
    - i. Proposal from Jim Rezzarday to mirror US swim with a GSSA certification program beginning summer, 2008.
    - ii. Paul Berheart is interested in helping in this endeavor.
    - iii. It is hoped that the new certification program will also feed into high school and US certification of officials as well.
    - iv. We may want regional directors that can do the training.
    - v. This year will be an organization year, implementation next year.
    - vi. Missy Rowell mentioned that she gives half price membership to her team parents if they get certified and do a certain number of meets.
      - 1. Should teams pay for the cost of training officials?
      - 2. Should GSSA offset the costs?
    - vii. Jim will get training sets together for next year: directors, videos, books, course outlines, cards, etc.
      - 1. Get potential trainer names to Jim, please.
      - 2. (Judie Fischer of NCC made a motion to accept which was seconded by (?) - all were in favor.)
  - l. Official training for this year: neswim.com site lists training sessions.
    - i. Go to opening page → upcoming events → official training.
    - ii. There is an on-line test, but parents would need to attend a class first.
    - iii. Laura Fant will be emailing everyone about upcoming training sessions as well. Thanks!
  - m. For insurance purposes, all head coaches must have American Red Cross certifications in First Aid, CPR and Lifeguarding or Coaches Safety Training. Send a copy of certificates to: Jim Rezzarday, 35 Captain Seaver Road, Brookline, NH 03033.
  - n. The state meet is 8/4 and 8/5.
  - o. Meet officials for states can be paid by the GSSA, but it does not count as a team job.
  - p. DUES!**
    - i. Each team will pay \$100 dues this year by July 15, 2007.**
    - ii. Write check as “GSSA dues”
    - iii. Send check to: Jim Rezzarday, 35 Captain Seaver Road, Brookline, NH 03033.

**9. 2007 GSSA Sanctioned Meets:**

- a. Manchester LCM Invitational, 7/6-7.
- b. Peterborough Wave Pentathlon, 6/30.
- c. Seacoast long course meet, 6/2-3
- d. Seacoast long course meet, 6/16-17
- e. Seacoast Summer long course qualifier, 7/12-15.
- f. Claremont Queenie Quimby meet, 7/14

**10. Division Alignments for 2007**

<b>Division One Dover State meet</b>	<b>Division Three Dover State meet</b>	<b>Division Two Claremont State meet</b>	<b>Division Four Claremont State meet</b>
Seacoast Swim Team- SSA	Exeter Swim Team- EST	Jaffrey-Rindge Swim Team- JRS	Baboosic Lakers Swim Team- BAB
Bedford Swim Team- BST	Peterborough Wavemakers Swim Team - PST	Nashua Swim & Tennis- NSTC	Salem Girls and Boys Club Raiders- SGBR
Manchester Swim Team- MST	Portsmouth Swim Team- PST	Jasper Valley Swim Team- JVST	Wolfeboro Swim Team- WST
Oyster River Otters- ORO	Concord Swim Team- CONY	Carter Community Building- CCBA	Milford Keyes Swim Team- MKS
RAYS Swim Team- RAYS	Blue Dophins- BLUE	Nashua Boys & Girls Club- BGCN	Nashua Country Club- NCC
Hampshire Hills Seawolves- HHS	Lakes Region Wavemakers- LRW		White Mountain Rapids- WMR
	Nashua YMCA- NASY		Claremont Tiger Sharks- CTS
	Newburyport Breakers- BYST		
	Manchester Tiger Sharks- MTS		
	Gold Crush Swim Team- GCST		

11. 2008 Coaches Meeting: Saturday, May 3. Location TBA.

12. Motion to adjourn was made at 10:30 a.m. by Time (HH) and seconded by Regan (LRW). All voted to approve.

Respectfully submitted:

Margie Clark-Kevan  
Secretary  
5/7/07