

Minutes of the May 2, 2009 GSSA Meeting at NCC

Jim Rezzarday began the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a review of last year's minutes. He also mentioned that the Newts never voted in their name change. (Jim stated that they had 12 swimmers at NE and about 40 USS swimmers last year.)

Jim stated that as far as president's notes of last season, it was a very quiet year. The new website is up and our new webmaster is Mike Hirst. Membership in GSSA is dropping; there were about 200 less swimmers at states last year. (Swimmer count was 788 at Seacoast and 612 at Claremont.) As coaches, we should try to increase GSSA swim membership.

Nomination of officers:

All positions were unanimously voted to remain the same.

President: Jim Rezzarday (*Missy Rowell from SBGC nominated, Tim Thompson from Hampshire Hills seconded.*)

Vice President: Brendan McLaughlin (*Missy Rowell from SBGC nominated, Tim Thompson from Hampshire Hills seconded.*)

Treasurer: Greg Derderian (*Jim Rezzarday nominated, Judie Fisher seconded.*)

Secretary: Margie Clark-Kevan (*Tim Thompson nominated, Steve Van der Beken seconded.*)

It was moved by David Grilli of the Rays to accept the minutes from last year. Brian Crawford seconded this motion.

The treasurer's report was discussed next. It was stated that we are currently breaking even and Jim asked if dues should be kept. Missy said that "we need to keep them if we are breaking even." It was decided to keep the dues for this season.

Jim passed invoices around to teams needing them for dues payment. He will also post this on the website for those who need them.

**Check of \$100/team due by July 15, 2009 and payable to GSSA.
Send it in care of Greg Derderian, Treasurer
32 Tinker Avenue, Nashua, NH 03064.**

New teams that purchase team manager can give a receipt to Jim Rezzarday for reimbursement.

Updating contact information was discussed next.

- There was no list passed around this year.
 - Please go to the website to update your contacts and to get used to navigating the site.
 - <http://www.gssaswim.com> is the hyperlink to the GSSA website.
 - Jim will set up a form for input of contact information.
- Jim next introduced **Mike Hirst** as our new **webmaster!**
 - He can be emailed at webmaster@gssaswim.com or at mike.n.hirst@gmail.com.

- Mike will get \$125 for his work as the webmaster and will put together the site.
- He stated that it will be similar to the NHSA site.
 - He will post photos of meets if you email them to him.
 - He would also like to be informed of needed corrections and/or comments immediately.
 - Mike is also happy to link team meets to our team homepage or post them on this site if we give him the information.
 - He will post the old state meet/meets in the archive section of the site.
 - For those hosting invitational meets, results can be sent and he will post them.
 - Lastly, Mike stated that you can calendar your meets as well.

The YWCA of Greater Newburyport was the next topic of discussion. Although there was a reapplication letter requesting membership to the GSSA, there was no one here today to represent the team. Jim stated that Brian King is out, and that a new group is in. **The decision was ??**

North Country Aquatics Club, NCA, was introduced to the league.

Jorsey Reynolds, the aquatics director and coach for NCAC spoke.

- She introduced Cindy as her assistant and Kirsten as the parent representative.
- NCAC wants to provide an educational experience for kids that is fun and enjoyable.
- She mentioned that she began as a swimmer and that NCAC wants to keep kids interested in swimming.
 - About 30 kids are expected to swim this summer. (She has more than this now.)
 - There were 130 kids on the team this winter w/ the Hogan site.

Jim mentioned that some GSSA teams are only town (not USS) teams. He explained that her swimmers must swim for **only one** GSSA team at a time. He further explained that if she took a USS swimmer to a meet, they can only represent one team. They can go back to their USS team for the winter. (He mentioned that Hampshire Hills, CCB and Claremont have this situation as well.)

The question was asked if they were planning meets in their beautiful facility. Jorsey responded that they have winter plans now.

Steve Van der Beken made a motion to let them into the GSSA. Dave Girilli seconded the motion.

Jim asked if there were discussion points. Missy asked about size issues; she wanted to know if either of the state meet venues would have a problem accepting another team. The answer was “no, both state meets can take more kids.”

Voted – all in favor to accept NCAC into the league. They are currently on 1st year team status probation.

Next on the agenda was **GSSA officiating**.

- Jim stated that Paul Burkhart can get certification courses for interested parents.
- The books are purchased.
- Parents can get certified for just summer/GSSA.
 - We have a great need for stroke and turn judges and more eyes on the decks.
 - We want no surprised at the state meet for swimmers.
 - Interested parents should contact Paul to arrange a clinic.
- Coaches who would like to become trained to teach a clinic should contact Jim or Paul.
 - Greg Derderian and Missy Rowell expressed interest in becoming certified to run clinics.
 - Those who run clinics will be paid for their work.

League alignment was the next topic of discussion

- Jim said that the last time we did alignment, teams chose their venue.
- Steve Van der Beken suggested to continue this process.
- Tim Thompson suggested that anyone who want to switch teams should speak up.
 - Saco Valley wants to go to Dover.
 - NCAC wants to go to Claremont.
- **The state meet director will decide on divisions based on numbers of entries.**
 - Dover divisional teams are:
 - SSA, BST, MST, ORO, RAYS, HHS, EST, PWST, PST, CONY, BLUE, LRW, STORM, BYST, GCST, MYT, SVST.
 - Claremont divisional teams are:
 - JRS, NSTC, JVST, CCBA, BGCN, BAB, SBGC, WST, MKS, NCC, CTS, CMS, NCN, NCAC.

Division Representatives

- Division 1, 2 and 3 representatives stayed the same. (Ed Faszewski, Brian Crawford, and Tim Thompson respectively.)
- Tarsha will not be coaching this year; therefore a new division 4 representative is needed.
- Missy Rowell stepped up to the division 4 representative position.

It was announced that states is on August 1 and 2, 2009.

State meet pre-seed data

- Claremont
 - Due by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23
 - rdeschaine@comcast.net
 - Saturday will be 11 and up
 - Sunday will be for 10 and under.

- Patty Deschaines will accept updated **times only** by Sunday, July 26.
- Dover
 - Check the Seacoast website for the pre-seed due date/time.

Sanctioned Meets for 2009:

Date	Meet Name
5/30/09	MST Pentathalon
6/6-7/09	Seacoast Season Opener
6/20-21/09	Seacoast Summer Classic
6/20/09	Clark Icebreaker Meet
6/27/09	Exeter Summer Sprints Invitational
6/27-28/09	Portsmouth Specialty Meet (distance on 6/27, short on 6/28)
7/3-5/09	MST, Manchester Long Course Invitational
7/10-12/09	NE Age Group Qualifier
7/18/09	Queenie Quimby Invitational (Claremont)
7/17-18/09	Milford Rotary Meet
7/25/09	PWST Pentathalon

The North Country Newts was the next topic of discussion.

Jim said that the coach had a family outing and could not make the meeting. (He was notified of this ahead of time.) He went on to say that the Newts never reapplied. She's representing White Mountain and changed the team name over the season. **As I was making corrections to last year's minutes, I noticed that the name change WAS stated in them.** It was asked if this "new" team needs to re-apply. The background information was given that Plymouth State pulled their support of the WMR team. The current Newts coach is also the assistant coach at PSU. The kids from WMR are the same as NCN and the coach brought them with her.

Missy explained that she did the same thing. **??** said that he wants to be assured that if they swim them it will be counted as a GSSA meet.

It was also mentioned that this coach will not be able to coach at states and that she has no assistant. Steve Van der Beken stated that this is a secondary issue.

The decision by the coaches was that everything was fine and that she can stay in the league.

Jim will inform her of this.

Claremont will deal with the coaching issue for states.

Missy asked about the possibility that the state meet date could be pushed back a week because of the long school year.

Jim replied that state dates/venues have been planned and cannot be changed at this point.

Steve VdB said that each year changes and we can go with the calendar fluctuations.

Tarsha asked about four weeks of practice and making the two required meets per swimmer. **??** suggested that she might want to have more than one meet per week.

Jim stated that we would need two years notice to change the state dates.

It was discussed that if we get close to the first weekend of August we may discuss a change in weekends in the future.

**Next year's GSSA Meeting will be Saturday, May 1, 2010
9:00 a.m. at NCC.**

Thus, maintaining the practice of meeting on the first Saturday in May.
Remember, no jeans, please.

At 10:30?, Tim Thompson motioned to end the meeting. Dave Grilli seconded the motion.

Divisions then broke for state meet job assignments.

Officers:

President: Jim Rezzarday
Vice President: Brendan McLaughlin
Treasurer: Greg Derderian
Secretary: Margie Clark-Kevan
Official's Chairman: Paul Burkhart

Webmaster: Mike Hirst

Division representatives:

Division I: Ed Faszewski
Division II: Brian Crawford
Division III: Tim Thompson
Division IV: Missy Rowell

Have a terrific year of fun, team growth, and swimming!

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Clark-Kevan