

November 8, 2009

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11:20 a.m., Bob Tyler, President, welcomed all and began the meeting with a few announcements:

- Circulate information
- Report new coaches of schools not present

1. Attendance: Schools Represented

Westminster  
NMH  
Williston  
Kingswood-Oxford  
Deerfield  
Eaglebrook  
Wilbraham Monson  
Hopkins  
Miss Porters  
Andover  
Canterbury  
Cheshire  
Miss Porter's  
Hotchkiss  
Moses Brown  
Portsmouth Abbey  
Loomis  
Worcester  
Choate  
Exeter  
Milton  
Thayer

2. Updates on the NEPSSA website: Jacques Hugon ([jhugon@andover.edu](mailto:jhugon@andover.edu)) and changes to the [www.nepssa.org](http://www.nepssa.org) website

- Kudos to Jacques and recognition of the efforts of all coaches in the league in maintaining this professional resource unrivaled in New England!
- An informative slide show on "Using the NEPSSA website" will be available on the web—a summary of Jacques' presentation.
- Please be sure post Hytek MM rosters as soon as possible (a Hytek MM "lite" version is available for teams that do not own the program)
- New postings on the web league meet calendar will include other events, such as meetings or workshops offered or taking place in the league.
- Update will also include non-league meet results.
- Events and posting may be managed by individual coaches.
- Note changes to the management of the calendar: meet cancellation button in the event of a meet being cancelled.
- A call to post JV meets as well. To avoid confusion, name the meet JV in create a new event.

3. Discussion points & decisions re. the website and posted league documents:

- "Top 20" list: Will remain as intended, a list of the top New England (NEPSSA) Championship meet times only and exclude league dual meets or other championship meets.
- "New England Records": May include league dual and championship meets.
- Motion and vote to include "Easterns" as a qualifying meet for a New England Record: 4 abstentions, 1 opposed; the motion carries.

- Discussion of the possibility of instating a 6-dive Top 20 or find another way to recognize divers in a similar way. Challenges involved include judging/verification. A motion and vote to maintain along with the Top 20 swimming records, a list of league pool and team records for 6 dives as a way to inspire and recognize divers: 4 opposed, 2 abstained; the motion carries.
  - Email Jacques your school and pool diving records as soon as possible. This information will be available under “records” on the website.
  - Discussion of the option of including “Google Ads” on the website; an opportunity to generate some income for the league, ads would be filtered to suit our discipline, etc. Response: Not worth the small income to hamper with the current “classy” effort and interface that represents our league.
4. Suit Rule change: See the NFSHS rule change of 8.11.09. This applies to our league.
  5. Small Team designation for the New England Championship meet: Currently the cut off is 10-athletes per gender to qualify. Discussion ensued with several ideas proposed.
    - Summary: We have options and alterations to consider on the topic as the league grows. The conclusion was to table the discussion, leave the small school scoring as is, take the opportunity of this third year to study and consider our options and decide if we should continue or alter the current system for our next fall meeting with proposals to be offered by all interested in doing so.
    - Comments: Get the small-team scoring out there during the meet so that athletes and audience can also follow this “meet within a meet” at the event itself. We can be sure to have the announcer announce this scoring through the meet in addition to any posting-alternatives Hotchkiss might discover during the meet this March. Posting meet scoring for the audience at the finals is always a challenge.
    - Conclusion: the small team category will stay at 10 total entrants per gender; swimmers and divers count equally.
  6. Secretary-Treasurer’s presentation of the 2008-2009 budget: approved (no abstentions, no opposition).
    - Summary of Budget Issues and Discussion: Approved Hytek upgrade expense for next year’s budget.
    - League Dues due immediately: \$70.00 per gender/per school. Please make check payable to NEPSwim and mail to Sonja O’Donnell, Deerfield Academy, 7 Boyden Lane, Deerfield, MA 01342. (An invoice is posted at nepssa.org)
  7. Assigning of Roles at 2010 New Englands at Hotchkiss:

Meet Entries—Swimming:	Worcester (John Liller)
Meet Entries—Diving:	Choate (Ben Small)
Electronic Scoring & Timing:	Worcester (Liller) & Hotchkiss (Connors et al)
Table Manual Scoring:	Andover (Hugon & Murphy)
Meals:	Hotchkiss
Awards:	Hopkins (Chuck Elrick)
Officials:	Loomis (Seebeck & DeConinck)
USS Officials:	Eaglebrook (Tanner)
Back-up Timers:	Thayer (Charlene Keady)
Lifeguards:	Hotchkiss
T-shirts:	Deerfield (O’Donnell)
Programs (design & sales):	Suffield (Lowe)
Diving Announcing	Milton (Tylor)
Trainers:	Htchkiss

8. New Englands:
  - Diving entries and procedures: Look out for correspondence on the process this year; we will be less flexible with changes at the meet; diving caches should communicate with Ben on creating a league set of rules and procedures to aid in streamlining the event and eliminating errors, confusion, etc...
  - Need more pace clocks during warm up and around the warm down pool area

- USS observation: enter your athletes USS numbers in MM and everything should be taken care of
  - All-American: no need to sign meet results for swimming; diving has not changed
  - Seating issues at Hotchkiss: please request that families do not command full sections of seating... i.e. share the space, don't be selfish, etc...
  - New Englands 2011 (March 5 & 6) and the 2012 (March 3 & 4) will rotate back to Phillips Exeter Academy.
  - Future discussion: Should host teams rotate every year or maintain the two-year pattern?
9. Diving Rotation:
- 11/29: 101
  - 12/6: 201
  - 12/13: 301
  - 1/3-9: 401
  - 1/10: 5000
  - 1/17: 101
  - 1/24: 201
  - 1/31: 301
  - 2/7: 401
  - 2/14: 5000
  - 2/21: 101
10. Announcements:
- Distinguished Service Award: Nominations to Bob Tyler, League President
    - i. Nominees do not need to be currently coaching in the league (i.e. they may be retired, etc...)
    - ii. There are no published criteria or citations.
  - Consider attending the NISCA convention post spring break!
  - Middle School teams, email Barbara Gould!
  - Education and Professional Development opportunities:
    - i. Create a workout bank for coaches
    - ii. Share information from conferences
      1. Recommended title from the '09 Eastern States Swim Clinic: *The Talent Code*
      2. Hold an in-house coaching clinic
  - How can we keep up with our athletes post New England Prep Swimming? Where are our kids in college? How can we find this and share this contact/ information?
  - Small Team Invitational Meet February 20<sup>th</sup>: All interested contact Bo Tanner @ Eaglebrook
11. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sonja O'Donnell, NEPSSA Secretary-Treasurer