

**DRAFT**  
**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**VIA Teleconference**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2014**  
**7:30 pm**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** General Chair, Rick Lewis call the meeting to order at 7:38pm

**Present:** Rick Lewis, Jeff Gray, Sue Lecza, Todd Gordon, Lauren Bullock, Ed Doernberger, Dave Heller, Dave Reilly, Randy Erlenbach, Jim Robison, Henk Jensen, Mark Sedlack, Kaeley Steinnagel, Nancy Wargo, Josh Furth,

**Also Present:** Nan Cooper

**Not Present:** Jeff Scobee, Matt Hurst, Ed Heath, Judy Snow, Dave Laudati, Coral McNary

**Unconfirmed:** Madeline Snow, Garrett Mazziotti

**Agenda:** Motion was made to add Meeting Schedule to the Agenda. Motions to amend Agenda approved. Motion made and passed to approve the Agenda as modified.

**Announcements:** NE meets doesn't give out databases. So, coaches should remember to get a results file with splits so we can load into FAST.

**Adoption of Minutes:** The December 4, 2013 minutes correction in the Proposal to Reduce Surcharges section - "*Dave R NOT Dave H. raised issues.*" Also, *Ed Dornberger* needs to be added to Present. Motion was made and passed to approved amended minutes.

**Old Business:**

**Proposal to reduce surcharges:** Jeff Scobee reported the proposal is in the works with no further comments at this time.

**New Business:**

**Discussion regarding Use of CT Swim Funds** – Open forum for people to bring forward suggestions for use of surplus, aimed at giving back to the community and provide opportunity for education, training, etc. Mark Sedlack swimposium (end of April) after contacting various involved parties – wants to increase line item in the current budget. Todd Gordon requested a proposal with rational, etc. Current coach clinic budget \$5000. Rick L. applauds effort for educating coaches. Mark wants to have more quality. Attendees last year = 50 overall. Todd recommended keeping in mind the per capita cost. Need to reach a broader community and increase the audience while reducing the per capita expense. Better venue, marketing, promotion needed to increase numbers. Nancy W. wants to add opportunity for officials. Rick Lewis annual officials meeting in the fall and can be included in next year's budget. Nancy Wargo – Officials committee has 244 officials, 38 referees, 32 admin official, 51 also coaches. "Catch the Wave" was very successful. The idea of Belt Tag was discussed and OGM for Age Groups was approved.

Henk Jensen - Technical Planning – Use of CT Swim Funds - Starting blocks for Wesleyan were mentioned as well as \$200 grants for attending the HOD meeting to use to update technology.

Also, purchasing pads at Wesleyan and camps for athletes are considerations for use of funds.

Jim Robison - The Colorado system has been purchased and will be available to rent in the near future. If we add pads, we could provide a complete system.

Josh Furth – Contest AG Logo - \$50 iTunes awards – Committee would like to continue the contest for LC. The awards will come out of Age Group Funds and a suggestion was made to increase the amounts to \$100, not \$50.

Custom times for CSI meet entry is under discussion by Program Development and is still in the works.

### **Reports of Officers:**

**General Chair Report:** Rick Lewis – Eastern Zone taking survey for places to host Sectionals and other types of meets. Wesleyan is not an option. Nothing else to report.

**Treasurer:** Sue Lecza.– Financials moving along in line with last year. No significant activity.

**Finance Vice Chair:** Todd Gordon - No report

**Age Group Committee Chair:** Dave Riley – Mondays meeting was postponed until tomorrow. Finalize SC meet announcement. Jim Robison was asked to contact clubs with 50m pool availability for LC Champs (July 25-27 – Regionals - Wesleyan is not available) LC AG July 17 - 20 Brookfield, CPAC, LEHY, OMNI, HJCC are available. AG committee will vote to run Regional on July 25-27.

**Senior Committee Chair:** Randy Erlenbach – Seniors – LC meet information and standards be available until soon. Nan Cooper stated NE has contacted her about SC Seniors open to non-CT teams. Randy stated 3 teams won't impact negatively the meet. If it becomes too big, they will close out non-CT teams.

**Program Operations Vice-Chair:** Jim Robison – Receiving requests for observations of meets Western NE Prep Championships - Hopkins, Harvard Princeton Founders meet. Josh Furth stated 2 levels of WNE Prep Championships. Jim Robison stated the board should discuss what meets should be observed or not observed. Kaeley Steinnagel stated high quality meets. Nan Cooper mentioned all goes through USA Swimming. Jim Robison was inclined to approve both meets. Nan suggested making an exception once.

**Technical Planning Committee Chair:** Henk Jensen – Nothing to report

**Coach Representatives:** Mark Sedlack – Discussed Swimposium and Educational grants – acknowledgement/announcement being sent out and elections will begin soon.

**Athlete Representatives:** Announcement for Athlete Reps and logo contest were discussed. They will be organizing athlete committee meetings in the coming months

**Coach at Large:** Kaeley Steinnagel – Nothing to report. Talked with Rick Lewis about HOD meeting, with set forum and topics to be mediated by Rick. Central location - North Haven. Nan Cooper asked if the meeting would be required for all meet hosts. Rick Lewis wants a portion of HOD to be regarding meet hosts and mandatory like last year for teams wanting to host meets during the following year. Concerns regarding coaches being cut off by the college info session last year was mentioned. It was suggested that board members suggest agenda items for HOD. Finally, it was suggested an allotted time be given for each team to raise concerns/issues.

**Safety Committee Chair** – Absent

**Officials Committee Chair:** Nancy Wargo – Left meeting early

**Registration/Membership Coordinator:** Judy Snow - No report

**Other business** – Meeting schedules - Coordinate meetings better so the flow of information provides more efficient decision making, discussions, and implementation of changes. No first of the year meeting for BOD. Holiday period is difficult to coordinate members. Sequences can be in whatever order the committees decide. February is a budget meeting. Next BOD meeting isn't until April 2014. No BOD meeting in May. Request was made to reschedule April meeting when doesn't conflict with Y Nats.

Motion to adjourn/approved 8:30p.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Bullock  
Secretary