

MINUTES

USMS New England Local Masters Swimming Committee (NELMSC)
Board Conference Call
Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 7:45 PM – 9:15 PM EDT

1. Roll Call

NELMSC Board Officers

Douglas Sayles, Chair
Guy Davis, Vice Chair
Al Prescott, Treasurer
Alana Aubin, Communications Chair
Crystie McGrail, Coaches Chair
Tara Mack, Awards & Recognition Chair
Laura Dennison, Para-Athlete Chair
Tracy Grilli, At-Large Officer (Hall of Fame)

NELMSC Board Club Reps

Todd Whitford, Great Bay Masters (GBM) Rep
Michelle Toner, Greater Holyoke YMCA Masters (HOLY) Rep

Non-Voting Volunteers

Emily Cook, Fitness & ALTS Coordinator
Jason Weis, College Club Swimming Liaison
Rick Osterberg, Harvard Meet Director
Alford Green, WPI Meet Director

Absent Board Members

Sue Jensen, Secretary & Officials Chair
Jason Eaddy, Top Ten Recorder
Tim Lecrone, Registrar
Mindy Williams, Pool Sanctions Chair
Charlotte Brynn, Open Water Sanctions Chair
Bill Meier, At-Large Officer (Fitness & ALTS)
Kate Radville, Charles River Swimming Club (CRSC) Rep
Doug Bosley, New England Masters Swim Club (NEM) Rep
Jessica Stokes, New England Masters Swim Club (NEM) Rep
Christina Lorensen, Kent Y Masters Swim Club (KENT) Rep
John Gillis, Maine Masters Swim Club (MESC) Rep

2. Adoption of Minutes for June 5, 2019 NELMSC Board Conference Call

- Al Prescott moved to adopt the minutes. Unanimously adopted.

3. Treasurer's Report – Al Prescott

- No update at this time for year-to-date budget tracking; will prepare ahead of NELMSC annual meeting.
- Decent financial reserves but lower than in the past, which was the goal of this year's negative budget.
- Board-approved updates to 2019 budget:
 - Added 2019 USMS Leadership Summit expenses (\$2,112) for two attendees
 - Increased USMS Convention budget for NELMSC Delegation from \$10K to \$11K.
- Decent financial reserves, but lower than in the past which was the goal of this year's negative budget.
- Charles River swim cancellation:
 - Event must still pay NELSMC, and NELMSC must still pay USMS, for any one-event (OEVT) fees.
 - Even though it's in the sanction email, remind event directors of the OEVT fee (currently \$20).

4. Reports, as necessary, from Officers and Committees

- **Awards & Recognition Chair – Tara Mack**
 - Shifting the timeline for soliciting nominations and bestowing the NELMSC Frank Wuest Open Water Swim Award from winter to summer to better align with the open water season:
 - Promote in e-newsletter and on webpage.
 - Recognize winner(s) at NELMSC annual meeting in Sept/Oct.
 - Restate winner(s) at NELMSC SCY Championships.
 - Submitted nominations for USMS National Awards prior to July 1st application deadline.

- **Communications Chair – Alana Aubin**
 - Preparing the next e-newsletter issue to be issued shortly. Will promote the FWOWS Award.
- **Board Chair – Douglas Sayles**
 - NELMSC Annual Meeting – September 29, 2019, 1 pm, Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham, Mass.
 - Reminder that all officers must submit written reports including a summary of 2019 activities to date, 2020 action plans and any corresponding 2020 budget requests with quarterly expense projections.
 - Officers must email these items to Doug and Al no later than Sept. 19th so that Al can prepare a preliminary itemized 2020 budget for the Sept. 29th annual meeting.
- **Board Vice Chair – Guy Davis**
 - Nominating Committee (Davis, Stokes, Gillis) officer pre-election slate
 - Excellent slate of new and incumbent officer candidates for upcoming Sept. 29th election. Good communication and succession planning. Nominations are still open.
 - Pre-election slate and officer role descriptions are posted online at <https://www.nelmsc.org/annual-meeting>.

5. Unfinished Business

- NELMSC championship meet sustainability recommendations
 - Suggest amending the NELMSC bylaws to codify the current ad hoc Championship Meet Committee (CMC) as a standing committee.
 - Will circulate proposed bylaws changes prior to the NELMSC annual meeting.
 - Proposed 2020 CMC budget -- \$3,000 to support championship meets.
- NELMSC open water championships support process
 - Consider tasking the incoming NELMSC Open Water Chair to follow up and make recommendations.
- Ed Gendreau's proposed amendment to USMS Rules 201.3.5 and 201.3.6 (see [June meeting minutes](#))
 - NELMSC task force (Sayles, Stokes, Gillis) investigating options/alternatives.
 - Any potential amendments proposed by the NELMSC would be for the 2021 registration year.
 - For the 2020 registration year, the USMS Legislation Committee is recommending an [amendment to 201.3.5](#) shortening the club transfer waiting period from 60 to 30 days, which will be considered by the full USMS House of Delegates at the [USMS Annual Convention](#) in mid-September 2019.

6. New Business

- Swimming Saves Lives Foundation Silent Auction
 - The USMS SSLF Committee has requested that the NELMSC donate an item (on short notice).
 - Doug will try to secure a comped hotel room for the NELMSC SCY Championships in December. If not possible, will ask the SSLF for more notice next year.
 - Preliminary 2020 NELMSC operating budget
 - Al will reformat the budget and match line items to officer roles for clarity
 - All budget requests are due to Doug and Al by Sept. 19th.
 - Al will circulate a draft budget to board members prior to the annual meeting.

7. Resolutions and Orders

- None

8. Adjournment

- Alana moved to adjourn; seconded.
- The board conference call was adjourned at 9:16 pm.