

March 26, 2008

Hello New England Coaches

The 2008 Annual Meeting is approaching and it is a busy time for all, but mark your calendars and make the meeting a priority, so you stay informed and connected in the NES community.

At the General Meeting, elections will take place this year for General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair (the Calendar-Approver), Financial Vice Chair, Secretary, and Senior Chair. The Board of New England Swimming makes a huge commitment to meet many times throughout the year and is charged with making many decisions and is constantly challenged to create policies, review procedures, and make changes to benefit the NES community.

After the General Meeting, there will be a Coaches' Meeting (also a Meet Managers' Meeting and Officials' Meeting). At the Coaches' Meeting, there will be the election for Junior Coaches' Representative on the NES Board. Chuck Batchelor (was appointed Junior Rep after position was vacated by Leandra) will become the Senior Coach Rep, taking my place. Duties of Coaches' Reps include: representing coaches in NES at the monthly NES Board meetings in Wellesley; communicating with NE coaches via email, meetings at Age Group Championship meets, and informally throughout the seasons; creating agenda for annual coach meeting; notifying coaches of and conducting election for NE ASCA Age Group Coach of the Year in the summer; and creating a task list of improvements for NES coaches, which you will work on during your tenure.

For me, it has been a great learning experience, which has opened my eyes to the work and the contributions of the NES Board. I hope you have a better understanding about the Board and the Board Members' and Committees' roles through some of my communications with you.

Before the Coaches' Meeting, please take a look at the agenda and let me know if there is anything else you would like added. The meeting can sometimes go off in many directions – sometimes too many to address, or become a session of many complaints. With a little thought and planning ahead of time, I think we can have a more productive meeting – bring your problem, but with it offer a solution (or at least the beginnings of one). Thanks for your help.

Feel free to contact me: [sherbw@comcast.net](mailto:sherbw@comcast.net) or 413-586-1727 or Chuck: [abfswimscjb@yahoo.com](mailto:abfswimscjb@yahoo.com) with anything you want to discuss. See you at the meeting on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Sherry*  
*NES Senior Coach Rep.*

## New England Annual Coaches' Meeting

# AGENDA

Saturday, May 10, 2008

1. Thank you New England Coaches – it has been a pleasure representing you for the past two years and I have learned a great deal about New England Swimming and the Board in the process.

2. Election of new coach representative

1<sup>st</sup> year: Junior Rep. Attend NES events, meets, and monthly board meetings. Talk to/listen to coaches in NE via email and in person and provide feedback to Board. Assist with NE ASCA Age Group Coach of the Year election in the summer, as well as Coaches' meetings at the Age Group Championship meets and reports for the Board.

2<sup>nd</sup> year: Senior Rep. Continue to attend NES events, meets, and monthly board meetings, and talk to/listen to coaches in NE via email and in person and provide feedback to Board. Conduct election at Annual Meeting for Junior Rep. Prepare agenda for Annual Coaches' Meeting. Conduct election for NE ASCA Age Group Coach of the Year in the summer. Attend USS Annual Meeting. Arrange Coaches' meetings at the Age Group Championship meets with the assistance of the Junior Coach Rep. Report to Board on all meetings and elections.

- a. Hear from the candidates regarding background and involvement with NES, as well as anything else pertinent.
  - b. Voting
  - c. Welcome new coach representative
3. General Meeting

Each year, this meeting takes many directions, since it is the first meeting of the year that some coaches attend, although there was a coaches' meeting at the Age Group Championship meet in Attleboro in February. In hopes to provide more direction, I'd like to supply some information:

Your coaches' reps bring your thoughts to the Board; however, the placement of the Age Group Meets on the calendar is the responsibility of the Age Group Chair (Matt Craven); the Senior Meet is the Senior Chair's responsibility (New Chair). The events, time standards, and relay "rules" for those meets are all determined by the Age Group and Senior Chairs (with Technical Chair input – Laura Matuszak). You may contact the Age Group, Senior Chair, and Technical Chairs directly by email or phone to provide your input. You are welcome to bring up your concerns with the Coach Reps, but the Age Group, Senior, and Technical Chairs will be ultimately getting this information and it may have more impact coming directly from you (and you may learn and understand more their whole process of determination).

Facility issues: it is impossible for NES to secure pools for all NE end-of season meets (many pools are tied up with teams) and it is impossible to run every meet (especially Regional Meets since they all fall on the same weekend). It is unfortunate that different pools have different amenities and teams may not be assigned to their preferred venue, but NES relies on bids coming from teams to host that meet. Bids for the Short Course season are due July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in hosting a Regional Championship (or other Championship meet or calendar meet), please submit a bid – NES is looking for the best facilities (check with Age Group Chair for meet date) and bids will usually be awarded to teams with better facilities. NES tries to provide a calendar as early as possible, but it is the Board's experience (calendar committee) that teams cannot secure some facilities too far in advance (many facilities are not willing to commit too early). Also, when NES does not receive bids for championship meets on the proposed dates, then the calendar may change, so the meets can happen, if bids are received for alternate dates.

a. Discussion

- NE Zone Meet Summer 2008 – info, etc.
- Other

b. Next Meeting