

MAINE SWIM OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2015

Attendance: Sandy Zimmerman, Rick Grant, Duffy Akerly, Greg Madore, Sandy Labelle, Beth Drew, Chris Branch, Eric Noftall, Mike Chambers

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:00.

- I. The minutes of the June 9, 2015 were approved.
- II. The treasurer's report for July and August were approved. We are in the same position as last year.
- III. Tests: Chris, Jerry, Duffy (hopefully, and by phone) and Sandy Z will meet on June 16 at Jerry's office to complete drafts of the Level I, Veteran and Diving Tests.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Rules Interpretation: there are four substantive rules changes. There is no longer a "jewelry rule." The rule book does not designate all white as the preferred uniform, and provides that the state association may designate uniform standards. The starter may designate another person to ring the bell or other device in the 500 with two laps plus five meters to go. On the diving panel, the referee may or may not also score the dives.
 - B. State Meets. No word on location or actual dates, but probably A at Orono and B at Bowdoin. Diving has been returned to a full scoring event, meaning more than one diver per team may score, just as in any other event. The meets will be timed finals. Diving prelims and semi-finals will be held before the swimming events begin.
 - C. Chris reported that according to Scott Morrison, for the 2016-17 season, the MPA will most likely require background checks for officials, including fingerprinting, all at the official's cost.
- V. Clinics – Portland Y October 18 and Orono on October 25. Clinic pool time will be organized by station – starter, referee, S&T, with focus on positioning. Will show the S&T video. Both clinics will include Level II Y; Level I Y will be held at a date and location to be determined.
- VI. Chapter Reports – Biddeford may not have a team this year.
- VII. The Nominating Committee nominated the following as officers for 2016-17, to be voted at the clinics:

Chris Branch – President
Tom Riker – Vice President

Sandy Labelle – Treasurer
Jerry Crouter – Secretary

VIII. The next meeting is September 24 at 7 in Waterville.

IX. The meeting was adjourned.