

Niagara District  
Board of Directors  
Meeting of 8/23/09

**Members Present:** B. Paradis, J. Bowen, W. Brophy, M. Callan, S. Snyder, G. Karl, T. Dubois, M. Keating  
**Excused:** R. Aronberg, R. Wisniewski, R. Matlack, J. Kingston, L. McManus  
**Guests:** R. Callan, M. Keating

The meeting was called to order at 12:14 pm

The **minutes** from August 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved as corrected by motion of J. Bowen and B. Paradis that passed.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes were received from two scholarship winners.

**Reports of Officers**

**Registrar** J. Bowen reported that registration has exceeded 6,500 athletes. Registration materials for 2010 have been sent to clubs.

**Technical Planning Committee Chair** Dubois stated that there are six bids for the Super Circuit (2 from Syracuse, 1 from the Southern Tier and 3 from Rochester). Participation in Long Course swimming has increased again from the previous year. The Committee will establish a LC circuit during the SC season. There was a discussion of who is responsible to secure timers for various types of meets.

**Athletes Representative** Brophy reported on the need for a Junior Athletes Representative. Discussion ensued.

**Senior Chair** Callan reported that Niagara Classic meet receipts are being completed. The bill from UB has been received, however, there is room for negotiations. A check to UB may be cut for less than the current bill. The Ramada bill is outstanding. We need LC Zone bills.

**Treasurer** Snyder submitted a budget report through 8/31/09. All of the convention registrations have been received except one. The Treasurer will not be attending the convention. All bills need to be submitted as soon as possible for the end of the year report. There has been no response from either the family or club whose swimmer may become the topic of a Board of Review hearing due to checks written with insufficient funds.

**By-Laws/Legislation Chair** Karl had no report.

**Secretary** Keating had no report.

**Administrative Vice Chair** Wieniewski sent a written report. The UNAC meet reported 24 times swum by 12 athletes that exceeded the cut times. A letter will be sent to the club about following the parameters established for that bid.

## **Old Business**

There is an upcoming **Officials Workshop**. Two NI officials have responded and are interested: J. Stromski and J. Wetzen. It was moved by J. Bowen and seconded by M. Callan to send these two individuals. The **motion passed**. It was noted that meet juries were established at the NI Classic meet in July. There was discussion about the sorry state of NI officials' lack of listing on the OTS (Officials Tracking System of USAS). It should be noted that the Board has invited officials Chair Seiler to no avail. The incoming General Chair, at the request of the Board, will discuss with Seiler issues surrounding officials. Seiler will be invited again to meet with the Board.

**LC Zones:** 42 athletes attended.

**LC Calendar 2010:** It was moved by J. Bowen and seconded by S. Snyder to approve the April through August 2010 calendar and that the RAYS may hold their traditional meet scheduled against the Classic Meet under the same provisions as in 2008.

**By-Laws/Legislation Chair** Karl reported on the work that the Task Force completed. The net effect would be to remove the athletes from the club count when determining membership on the Board. The need to recruit more athlete participation was discussed. It was noted that General Chair Callan could add athletes to the BOD. Athlete Representative Brophy urged that the athletes not only attend BOD meetings, but also go to the convention. There was mention of the need for the athletes to be from different clubs even though they do not represent the clubs. It was moved by Keating and seconded by Brophy to forward the Task Force's amendments to the By-Laws to the House of Delegates. The motion passed.

**Athlete's Representative:** A letter was received from A. Keech expressing her ongoing willingness to serve as the Junior Athlete Representative as per her speech at the Spring HOD.

**House of Delegates Meeting:** The meeting will take place on **October 4, 2009** at MCC beginning at **1 PM**. A **coaches meeting** will run from 10 AM until Noon. **Athletes** will meet from 11 AM until Noon. Officials Meeting/Clinic also in the AM.

**Finance:** 2010 Budget: It was noted that the Zones will take place in Niagara this year. There was a discussion about changing the budget to reflect only the monies that stay in the LSC rather than the total amount received most of which is forwarded to USAS. It was moved by Bowen and seconded by Keating that Treasurer Snyder works with J. Kingston to finalize the budget that will be presented at the HOD. The **motion passed**. There is to be a **Diversity** summit on 11/12-13 in Colorado Springs. It was decided not to send a representative from NI.

## **New Business**

Interest was shown in joining NI from a club in Canada. Karl will write to that club noting the issues raised. There is a new club: GVST from the Belmont/Arcadia area. The 2009 Legislative packet for the USAS convention was discussed.

The next meeting will take place on 9/27.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Keating, Secretary

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**Report of Administrative Vice Chair**

079S July 10-12 Niagara Classic  
080S July 10-12 Niagara Classic Time Trials  
088S July 10-12 RAYS  
101S July 18 LCAT  
105S July 31-Aug 1 FAST - Niagara Short Course Sizzler  
097S Aug 8-9 STAR - Speedo Champions Series  
098S Aug 8-9 STAR - Speedo Champions Series Time Trials

106S Aug 14-15 **nsc**

Due: \$2440 + \$20 fine = \$2460

Paid: \$2240

Owes: \$220

076S Mar 19-22

083S June 5-7

STAR

STAR

Owes: \$50 fine

Owes: \$20 fine

No Additional Sanction Applications for August, 2009

Sanction fees received for April- August, 2010 will be included on next report

Signed  Richard Wisniewski