

Niagara District  
Board of Directors  
Meeting on 5/31/09

**Roll call:** Members Present: Acting Gen. Chair B. Paradis, Membership/Registration J. Bowen, Senior Chair M. Callan, Finance Chair J. Kingston, Secretary M. Keating, Junior Coach's Administrative Vice Chair R. Wisniewski, Junior Coach's Representative L. McManus.

Excused: Athletes' Representatives S. Parkhurst & W. Brophy, Age Group Chair D. Burke, Appointee R. Matlack, Senior Coach's Representative R. Aronberg; General Chair P. Crist

Guests: R. Callan (incoming Coach's Representative), Maurice Keating (incoming Senior Chair)

B. Paradis convened the meeting at 10:40 AM.

The Board **minutes** from 4/18/09 were approved by motion of S. Snyder and second by J. Bowen.

The **agenda** was approved with two additions.

### **Report of Officers**

**Coach's Representative** McManus working with D. Burke reported on the progress of cleaning up the Go-the-Distance and Versatile swimmer awards. Bids for pins, shirts and bags will be forwarded to J. Kingston.

**Senior Chair** Callan The Niagara Classic meet is filling up; 400 registered with 3 Canadian teams, and outside the LSC from Albany, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Adirondack. Reminder that officials seeking national certification an opportunity to work with National Officials J Fister and B. Repass is available at this meet.

**Technical Planning Chair** Dubois reported on the Super Circuit. He noted that 3 meets have already been run; there have been more than 450 splashes per meet and five out of six meets have been set. Long Course participation is up 47% from 2008. **One club is still considering LC Championship meet.** Some revisions of site qualifications may be needed. Forming the winter calendar is underway. Times are ready.

It was suggested that LC Super Circuit meets also occur during the SC season.

**Reminder to clubs:** using the terminology of gold-silver-bronze is being phased out in favor of AA-A-B times. The work on downloadable time files is being worked on— hopefully this will alleviate some of the confusion between NI times and those of USAS.

**Treasurer** Snyder will forward the budget report to the BOD for review and adoption.

**Membership Chair** Bowen reported on 6200 plus swimmers; probably will break the old membership record. Membership is up 7% over last year and 14% over two years ago. He noted that the District had collected \$1300.00 in fines for various infractions. Our second league Southern Tier (STSL) has donated \$1,000 to Niagara in lieu of a prescribed fee for its blanket sanction. (Genesee Valley aka McDonald's League has donated for two successive years.)

### **Old Business**

1. **Finance** Chair Kingston reviewed the written recommendations from the previous audit. At the next BOD meeting, some items will be closed and progress on others will be noted. Treasurer Snyder reminded the BOD that when credit cards are used a brief explanation of the expenditure is required. The Swimguide needs to be revised to reflect current financial information. The new Administrative Vice Chair was reminded about a one-page report for certain meets.
2. **Calendar** Update: TWST has applied for 11/28 and EAST for 11/7 meets. The Classic will take place 7/9-7/11/09. The LC 2010 calendar should be posted by late July. Additional meets were reported: Senior Zone Meet, and Super Sectionals. A national IMX Championship is in the works for December 2010.
3. **UNAC** requested elimination of imposed limits for its July 2009 meet. (This meet is scheduled on the same weekend as the Classic.) The BOD did not approve this request.
4. **Time Trials** at District Championships: it was moved by S. Snyder and seconded by M. Keating that the request to recognize time trials results that lacked a NI sanction be denied based on Niagara's inability to override USAS rules. Motion passed. B. Matlack will be contacted to remove these times.
5. **General Chair:** There was a lengthy discussion concerning the failure to pass Amendment 507.3. A task force was formed regarding this matter. Members are to include Russ Sampson, Anna McHale, the Athlete Representatives, with T. Dubois and J. Kingston as co-chairs. This was in fulfillment of a motion by M. Keating and seconded by J. Bowen.
6. **Appeal for Athlete Reimbursement** was denied, as there was no application for the swimmer.

### **New Business**

1. It was moved by B. Paradis and seconded by S. Snyder that G. Karl be appointed as **Rules/By-Laws** Chair. The motion passed.
2. **USAS Convention:** Will take place in Chicago 9/17-9/20/09. Both M. Callan and B. Paradis have at large votes. Interested in attending for NI in place of individuals who cannot attend are: T. DuBois, J. Kingston, J. Bowen and M. Keating.
3. **Diversity/Outreach** it was suggested that M. Keating give Peter Clark's contact information to interested Athletic Director.
4. **2010 Budget** will be ready by August.
5. **Fall HOD** will be held at MCC on 10/4/09. There will be a Safety Workshop.
6. **A Swimposium** will be scheduled for spring 2010.
7. BOD went into and then came out of Executive Session.

8. A relay matter was discussed.
9. Travel Reimbursement At-a-Glance discussed. Further work is needed.

Since this meeting the Finance Committee approved purchase of pins submitted by L. McManus.

Next meetings: July 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM and August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

2009	208	2650	3740	4863	5303	5508	5615	5759	6204			
2008	132	2285	3418	4310	5006	5244	5349	5523	5811	5863	6064	6106
2007	148	1931	3064	4041	4685	4816	4974	5034	5425	5590	5666	5731
2006	39	1868	3264	4303	4862	5084	5200	5250	5554	5700	5844	5914
2005	1	1753	3485	4485	4907	5364	5510	5621	5913	6024	6120	6120
2004	88	1050	2475	3821	4739	5009	5192	5265	5513	5672	5848	5884
2008	58%	16%	9%	13%	6%	5%	5%	4%	7%			
2007	41%	37%	22%	20%	13%	14%	13%	14%	14%			
2006	433%	42%	15%	13%	9%	8%	8%	10%	12%			
2005	20700%	51%	7%	8%	8%	3%	2%	2%	5%			
2004	136%	152%	51%	27%	12%	10%	8%	9%	13%			
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August

