

House of Delegates
Meeting
May 2, 2009

General Chair P. Crist called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

The agenda was amended for two purposes: to move the roll call to new business and to hear from an athletes representative candidate.

Amy Keech from SDSC made her presentation to become the **Junior Athletes Representative**. Other candidates can be nominated in the next few weeks with a vote to occur after that.

It was moved and seconded to approve the **minutes** from the Fall House of Delegates meeting. The motion passed.

Reports of Officers

General Chair Crist: thanked the Board of Directors for help during the past months.

Administrative Vice Chair Paradis: no report.

Senior Chair Callan: filed a written report

Age Croup Chair Burke: reported on Niagara's fifth place finish at the Eastern Zone meet, an overall improvement. The Zone LC meet currently has not bidder, however, one is expected. The Niagara LC meet also has not host. Bids will be accepted. The Versatile Swimmer and Go-the Distance awards will be distributed shortly.

Finance Chair Kingston: will need to complete an audit and is seeking volunteers not on the Board to assist.

Technical Planning Chair Dubois: reported that the SC time standards will be posted. The LC standards are already posted with the Classic being the only currently scheduled meet. The economy has had an impact on participation. The committee reduced non-standard events. 12 & Under swimming is stagnant. Senior swimming is improving. Ten N athletes qualified for national meets. In the 13 and over age group, distance swimming has improved with 44 swimmer breaking five minutes and nineteen under 17:50 in the mile. It is recommended that the committee chair hold office for four years instead of two.

Coaches Representatives Aronberg and McManus: reported on the election of Ryan Callan as Junior Coaches representative during their earlier meeting. There was a reminder that RISK management requires all swimmers to have had a racing start checklist completed by 5/1/09. Transferring athletes must have a new checklist completed at the new club. These checklists are to be retained for three years. The previous year's Versatile Swimmer and go-the -Distance awards are nearly ready to be mailed out. Reminder to have club contact person respond to the email if not yet done.

Athletes Representatives Parkhurst and Brophy reported the attendance of only five athletes from our 75 clubs. They suggested developing more of a NI spirit at national events. The swimmer love the 50's and 100 IM's. They would like to have a more carnival atmosphere at finals: marching out to music, etc. They suggested a relays only meet. They like the powerpoints. They suggested trying new and different types of awards. They reference possibly putting into effect a fine system or taking away the vote of clubs who do not sent athlete representative(s).

Safety Chair Paradis: filed a written report.

Treasurer Snyder announced that the McDonald's League presented a check in the amount of \$1168 in splash fees. (This was based on \$1.25 per swimmer.) The budge is available upon request. (The budget report was timely filed, however, it was inadvertently not copied.)

Membership Chair Bowen: reported that athlete registration is up 5%. His report is posted on line. Fees will increase to \$56 for athletes and \$46 for non-athletes.

Secretary Keating: filed a written report.

Reports of Committees

Officials Seilor; report is in the packet. New officials are welcome.

There were no reports from the Legislation/By-Laws, NTV and Disability/Outreach committees.

The Scholarship and Board of Review reports are in the packets.

Records Chair Bowen: reviewed the written report. Please notify him of corrections that need to be made. He reminded coaches/clubs to complete the proper forms.

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

Roll call: 13/15 from the Board of Directors and 47 out of 79 clubs are present. Voting members is 60. For the purpose of passing amendments, a vote of 54 is required.

Amendments: were proposed for 604.1, 604.3, 607.1 and 605.3. A friendly amendment to separate 604 and 607 was accepted. 604.1 and 604.3 were passed by vote of 56-4. 607.1 was passed unanimously. 605.3 failed 31-23-1.

Nominations and Elections Chair Sullivan and the committee members conducted elections with the following results after nominations had been closed:

General Chair: Marci Callan by casting of one vote by the Secretary.

Administrative Vice Chair: Richard Wisniewski by casting of one vote by the Secretary.

Senior Chair: Marty Keating by casting of one vote by the Secretary.

Finance Chair: John Kingston by casting of one vote by the Secretary.

Membership Chair: Jim Bowen by casting of one vote by the Secretary.

Secretary: Martha Keating by casting of one vote by the Secretary.

Board of Review: Henry Hepner, Maura Reissig, and Allie Scorzelli were elected with Dave Muratore filling the alternate roll for 2 years and with Darwin Snow in the alternate position for one year.

A point of order was raised concerning the Board having four members from one club beginning in September. It was moved and seconded to reconsider amendment 605.3 with words “and other individual members” stricken. The amendment failed again.

It was moved and seconded that 605.3 be waived for a period one year. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that the ballots be destroyed. The motion passed.

Bid Calendar: Presentations by STAR and EDEN/HHSC were made. The January meet was awarded by vote of the House. The calendar was accepted.

There were no Resolution and Orders.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.