

Niagara Board of directors
April 11, 2010
Meeting

Members Present: R. Callan, Marty Keating, M. Callan, M. Keating, B. Paradis, A. Keech, T. DuBois, G. Karl, S. Snyder, W. Brophy, L. McManus, J. Kingston, J. Bowen

Excused: E. Stimson, S. Parkhurst, and B. Matlack

Absent: R. Wisniewski, D. Burke

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM.

The **minutes** were approved with a spelling correction by motion of S. Snyder and seconded by J. Bowen. The motion was approved.

Kingston Project (Task Force)

Finance Chair Kingston passed out (attached) the Plan Summary. This represents a three to five year plan. A brief synopsis of the each of the five areas was presented. Discussion ensued. Technical Planning Chair Dubois noted that his committee should be doing many of these items. As of 3/31/10 5518 registered swimmers: Buffalo 2134, Rochester, 1463; Syracuse 736, S. Tier 1128; by League registrations: 1130 NI; 1095 Gen. Valley; 1034 S. Tier. No financial amount has been attached yet. This Summary will be presented at the HOD. Opportunity to add members, especially league leaders and representative(s) from the Syracuse area, to this committee will occur.

USS LEAP Level 1 Evaluation

Registrar Bowen led the review of Niagara's Evaluation Report. To further explore, is 20% BOD membership need to be included or not? Second citation also may not be accurate. Bowen recommended that "a minimum of two must be athlete members" be substituted for the current wording. G. Karl will draft corrections to bylaws. The BOD and A. McDonald, guest from Indiana Swimming, will address all deficiency issues.

Code of Conduct Violations

- 1) EZ meet: Matter has been referred to the Board of Review. It is recommended that the Code of Conduct be in each meet packet.
- 2) EZ fine of NI swimmer: no show from Speedo meet at Buffalo. Athlete cannot be allowed to compete until the fine has been paid. STAR swimming needs to follow up.

NI Scratch Rule

BB Qualifier/Silvers fine: half to host club, balance to NI; after 30 days, all to NI. This policy needs to be written. The procedure is: host club issues letter to club(s), check to NI, to Treasurer. The BOD will request a list of infractions from this meet.

Time Trials at local invites

Should this be allowed? Usually reserved for LSC championship meets. Not in meet information with separate sanction. Admin. Vice Chair will be reminded that this should have been vetted through the BOD.

Bid Calendar

Is already posted on website. Two conflicts for invitational meets are currently on the calendar: Jan. 29 & 30, also NI championship date vs. invitational. T. Dubois to follow up.

4/24 Meeting Preparation

Agenda done. Meeting rooms set up. Hard copies of budget report will be provided. R. Champagne to run Meet Directors session. Meet Director test will be piloted at this meeting. Notify participants. Open book for this year.

Old Business

Met with Officials Chair and others at the Speedo meet. M. Callan reiterated request to be included on distribution list for all emails and/or other communication. Two women officials going to Minneapolis: Kingston and Ransford. Has not responded to BOD questions; has not agreed to meet with BOD.

Audit recommendations have accomplished most of the goals.

New Business/Reports of Officers/Approvals

Technical Planning report is posted on website.

Approval of Coach's Clinic: Syracuse area Learn to Swim session for non-registered swimmers. The BOD declined to approve as this does not meet NI program requirements.

NI was fifth at the EZ meet.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Keating,
NI secretary