

Niagara District
Board Of Directors
Meeting of 9/12/10

Members Present: M. Callan, R. Callan, J. Bowen, B. Paradis, R. Aronberg, C. Garman, S. Parkhurst, M. Holloway, S. Snyder, T. DuBois, B. Boyle, G. Karl, Adam Z, J. Kingston, Mo. Keating, M. Keating, E. Stimson

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM.

Minutes: Corrections to Minutes: New Business add Speedo Sectional Meets 7/4/11 not 7/4/01. The minutes were approved by motion T. DuBois and seconded by S. Parkhurst that passed unanimously.

Welcome to new BOD members: Adam Zackowski (Age), Brad Boyle (Admin Ch.), Melissa Holloway (Senior Athletes Representative) and Chris Garman (Junior Athletes Representative); S. Parkhurst (Diversity Chair) rejoins. There will be a brief Orientation for new Board members at the end of meeting. Other BOD members introduced themselves.

NI Website review updates: Metro Swim Shop needs to be sent an invoice for its appearance on the website. Discussion occurred about approaching the Deep End for support of the Outreach swimmers and also the Niagara Classic Meet. Marriott is now a sponsor for USA. There may be opportunities for interaction with our LSC. The General Chair welcomes ideas for other sponsors. (Speedo continues to be an “in kind” sponsor, but the contract needs to be renegotiated as it is expiring.)

Club page recognizes the clubs in the LSC that are in the Club Recognition Program and Club Excellence Program; it could also provide a link to statistics, PDF listing of clubs remains. The Webmaster stated that it could be a separate menu item. Parkhurst discussed upgrades being made to the USA website.

Kingston Project An overview was presented as to the scope and philosophy. The two main parts of the project are Club Strengthening and Grants. Will this become an official document? Kingston would like to make this a pilot project for one year. Bowen suggested presenting at Fall HOD for approval at Spring HOD. Grant Committee should be a sub-group of the Technical Planning. What about Zone as an added category? Change the August 115th date to 8/31st. Clarification about the \$500 maximum: is it per year? There will be a sub-group to work out the details. Grant program will be presented at Fall HOD for approval. A motion was made by T. Dubois and seconded by B. Boyle to form a committee including all Coaches on the BOD, Snyder, Karl, and Kingston (with other BOD members welcome) to review the existing Club Strengthening Programs to bring it into alignment with the new Club Strengthening Program and present for

approval at the Fall HOD. The motion passed. Such conference call to occur on September 22nd in the evening.

Fiscal Year Report A motion by M. Keating and seconded by Kingston to accept the year-end report was passed. (See attached.)

2011 Budget Kingston presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011. Motion by T. DuBois and seconded by Bowen to recommend approval of the 2011 Budget to the House of Delegates. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bid Calendar Boyle presented the LC calendar. Two LC Circuit dates will be 5/21/11 and 6/11/11. The Niagara Classic meet remains on 7/7/11. The Rays will look for a different weekend. An updated calendar will be sent to Bowen for posting. A motion was made by Dubois and seconded by Parkhurst to forward the calendar as adjusted to the HOD for approval. The motion passed.

Convention Attendees are set to go. Voting members from NI are: Bowen (for Callan), Dubois (for Keating), Holloway (for Boyle) and Garman. The attendees will cover meetings at convention. Pending legislation was discussed. Elections will occur at the Convention.

New Business Clarification of **scratch rule** applies only to top qualifiers in finals, specific to each meet. The 30 minutes scratch rule applies and athletes can scratch without penalty during that time. The Technical Planning and Administrative Vice Chair need to agree on clarification of proceeding.

City of Syracuse no longer rents pool for some Syracuse area clubs. This is a concern for NI Clubs in the area.

At large-members of the BOD will be changed due to some athletes going on to college/university.

Old Business/ Reports

Russ Samson's Board of Review matters have not been clarified in writing. Also the new Chair of the Review Board needs to be identified.

October 10, 2010 Meeting Preparation The Bowen document was reviewed. Reports should be sent to Bowen.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Keating,
Niagara Secretary