

Niagara LSC  
Board of Directors  
Special Meeting  
September 26, 2010

Members Present: M. Callan, R. Callan, Mo Keating, M. Keating, J. Kingston, G. Karl, T. Dubois, C. Garman, S. Parkurst, R. Aronberg, B. Paradis, J. Bowen, E. Stimson, B. Boyle

The meeting was called to order at 10:10.

There was a limited agenda: House of Delegates preparation specific to USA Convention action concerning several initiatives to enhance athlete protection.

J. Bowen summarized USA action that requires background screening for all non-athlete/volunteer members. Officials and Coaches background checks will become a continuous screening that will include county searches. Initial cost is larger than the annual fee. There will be a required educational component. Athletes will have no fees for this; all other will have a minimal fee. The education component will not be available for approximately one year. Additional codes of conduct and explanation of sexual misconduct information is available on the USA website now. What we know: a national criminal background program will be implemented for non-athlete members sometime in 2011. It may cost approximately \$22.00. Current registration for all membership types expires on 12/31/10.

**USA has instructed that new cards for 2011 not be issued for non-athlete members including coaches.**

An estimated cost assessment for our LSC non-athlete members was reviewed. Three options were developed to lessen the impact on volunteers/officials etc. Additional options were discussed. The HOD could pick from the options; however it was decided that any action at this HOD would be premature.

Karl/Bowen will present the legislation to the HOD. Handouts of pertinent information from the Niagara website will be available at HOD. **Further guidance from Colorado Springs (national) is needed in order to adopt a cogent policy and action.**

If additional information is received prior to the HOD, there may be a phone conference.

**Housekeeping:** Athlete at-large positions for BOD :A motion was made by M. Callan and seconded by Mo Keating to appoint Shawn Parkurst in place of Dan O'Connor. The motion passed. A motion was made by M. Callan seconded by R. Aronberg to replace Laura Palowski with Greg Danner. The motion passed.

Syracuse: FYI a new club is about to start up sponsored by the Syracuse City School District.

A recruiting issue in Southern Tier was raised.

A new awards company may be in the works.

Boyle requested a list of meet directors workshop attendance. Open water meet has an outstanding surcharge. This meet has never been charged a surcharge for this Kershaw Park meeting. A motion was made by Mo Keating and seconded by S. Parkhurst to waive the surcharge. The motion passed.

There is an end of October meeting for Boyle and Callan at USA;they will be joined by J. Kingston, if available.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Keating,  
Niagara Secretary

House of Delegates meeting at MCC on October 10, 2010.