

NIAGARA LSC
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
APRIL 24, 2010

- I. **Meeting** was called to order at 10:35 AM by the General Chair.
Special Guest Arlene McDonald from USA Swimming was introduced.
- II. **Roll Call** 45 of 78 member clubs and organizations were present. 14 of 20 members of the Board of Directors were present. Total voting members present is 59.
- III. **Minutes** as corrected from the October 3, 2009 House of Delegates were approved by a motion that passed.
- IV. **Officers' Reports**
- a. **General Chair: M. Callan** - Written report posted on website. Athletes in attendance were recognized. The following divisions had meetings before the HOD: Athletes, Coaches and Officials. Junior Athlete Representative gave a brief overview of Roberts Rules. Questions were solicited from the audience about the written report. A question concerning year-round long course meets was answered by the Technical Chair. Two meets are inserted into the calendar (see Calendar).
- b. **Administrative Vice-Chair: Wisniewski** - Written report posted on website. Current season surcharges were reviewed as well as sanctions issued. The financial report for the Niagara Classic Meet is also included.
- c. **Senior Group Vice-Chair: M. Keating** - Written report posted on website. 9 additional junior national requests and one more Speedo were received.
- d. **Age Group Vice-Chair: Burke** - reported on IMX Championship Meet results. This meet will continue in 2011 probably in early-mid February. If clubs have athletes interested in sending athletes and coaches should contact the Vice-Chair. May 15 deadline for Go the Distance and Versatile Swimmer applications. Niagara finished 5th in the Eastern Zone meet. A Niagara ten year old swimmer broke two Eastern Zone records.

The General Chair thanked D. Burke for her service.
- e. **Technical Planning Chair: Dubois** - Written report and appendix posted on website. The Chair reviewed his report. 9% of Niagara swimmers participated in the IMX series. More double A and AAA times are in the system from Niagara. Club recognition funding of \$400 has improved the number of USA Swimming Club Recognition and Excellence Program. A customized IMX meet will be developed.
- f. **Coach Representative: R. Callan** - No written report. The Coaches meeting was reviewed. A coach's clinic is being discussed. Give suggestions/input to Ryan. The new Junior Coach's Representative is Rick Aronberg.

Senior Coach L. McManus was recognized.

- g. **Athlete Representative: Keech** - No written report. Athletes meeting was held this morning that included 15-20 swimmers. A communications disconnect between the BOD and the athlete's was identified. Club athlete representatives will receive a BOD report from the Representative. Senior Athlete Representative Brophy was excused for college trip.
- h. **Safety Chair: Paradis** - Written report posted on website.
- i. **Treasurer: Snyder** - Budget report was distributed. The treasurer reported that the losses from the general economy have been recovered. There was a question about why no money was granted for Club Clinics. One club asked about the process: apply for, identify guest athlete(s), BOD approval is required for the \$500 reimbursement. New item: "Club Strengthening-Other" is for the USA Club Recognition program. Hy-Tek upgrades are still available upon receipt for up to \$100.
- j. **Membership: Bowen** - Written reports posted on website. 6500 athletes from last year was a record; hopefully 6,000 by end of the year.
- k. **Secretary: Keating** - No written report.
- l. **Finance Vice-Chair: Kingston** - spoke about the Kingston Project for strategic planning. There is a survey that the BOD requests clubs, especially coaches complete. The plan should be presented at the Fall HOD.

V. **Reports of Committees / Coordinators**

- a. **Officials: Seiler** - Written report posted on website.
- b. **Legislation / By-Laws: Bowen (for Karl)** - Written report posted on website. 20% athlete membership on BOD required. Two amendments below are proposed to comply with this requirement.
- c. **Disability: Nichols** - Written report posted on website.
- d. **Diversity: Parkhurst** - Written report posted on website.
- e. **Scholarship: Paradis** - Written report posted on website. Scholarship applications are due Saturday, May 1. As of this date, there no completed applications.
- f. **Board of Review: Sampson** - Written report posted on website. National Board of Review workshop was attended. Reminder: BOR is a resource. It is an internal dispute resolution mechanism. Allegations of sexual misconduct will be handled **solely** by USA Swimming.
- g. **Records Reports: Individual and Relay Bowen** - Written reports posted on website.
- h. **National Times Verification: Matlack** - See Technical Planning report.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

LSC terminology is preferred rather than district.

Calendar notations should be A, B, C instead of Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

VII. New Business

a. Proposed Changes to Bylaws: (deletions are ~~strike-outs~~; additions are underlined)

Article 604.1

MEMBERS - The House of Delegates of NI shall consist of the Group Member Representatives, the Athlete Representatives, the Coach Representatives, the Officials' Chairman, the Board Members designated in Section 605.1, and the At-Large House Members.

- .1 GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES - Each Group Member in good standing shall appoint from its membership a one Athlete and one Non-Athlete Group Member Representative and one or more alternates to the House of Delegates. The Group Member's Athlete Representative must (a) be an Athlete Member in good standing; (b) be at least sixteen (16) years of age or at least a sophomore in high school; (c) be currently competing, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by NI or another LSC; and (d) reside in the Territory. Such appointment shall be evidenced by presentation of appropriate documentation at the House of Delegates.

This amendment passed unanimously.

Article 605.1

MEMBERS - The Board of Directors of NI shall consist of the following elected officers, committee chairmen, coordinators and representatives of NI, and a sufficient number of athlete members to constitute at least 20% athlete voting membership of the Board of Directors ~~together with those additional members designated in Sections 605.2 and 605.3:~~

- .14 Not less than three or more than five additional members appointed by the General Chairman, with the advice of the foregoing members of the Board of Directors, from among the athlete members, and the non-officer Chairman and coordinators appointed pursuant to Section 607.2. The appointed athlete members must (a) be Athlete Members in good standing; (b) be at least sixteen (16) years of age or at least a sophomore in high school; (c) be currently competing, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by NI or another LSC; and (d) reside in the Territory.

This amendment passed unanimously.

b. Elections

Nominations Chair Torell ran this portion of the meeting. Nominees from the Committee were printed on the ballots. (Each term is for two years.)

Nominees for Administrative Vice-Chair were Brad Boyle and Rich Wisniewski. There were no further nominees from the floor. Nominations were closed by motion. The Administrative Vice-Chair is Brad Boyle.

The sole nominee for Age Group Chair was Adam Zaczkowski. No nominations were made from the floor. Nominations were closed by motion. The Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for him.

Nominees for Treasurer were Mark Solomon and Steve Snyder. There were no further nominees from the floor. Nominations were closed by motion. The Treasurer is Snyder.

There were no nominees for the Technical Planning Chair. One person was nominated from the floor: Tim Dubois. Nominations were closed by motion. The Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for him.

Nominees for Board of Review Representatives were Reed Dewey and Chris Torell. No nominations were made from the floor. Nominations were closed by motion. The Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for them.

There were no nominees for Alternate positions on the Board of Review. Nominated from the floor were Kelly Wakelee, Darwin Snow, Russ Sampson and Emily Ronald. Nominations were closed. Snow and Sampson will serve as alternates.

A motion to destroy the ballots passed.

- c. Junior Athlete Candidates** are Chris Garman and Melissa Holloway. The election will be held via email.
- d. Bid Calendar for September 2010 thru March 2011** The only conflict on the calendar was resolved when STAR agreed to move its meet to 3/12-13. The amended calendar was approved by motion.
- e.** A motion was made by Paula Zagrobelny and seconded by Tim Dubois that late entries be accepted for first time qualifiers. After thorough discussion, the motion failed.

VIII. Resolutions and Orders

A discussion occurred concerning letting non-NI swimmers participate in NI LSC Championship meets. The HOD was reminded that the Board of Directors addressed this issue in 2009. Non-NI swimmers are allowed if no NI swimmers are excluded as a result.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Keating,

Secretary