

Board of Directors

8/28/11

Members Present: M. Callan, R. Callan, S. Parkhurst, B. Paradis, J. Bowen, T. DuBois, S. Snyder, G. Karl, C. Garman, E. Stimson, G. Danner, S. Schmitt, J. Kingston, C. Thompson

Excused:

Absent: B. Boyle, R. Matlack, and A. Zaczkowski

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 AM.

Welcome to new Board members: Summer Schmitt (Jr. Athlete Rep.) and Christine Thompson (Jr. Coaches). M. Callan gave a brief summary of the Board's work.

The **agenda** was reviewed and changes to policy and procedure, financial year-end and update to new BOD members. The annual conflict of interest statements were distributed and returned.

The **minutes** from 4/11 were approved by motion of Bowen and Dubois.

The Scholarship Committee work was reviewed. The scholarships have not yet been awarded. A motion was made by J. Kingston and G. Karl that the Committee will review the minimum criteria, update the scholarship application and review its awards. The motion passed.

The **posting policy, Facebook and website** items was discussed. There are four BOD members who serve as page administrators. A draft of such a policy was discussed (attached). It will be posted on the web and put into Policies and Procedures. G. Karl made a motion and M. Keating seconded to adopt the draft as an interim policy. The motion passed.

Currently there are three clubs with only one registered athlete. An issue arose concerning a **posting** by one of these clubs. USA Swimming was consulted regarding this matter. In speaking with the aquatic director, it was made clear that all swimmers and coaches need to be registered and the facility needs to be aware of its responsibilities as well the required memberships. A motion was made by T. Dubois and S. Snyder that all advertising be connected to USA/Niagara Swimming activities and therefore all employment opportunities are limited non-athlete/coach membership and postings shall be removed from the website that are not USA/Niagara Swimming connected. The motion passed.

The **Summer LSC** Meet (formerly JO's) was discussed. Coaches' concerns were brought to the BOD. They included the lack of consolation/finals, e.g. the ten and under group; NI Athlete/Coach of the Year criteria. The Fall HOD Coaches meeting should include discussion about these matters. **IMX** series may add meters so that clubs can see their long course performance. **Virtual Club Championship** is being viewed positively.

[Closed] League Sanction Fees The permissibility of blanket sanctions for leagues was discussed. A final decision was deferred until September.

USA Convention (/12-9/18/11) participants will be M. Callan, B. Paradis, J. Bowen, C. Garman, A. Zaczkowski, S. Parkhurst (US rep.), G. Danner (Masters rep.), R. Aronberg, B. Boyle. Pertinent information about the convention is already posted on the USA web.

Budget Input: S. Snyder requested that all bills be given to him ASAP so that he can close out the financial year. There is an outstanding bill from UB. The Budget fiscal year 2010-2011 Current Year. The 2011 Budget Worksheet and Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2011 were circulated. Comments and suggestions for the 2012 Fiscal Year should be sent to the Finance Committee (J. Kingston) All reports are attached below.

The new requirement for **non-athlete members** include an hour on-line course in order to register for 2012.

The BOD moved into Executive Session by motion of M. Keating and T. Dubois. The motion passed. The BOD moved out of Executive session by motion of S. Snyder and T. DuBois. The motion passed.

NASA (National Age-Group Swimming Association) clinic was requested by coaches for reimbursement. It was recommended to approve the requests. The motion by R. Callan and G. Karl passed. Eastern Zone Swims Workshop is being held on April 20-22, 2012. Four representatives are being sought which the BOD will support. The Officials Workshop on October 14-16, 2012 was discussed with the possibility of two officials being sent by the BOD.

Reports

Technical Planning (T. DuBois) reported minor changes to the calendar. The Open Water meet was removed from the calendar due to new staffing requirements.

Registrar Bowen reported 5850 athlete registrations. Proposed changes to policies and procedures:

Time trials: §202.1 change to read: Sanctions shall be required for all competition within the NI LSC. These sanctions shall also be offered at the NI SC and LC championship meets, the Classic Eastern Zone, or National Meets. A single sanction shall cover all days of the meet.

Sanction fees shall be set forth from time to time. It was moved by G. Karl and J. Bowen to table these changes. The motion passed.

An amount for participation at Olympic Trials will be suggested following the convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Keating,

Niagara Swimming Secretary

SAVE THE DATE: House Of Delegates October 8, 2011 at MCC

The Niagara LSC has Facebook and Twitter pages that exist to promote USA Swimming and the LSC. By

request, Niagara will support registered clubs in good standing, members, sponsors, and other LSCs by

listing them in the "likes and interests" section of the Facebook page. Those parties may also post status

updates on the Wall of the page, with the following stipulations:

- Information must be factual and unique (no repeat posts)
- Information must be related to USA Swimming related activities or Niagara sponsors
- All updates are subject to removal (without prior notice) by the page administrators (who are BOD members) or the BOD.
- Users posting false or inappropriate information are subject to being banned

Complaints about posts should be sent to the webmaster for board review.

Budget Fiscal Year 2010-2011 - Current Year
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Category	8/1/2010 Actual	Budget	8/31/2011 Difference
Club Clinics	3,290.00	5,000.00	1,713.50
Club Recognition Program	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Coach Training	6,153.09	5,000.00	-1,153.09
Hotel Reimbursement	1,300.00	2,500.00	1,200.00
Outreach	0.00	0,000.00	0,000.00
TOTAL Club Strengthen	33,109.99	74,500.00	41,393.41
Grant Program	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
LSC Hosted Swim Meets	8,535.06	25,000.00	16,464.94
REGISTRATIONS			
USA Registration Fees	310,320.00	320,000.00	9,672.00
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	310,320.00	320,000.00	9,672.00
SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
ZONE MEET			
DUES & Registration Fees	3,591.34	3,000.00	-591.34
HOTEL & MEALS	4,198.63	10,000.00	5,801.37
MEETING	6,995.89	2,500.00	-4,495.89
TRAVEL	8,724.08	8,000.00	-724.08
UNIFORMS	17,361.95	17,000.00	-361.95
TOTAL ZONE MEET	30,573.89	40,500.00	9,926.11
TOTAL EXPENSES	430,426.82	530,000.00	99,573.18
OVERALL TOTAL	32,832.11	-30,000.00	62,832.11

Budget Fiscal Year 2010-2011 - Current Year
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Category	9/1/2010 Actual	Budget	8/31/2011 Difference
INCOME			
AWARDS	4,232.83	6,000.00	-1,767.17
MISC. INCOME	3,400.00	2,000.00	1,402.00
REGISTRATION	370,979.50	390,000.00	-19,020.50
SANCTION FEES	700.00	3,000.00	-2,300.00
SURCHARGE			
CLUB MEETS	33,107.08	45,000.00	-12,892.92
DISTRICT <i>Swim meets</i>	25,602.15	25,000.00	602.15
ZONE MEET	25,095.00	25,000.00	95.00
TOTAL SURCHARGE	83,804.23	95,000.00	-11,195.77
Intnc	52.14	0.00	52.14
TOTAL INCOME	483,258.93	500,000.00	-16,741.07
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses			
Accounting	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
BANK CHARGES	142.15	500.00	357.85
CONVENTION	6,679.82	12,000.00	3,320.38
COPIES & Printing	252.95	500.00	247.04
EQUIPMENT	127.00	1,000.00	873.00
Internet Service	1,077.62	1,000.00	-77.62
MEETINGS			
BOARD	107.75	1,000.00	892.25
DISTRICT	3,705.05	2,000.00	-1,705.05
TOTAL MEETINGS	3,812.80	3,000.00	-812.80
OFFICIALS	973.08	2,000.00	1,026.92
POSTAGE	886.27	1,000.00	113.73
SERVICE FEE Registrations	6,230.00	9,000.00	2,770.00
SUPPLIES	365.03	500.00	134.97
TELEPHONE	525.82	500.00	-25.82
TRAVEL	1,901.73	3,000.00	1,098.27
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	27,008.12	40,000.00	12,991.88
AWARDS COMM.	12,674.16	10,000.00	-2,674.16
Club Strengths			
Athlete Travel	22,267.00	42,000.00	19,733.00
Camps	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00