

Niagara District  
March 6, 2011  
Board of Directors

Present: J. Bowen, J. Kingston, M. Keating, M. Keating, R. Aronberg, C. Garman, M. Callan, G. Karl, A. Zaczkowski, E. Stimson, T. Dubois, G. Danner, S. Snyder

Excused: R. Callan, M. Holloway, S. Parkhurst, B. Boyle, B. Paradis

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 AM.

**1. Review Agenda/ add any items / conflict of interest**

Added: Banking issue

Moved item #8 to #3.

**2. Approval of minutes 1/23/11.** Minutes were approved by motion of J. Bowen and seconded by R. Aronberg.

**3. Website update:** E. Stimson reported that the website has been cleared of duplicate information. He needs one meeting of core website individuals. A customized picture could be added. Privacy policy of USA needs to be checked. Do we need release form for posting pictures? USA may have a model form that could be used. Release was found and read. G. Karl will follow up. Photographer will be at the EZ meet. Bowen will follow up off-line with some technical aspects.

**4. Issue with Time Trials @ recent meet**

M. Callan contacted about 2011 Niagara District Championship Qualifier Meet (formerly Silver Meet) hosted by TTSC. Swimmers not entered in the meet with times not allowed in meet participated. Administrative Vice Chair Boyle issued a sanction. Trials were conducted on two days, but under only one sanction. Executive Committee was not contacted. There was little lead-time between the request and the meet. Therefore few clubs were aware of this opportunity. There was a precedent of times under exact circumstances not being allowed. It was moved by T. Dubois and seconded by S. Snyder that the times swum at the trial held at the 2011 Niagara District Championship Qualifier Meet be allowed. The motion failed. Secretary Keating will notify club.

**5. HOD meeting 4/30 clinic @ MCC update / other meetings-workshops**

Clinic for athletes ages 12-14 is still not firm; athlete reps attending the HOD are invited. Another name was suggested. M. Callan to follow up. Other meetings: Meet Director's Workshop—panel to be put together, open book test (Callan & Kingston), Coaches'

Meeting, Athletes' Meeting, Officials' Clinic, Registration Workshop. The BOD will plan for a Swimposium for Fall 2011.

#### **6. Teams attending meets with no coach/growing problem**

Two different clubs contacted Callan. Host teams are "expected" to provide services. A discussion took place about this topic. Meet information could include the need to identify who will be supervising swimmers without a coach present. This matter will also be addressed at HOD workshops.

#### **7. BGS updates / officials pins**

There are about ¼ of Niagara officials who have not gone through the background screening, including the Niagara Official's Chair. The four regional leaders will take over leadership until the Officials' Chair election takes place at the HOD. USA Officials' Chair will be contacted. Coaches' background screening is due in April. A general letter from Dubois and Callan about this topic was well received by recipients.

Officials Pins have been requested with name and Niagara logo. It was moved by Zaczkowski and seconded by M. Keating that all officials who have registered in the on-line system will be provided with an Officials pin including name. **The motion passed.**

#### **8. League Task Force Cmte. update**

Zaczkowski sent an email today about this topic. The Committee did find that an inequity does exist with the leagues benefiting. A range of different resolutions will be studied. The Task Force will update its report after meeting with the league leaders to help resolve the issue. A separate meeting may be scheduled for the HOD.

#### **9. Update on 2010-11 projects LEAP Level 2**

No report. Callan will ask for assistance from various Board members.

#### **10. Zone team prep**

Zaczkowski reported that all matters are moving forward. Do we need bids for rental cars? Yes.

#### **11. Reports**

Treasurer Snyder: Banking: Treasurer wants to switch accounts to First Niagara Bank that charges fees are based on the number of transaction monthly as Niagara allows more transaction per month before fees kick in. We should end up with no fees or very little based on this. T. Dubois moved and G. Karl seconded a motion to move the Niagara banking to First Niagara Bank with authorized signers to be M. Callan and S. Snyder. The motion passed. Secretary Keating is respond to and cooperate with any bank requirements.

**Technical planning report:** The bid calendar is ready. The current trend is away from LSC meets. BOD coaches and Senior Chair may redesign the January Senior meet.

Clubs currently sending in bids one week prior to posting calendar. This matter can be resolved after this meeting. Some new tabs are on the revamped website. Note to Brad when packets come in delete references to gold, silver and bronze. LC calendar is correct as posted on the website.

**New Business:** A motion was made by Snyder and seconded by Karl that Niagara officials supply their proof of certification levels with next year's USA registration for publication on the Niagara website. **The motion passed.** It was moved by J. Bowen and seconded by Zaczkowski that all officials are required to have their LSC certification in the on-line tracking system by September 1, 2011 and continuously thereafter. **The motion passed.**

It was moved by Keating and seconded by Zaczkowski that the 3/5/11 **treasurer's report** be accepted (attached). **The motion passed.**

A discussion about Team Unify and its interaction with Hy-Tek occurred. Hy-Tek needs to be consulted.

The next meeting will be April 10.  
The meeting adjourned at 1: 15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Keating,  
Niagara Secretary