

Board of Directors  
Meeting  
April 11, 2011

Members Present: J. Bowen, M. Keating, M. Keating, G. Danner, C. Garman, J. Kingston, R. Callan, M. Callan, T. Dubois

Members Excused: A. Zaczkowski, R. Aronberg, Snyder, G. Karl, B. Paradis, B. Matlack, S. Parkhurst, M. Holloway

Absent: B. Boyle

The **meeting** was called to order at 10:20 AM.

The **Agenda** was approved. There was a query as to any conflicts of interest regarding today's agenda. None arose.

The **minutes** of 3/6/11 were approved--with a clarification about Niagara banking--by motion of J. Bowen and seconded by T Dubois.

**League Leaders Task Force** update was given. A conference call of the committee is suggested before a full meeting at the HOD. T. Dubois will follow-up. Training meet directors associated with the League meets is critical.

**HOD May 1, 2011** An Officials Clinic will take place at 8:30 AM. Coaches meeting will be 9:00-11:30 AM. An athletes meeting will also occur, beginning at 10:30 AM. The Delegates meeting will start at noon with registration beginning at 11:30 AM. The Meet Directors Workshop will take place after the HOD. Josh Snyder will be at the Athletes Clinic following the HOD and will conclude no later than 5:00 PM. Club Athletes Reps. and Zone team members are invited and work in the pool by all athletes is anticipated.

**Delegates with lapsed registration and/or no background clearance will not be able to have voice or vote at the HOD.**

**Board of Review** updates from G. Danner: R. Parton has appealed to USA concerning an upcoming meet concerning exhibition 25 freestyle. USA initially responded that this cannot be excluded from swimmers' events. Another appeal from Parton was made to the National Board of Review regarding a fine levied last year. Both of these are pending response from USA. The TTSC Time Trial matter will result in a formal hearing of Niagara's BOR.

For USA Level Two, training for recertification will need to be scheduled and advertised.

**Zone Team:** The Zone Team selection process needs to be improved. Resolution of some issues was achieved. Three swimmers were added to the team. The Board of Directors reviewed the report from A. Zaczkowski. The BOD will follow-up to improve the process and increase the number of persons/geographic areas doing the selection (Callan, Danner, Bowen, Burke to be added.) Niagara matched its best past achievement.

**Officials Chair updates:** No response from the email sent by Gen. Chair Callan concerning the need to undergo USA's background screening to Official Chair Seiler has been received. A motion was made by J. Bowen and seconded by M. Keating to remove Seiler as Officials effective 4/23/11 absent compliance with USA eligibility procedures or resignation. The motion passed unanimously. Thus, the Officials Chair will be vacant as of 4/23/11. It was moved by J. Bowen and seconded by M. Keating that M. Callan contact current area clinicians and poll for a replacement/interim chair to serve through August 31, 2011.

**Reports:**

**Technical Planning** chair Dubois is readying a report for the HOD. IMX participation has increased by 50%. Some awards will be distributed at the HOD. Four new teams have participated in the USA Club Recognition program. Niagara will participate in the open water meet on July 24th.

**Website Master** Stimson reported that Niagara's Facebook and Twitter are up and running.

The **Scholarship** application will be moved to one of the website's buttons.

**Finance Chair** Kingston reported that the preliminary budget report is looking promising.

**General Chair** Callan addressed Athletes and Coaches of the Year; they will be awarded at the HOD.

- The EZ will host a Diversity Camp at LaSalle University on June, 16-19. Niagara is eligible to select two athletes, the Diversity Chair and one coach to attend. Discussion about this Camp occurred. Most of the costs are absorbed by USA; Niagara will fill in the gap. The athlete reps. concurred.
- Re: the EZ IMX meet in February, Callan will require additional help in some areas: e.g. housing, transportation and coach support. Athlete travel reimbursement for this event may need to be added to the next budget.
- The EZ Zone meeting will take place in Fort Lauderdale on May 14<sup>th</sup> with Niagara as the host. Attending from Niagara will be Dubois, Callan, Callan, Keating, Boyle, Danner and Zaczkowski.
- The Open Waters National event will take place in Ft. Meyers, in June. Niagara swimmers have entered and will be placed on the calendar.

The Niagara Classic meet information is posted. We have requested that this meet qualify for national officials certification.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

The next BOD meeting will be scheduled after the HOD .

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Keating,  
Niagara Secretary

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