

Niagara LSC
House of Delegates
October 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. All reports are posted.

Roll Call There are 39 club representatives (non-athlete and athletes) and 13 Board of Directors for a total of 52

Reading, Correction and adoption of Spring HOD meeting: The minutes were adopted by motion of T. DuBois and seconded by B. Boyle. The motion passed.

Reports of Officers:

General Chair M. Callan's Report is posted. There were no questions from the House.

Eastern Zone Meeting and Director's Report is posted.

Administrative Vice-Chair Report: Championship season is approaching, please file the necessary paperwork. Observed swims are end of season championship meets. No retroactive requests will be processed; the form(s) need to be submitted by the end of the meet. The USA swimming official needs to be given these form (FAX 717 851 1219 attn: B. Boyle.)

Age Group Vice-Chair Report is posted.

Senior Group Vice-Chair Report is posted.

Finance Vice-Chair Report will be discussed when the budget is reviewed.

Technical Planning Chair Report is posted.

Coach Representatives Report (Senior/Junior) will report later in the meeting.

Athlete Representatives Report: 14 clubs with 18 representatives attended. Discussed meets. The athletes would like more LC meets both in summer and winter. How to improve communication was a topic; club board meetings occurring during practice make it difficult for athletes to participate. Callan also invited interested athlete to participate on various committee

Safety Chair Report is posted.

Treasurer's Report was distributed at the meeting. The LSC completed the year in the black.

Niagara LSC Records 25 individual SC and 4 relay; 8 LC and 2 relays. 29 individual top ten times and 3 relays.

Membership Current Club Statistics & Membership – Athlete Registration Graph; just under 6,000 that was a reduction. Based on historical trends registration will increase during the Olympic year.

Secretary's Report: No Report was given.

Reports of Committees and Coordinators

Officials Report is posted. The on-line tracking system is to be used. It is important to file the report at meets. Swim league representatives were asked to stay afterward so that issues can be discussed. Officials stroke and turn occurred took place this morning.

Legislation/By-Law Report The only by-laws are the USA driven changes.

Disability Report is posted.

Diversity Report is posted.

Scholarship Report is posted.

Board of Review: No cases are currently under review. There is a posted report.

National Times Verification report is posted.

Communications/Webmaster Stats: Several reports (as follows) are posted.

Overview, Unique, Traffic Sources, All Sources

Unfinished Business:

There were no matters of unfinished business.

New Business

A video was shown from the USA Foundation. **(Make A Splash)** One million swim lessons have already occurred.

A report from the **Coaches' meeting:** 29 coaches attended. The Summer Zone meet is bid by Penn State and a new pool in Virginia. Neither the final decision nor the

date has been selected. The LC meet will be held on 8/2012 at UB. Olympic swimmers' club will be supported as follows: \$750 for the initial event and \$250 for each subsequent even on a different day. College athletes will be given a different set of criteria. Open water is expanding. Safety recommendations are emerging from USA. There I a mandatory is pre-employment screening is required. Deck passes are being given to athletes for competition. **Zone meet changes:** Mike Murray (MERC) spoke about a better team experience for Niagara athletes at Zones. Applying to participate through the website is required for both athletes and coaches. Valid registration is required. Registration is open at the end of this meeting. 3/14 12 is the final day of registration. No on-deck or late registration will be allowed. Team selection is based on top two (or 3 if 12 & under). Relay team will be based on collaborative decision by the zone coaches. 50 and 100-yard times will be used. High school meets are accepted if in the Swims Data base. If more than 4 four athletes from one club attend the zone meet, one non-coach, registered chaperone is sought. Normal expenses hotel and meals will be proposed to be covered by the LSC. Athletes must stay until their events are finished. Ten and under age group swimmer must make their own reservation. Only registered coaches selected by the Age Group will be allowed on deck. Failure to abide by directions by the zone coaches will be an immediate violation of the code of conduct. There is a back order for water bottles. Participation in **IMX** events results in swimmers staying active. Club strengthening is important and clubs are encouraged to meet the needs of all athletes. USA has club recognition program and offers advice to clubs. The **Niagara grant program** has awarded clubs more than \$15,000 to those who have participated in the club recognition program. January 2012 IMX meet in Washington will receive additional support through the reimbursement program up to a maximum of \$100/athlete with a cap of \$3,000; if the total exceeds \$3,000 the amount will be pro-rated. Open water competition will be upgraded. Incentives for clubs to host LC are being considered. An athlete commented positively that sc prelims will yield to LC finals . A new LC pool at Ithaca College will open shortly. The US Open will require Olympic trial cuts.

The **Finance Chair presented the Budget Proposal 2012.** It is a consolidated report in that monies coming in and out of Niagara to USA swimming are not shown. Entering the club recognition program is a way for clubs to receive monetary assistance from the LSC. The projected budget is similar to 2011. A projected loss of \$20,000 from reserves is proposed. The Zone meet recommendations will add \$5,000 to \$50,500 from \$42,500. A motion was made (and seconded to amend the proposed budget increase the Zone team budget by \$8,000. The amount would support chaperones' expenses and athlete's additional food costs. **The motion passed with two abstentions.** There was a motion made and seconded to increase athlete travel for IMX meet travel expense up to \$3,000). The motion failed with two abstentions. There was a motion made and to increase the LC Super Circuit budget item from \$400 to up to \$1,000 per meet for verified facility expenses for ten meets maximum this would increase the LSC Hosted Meet expense by \$6,000 maximum to change the income loss in the budget to \$36,000. STAR and DeWitt/Chargers have already bid on meet that would fall under this motion. **The**

motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the amended budget.
The motion passed with one abstention.

Niagara Elections: Nominating Committee was formed for Spring HOD. One person per area is required. B. Paradis as past chair is the fifth member. Nominations are Catherine McCauley (Buffalo), Jean Aurio (Rochester), Jerry Roberts (Southern Tier) and Chris Terrell (Syracuse). There was motion made and seconded to close nominations and accept the aforementioned as the Nomination Committee. **The motion passed.**

The 2012 Long Calendar was presented. There was a motion made and seconded to change the EZ Super Sectional meet from August 2nd- 5th. **The motion passed.** There was a motion made and seconded to approve the amended calendar. A motion was made to hold two Super Circuit meets between 5/1 and 6/25/12 hosted by RH and FAST and DeWitt/Charger to hold one meet. **The motion passed with two abstentions.** There was a motion made and seconded to adopt the amended calendar. **The motion passed.**

The athlete protection policy of USA was discussed. Athlete protection training is required of all non-athlete members.

There is also a requirement for clubs to do a pre-employment screening prior to hiring. The three parts are the education verification, current /prior employment verification and DMV check. USA has contracted with three vendors if a club wishes to use them.

Presentation of Volunteer of the Year: Timothy Dubois.

A delegate stated that the LSC championships should be held at the best facilities possible.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Keating,

Niagara Secretary