

House of Delegates  
May 1, 2011  
Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM

The General Chair made introductory comments about other meetings that occurred earlier this morning.

Roll: The report was deferred until later in the meeting. The Registrar reported that 53 non-athlete and 13 athlete representatives have signed in, totaling 66; 17 BOD members are present; the total vote is 83.

**Minutes:** Reading Correction and Adoption of minutes. Corrections of minutes: p4 change typo to \$2500; under Roll Call 20 athlete representatives were present at the meeting; Reports of Committees and Coordinator Seiler, not Seilor; Charlene Ransford should be Sharlene; May 8<sup>th</sup> not May 4<sup>th</sup> Super Circuit. Correct spelling: Patrum. The minutes as corrected were approved.

**Reports of Officer:**

**General Chairman:** M Callan had nothing to add to her posted report. She stated that the addition of more athletes has widened our age-span and opened up more contemporary viewpoints on the Board of Directors.

**Eastern Zone Meeting & Director's Report:** The report is posted. The EZ will meet again in two weeks.

**Administrative Vice Chair:** Many Meet Directors present will need to be renewed next year. Please include the sanction number on checks.

**Age Group Vice Chair:** See posted report.

**Senior Group Chair:** Thirteen clubs have requested Athlete Travel reimbursement.

**Finance Vice-Chairman:** Nothing at this point.

**Technical Planning:** See posted report.

**Coaches Representatives Report:** See posted report. Rick Aronberg announced that Christine Thompson was elected as Junior Coaches Representative.

**Athlete Representatives Report:** A larger turnout attended the meeting; 23 clubs were represented. A suggestion to split up the meeting by age group was made. It is felt that open water swimming should be supported more. Also more high point meets would be nice. Athlete of the Year decision, the club athlete might be able to report.

**Safety Report:** Report will be forthcoming.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was distributed. Questions about the budget's Club Strengthening line were answered. Page 2, Overall Total: the actual budget versus the Budget was clarified; the LSC did dip into reserves. (See attached.)

**Niagara LSC Records:** 24 SC records and 4 Relays were set; LC will be reported in the fall.

**Membership: Current Club Statistics:** The report is posted. The athlete membership was down about 5% from the previous year. This should not negatively affect the

budget. More than 100 Outreach athletes are registered. (Such an athlete qualifies for a \$5.00 membership based on family income or free lunch or any other type of public assistance). The granting of this status generally is processed by the Club.

**Membership: Athlete Registrations Graph:** The report was posted.

**Secretary's Report:** No report.

### **Reports of Committee and Coordinators**

**Officials:** Jim Stromski is the new chair. He will take over as of today.

**Legislation/By-Laws:** No report

**Disability:** The chair of this committee addressed the coaches meeting. More information will be posted on the website. She is interested in increasing the membership.

**Diversity:** There is a need for volunteers for the committee. The Eastern Zone is holding a diversity camp on 6/15/19: Niagara LSC is allowed two athletes. He is willing to let someone else attend.

**Scholarship:** There were 13 as of last night with only six being complete; the deadline is midnight tonight; at least two more arrived via email this morning. Any club is invited to review the status of an application after this meeting.

**Board of Review:** The Board has been active reviewing matters. One case is being forwarded to the National Board of Review. One issue is active at the LSC level.

**National Times Verification:** The report is posted.

**Communications:** The LSC communications are updated. The savings in postage and copying have aided the budget. The new LSC banner was displayed.

**Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business:**

A concern has been noted that more swimmers are attending meets without coaches. There is a protocol to follow that includes advance notification to the host club. This, the lack of attending coaches, is a trend that needs to be reversed. It is the swimmer's obligation to have coaching representation on deck. Lack of coaching representation might affect insurance coverage. A referee could require Certification of racing start or else the referee may require an in-water start. A statement concerning this matter will be added to the meet information packet.

It was moved by S. Snyder and seconded by D. Finger that the term limit for the secretary be removed. A 90% approval is required. The person would still be elected every two years. The motion passed.

**Approval of Bid Calendar:** See attached. There are no conflicts for any weekend. There are some LSC meets that lack a host. Snow (HAST) is interested in the Niagara LSC single-age meet, November 12-13. A motion to approve the bid calendar passed.

HAST holding this meet passed. 10/29 Super Hero and 2/11/12 Niagara LC Super Circuit hosted by VICT were added. SKAN is holding meets on 10/16 and 1/18. It was moved and seconded to approve the four additional meets. The motion passed. There are no formal restrictions for other LSC meets, except for the LSC Championship meet. HAST was approved by motion that passed to hold an

Olympians Christine Marshall and Scott Spann were introduced. They will serve as the clinicians later today.

### **Niagara Elections:**

Jean Aurio ran the elections. Election results follow.

**General Chair:** Marci Callan was nominated. Nominations were closed. M. Callan was elected by unanimous ballot cast by the secretary

**Senior Vice Chairman:** Ryan Callan was nominated. Nominations were closed. R. Callan was elected by unanimous ballot cast by the secretary

**Registrar:** Jim Bowen was nominated. Nominations were closed. J. Bowen was elected by unanimous ballot cast by the secretary.

**Secretary:** Martha Keating was nominated. Nominations were closed. M. Keating was elected by unanimous ballot cast by the secretary.

**Finance Vice Chairman:** John Kingston was nominated. Nominations were closed. J. Kingston was elected by unanimous ballot cast by the secretary.

**Junior Coaches Representative:** Christine Thompson

**Board of Review:** G. Danner is nominated and is an athlete. Jean Aurio was nominated (as non-athlete member). Fred Leff declined. Mike Murray was nominated (as non-athlete member). Nominations were closed. It was noted that an athlete must be elected due to the 20% requirement. The person with the least number of votes will become the alternate. Elected to the Board of Review were: Jean Aurio and Mike Murray. Athlete Greg Danner will be appointed.

A motion to destroy all of the ballots was passed.

**Junior Athlete Representatives:** Nominated are Summer Schmitt and Christopher Fritsch. From the floor, a nomination, Karine Rose, came forth. All three athletes made brief presentations. Elections will be held in the summer during the JO meet.

**Presentation of Awards:** The Age Group Coaches of the Year are Tim Dubois and Chris Regelsberger (RHSC). They had four NI Age group Zone All-Star Swimmers, two 14 & Under swimmers with Speedo Championship qualifying times, 1/3 have completed the IMX challenge. The other nominees were Phillip Ciruolo (GISC) and Ami Diatta and Mike O'Connor (TWST). The Senior Age Group Coaches of the Year have improved the most from NI LSC in the USA Swimming Virtual Club Championship, had an Olympic Trial qualifier in 2010, and the club has achieved Level 4 of the USA Swimming Club Recognition Program. The awardees are Marci Callan, Ryan Callan and Mike Kennedy (FAST). The other nominees were Reed Dewey and Bob Terry (LCAT) and Scott Vanderzell and Tim Bennett (TTSC).

The Senior Swimmer of the Year is Courtney Otto (STAR) Among her accomplishments: qualified for Olympic Trials (2012) in butterfly and 400 IM; swam in Ireland and finished in the Top 3 in three events; 62th in the world for 1500 meter free; ranked 139th in world for the 400 meter IM; has a short course IMX ranking of 4838 (11<sup>th</sup> in the country) and has a long course IMX ranking of 4,739 (10<sup>th</sup> in the country). Other nominees were Ricky Henehan (FAST), Dan O’Conner (TWST), and Matt Schwippert (STAR). The Age Group Swimmer of the Year is PJ Ransford (PACK.) He has set 4 LSC records, has an IMX ranking of 4242 IM (5<sup>th</sup> highest in LSC, 90<sup>th</sup> in the nation); won three events at the Eastern Zone Age Group Championship and has six Speedo Sectional Series qualifying times. The other nominees were Victoria Butler (CLSC), Andrea Ernst (TWST), Adele Ferris (LCAT), Lauren Phillips (TTSC), Makayla Sargent (TTSC) and Samantha Suer (CAGO).

**Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Martha S. Keating,  
Niagara Secretary**

**Budget Fiscal Year 2010-2011 - Current Year**  
9/1/2010 through 8/31/2011 Using Budget 8

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Category	9/1/2010 Actual	Budget	8/31/2011 Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
AWARDS	4,232.83	6,000.00	-1,767.17
MISC. INCOME	1,737.85	2,000.00	-262.15
REGISTRATION	336,017.00	390,000.00	-53,983.00
SANCTION FEES	700.00	3,000.00	-2,300.00
SURCHARGE			
CLUB MEETS	33,107.68	48,000.00	-12,892.32
DISTRICT Swim meets	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00
ZONE MEET	14,205.00	28,000.00	-13,795.00
TOTAL SURCHARGE	47,312.68	99,000.00	-51,687.32
IntInc	33.03	0.00	33.03
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>390,033.39</b>	<b>500,000.00</b>	<b>-109,966.61</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative Expenses			
Accounting	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
BANK CHARGES	125.35	500.00	374.65
CONVENTION	7,014.52	12,000.00	4,985.48
COPIES & Printing	16.97	500.00	483.03
EQUIPMENT	137.00	1,000.00	863.00
Internet Service	757.82	1,000.00	242.18
MEETINGS			
BOARD	89.87	1,000.00	910.13
DISTRICT	3,479.55	2,000.00	-1,479.55
TOTAL MEETINGS	3,569.42	3,000.00	-569.42
OFFICIALS	431.28	2,000.00	1,568.72
POSTAGE	558.45	1,000.00	441.55
SERVICE FEE Registrations	5,250.00	9,000.00	3,750.00
SUPPLIES	365.03	500.00	134.97
TELEPHONE	309.56	500.00	190.44
TRAVEL	1,233.23	3,000.00	1,766.77
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	19,768.63	40,000.00	20,231.37
AWARDS COMM.	9,524.31	10,000.00	475.69
Club Strengthen			
Athlete Travel	13,750.00	42,000.00	28,250.00
Camps	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Club Clinics	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Club Recognition Program	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Coach Training	6,153.09	5,000.00	-1,153.09
Hylek Reimbursement	1,300.00	2,500.00	1,200.00
Outreach	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL Club Strengthen	21,203.09	74,500.00	53,296.91
Grant Program	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
LSC Hosted Swim Meets	2,478.76	25,000.00	22,521.24
REGISTRATIONS			
USA Registration Fees	281,370.50	320,000.00	38,629.50
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	281,370.50	320,000.00	38,629.50
SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
ZONE MEET			
DUES & Registration Fees	1,681.34	3,000.00	1,318.66

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Category	9/1/2010 Actual	Budget	8/31/2011 Difference
HOTEL & MEALS	4,199.63	10,000.00	5,800.37
MEETING	1,125.74	2,500.00	1,374.26
TRAVEL	1,202.48	8,000.00	6,797.52
UNIFORMS	11,180.05	17,000.00	5,819.95
TOTAL ZONE MEET	19,389.24	40,500.00	21,110.76
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>353,734.53</b>	<b>530,000.00</b>	<b>176,265.47</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>36,298.86</b>	<b>-30,000.00</b>	<b>66,298.86</b>

**Account Balances 4/30/11 - As of 4/30/2011**

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Account	4/30/2011 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
CHASE	125,926.39
Chase Savings	38,248.44
SMITHBARNEY	31,527.79
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>195,700.62</b>
<b>Investment Accounts</b>	
SMITH BARNEY	250,457.44
<b>TOTAL Investment Accounts</b>	<b>250,457.44</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>446,158.06</b>