

Niagara LSC
House of Delegates
October 6, 2012

The House of Delegates meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM. Reminders as to how to conduct the business of the House were reviewed.

The roll call report was presented: 51 clubs and athletes, 14 Board of Directors members, for a total of 65 voting members.

The minutes from the Spring HOD were approved by motion that passed.

A video of Katie Lidecky's Gold Medal swim of the 800 meter freestyle at the 2012 London Olympics was shown. Also open water swimmer from NI, Alex Meyer was present at the Convention following his outstanding swim in London.

Reports of Officers

General Chairman M. Callan A report was posted on the website.

Administrative Vice Chairman J. Kingston Changes were pointed out on the NI website for the new one page summary of all scheduled meets.

Eastern Zone Meeting/Director's Report A report was posted on the website.

Age Group Vice-Chairman A. Zaczkowski A report was posted on the website.

Senior Group Vice-Chairman R. Callan He reported that the spring Speedo Sectionals will be long course. Cut times for the Grand Prix series have been changed to faster times. Details are on the USA site. He also reported on his visit to the Head Coach in Naples Florida.

Finance Vice-Chairman J. Kingston The official audit of finances was completed this past week. The report to the Board will then be available in the net Board minutes.

Technical Planning Chair R. Boucher He reported that time standards will be adjusted. He will be in contact with host clubs that are affected. Question: Will long course times be allowed for short course meets? Long course standards are available, But converted times will not be allowed. Question: Any thoughts, comments about the summer meets? Meet was held at Ithaca, approximately 400 swimmers participated which is doubling the entrants from previous year.

Coaches Representatives Report C. Phelps R. Aronberg A report was posted on the website. Aronberg reminded the House about the new **anti-bullying policy** adopted at the USA Convention. **Clubs are required to have such a policy 90 days after USA posts its model policy.** A short video was referenced as being helpful. Also **deck changing** is prohibited, unless the facility is unable to provide appropriate changing rooms. Meet packets have been updated to reflect this change. The NI BOD adopted removal from the meet for deck changes, unless it is allowed at the meet, at its last meeting. Phelps reported from the Coaches' meeting. Time standards were discussed. Coaching requirements have changed from a longer single test to two short ones. Background checks and other steps of due diligence must be completed for new hires.

Athletes Representatives' Report G. Danner Fourteen swimmers from 12 different clubs attended. The convention was also discussed. Items are posted on the website. Half of the attendees reported not swimming over the summer.

Safety Report M. Murray A report was posted on the website. Also a list of banned individuals is posted. He is certified in Aquatic Safety Management and is willing to visit facilities. Regarding new hires, a social media check (e.g. Facebook and Twitter) is recommended.

Treasurer's Report S. Snyder The Budget 9/1/2011- 8/31/2012 was distributed at the meeting. The deficit was approximately one-half of the projected amount. Question: The reason for surcharge for the LSC Championship was asked. It is not specifically earmarked for specific expenses. It is one of the numerous income streams. A motion that passed approved the Treasurer's report.

Niagara LSC Records J. Bowen A report was posted on the website.

Membership Reports (Club and Athlete Registration) J. Bowen Reports were posted on the website. Six new women LC records, 6 SC; 8 new LC and 6 SC men's records were set. We had just below the 6,000 athletes that we had in previous years. An 8-10% growth in athlete registration is projected. **Seasonal athlete memberships** are now being permitted in NI beginning next summer. The cost will be \$44. It is a 150-day period beginning April 4 and ending August 31st. If swimmers wish to continue after September 1, the full membership would cover 16 months. These memberships are good only for LSC meets, that is, not higher level meets.

Secretary's Report M. Keating No written report.

Reports of Committees

Officials Report J. Stromski A report was posted on the website. Good things have been happening and more are in the works. There are not any additional rules changes (see deck changes above). In the breaststroke, an observable separation of the hands prior to the initial kick is required. A video demonstrating this was shown to the athletes at their meeting.

Legislation/By-Laws G. Karl No report.

Disability Report Q. Nichols Ms. Nichols is resigning due to other commitments. People interested in this position should contact M. Callan.

Diversity Committee Report S. Parkhurst No report.

Scholarship Committee M. Keating. No written report. Ten scholarships were awarded. The Committee was thanked.

Board of Review Report A reported was posted on the website. Danner reported very little action over the summer.

National Times Verification Report R. Matlack A reported was posted on the website. 66,802 meets, 789,3100 individuals, and 60 million plus times have been loaded into SWIMS since its inception.

Communications/Webmaster Report E. Stimson No report.

Unfinished/Old Business None.

New Business

1. Budget Proposal for 2013 J. Kingston A reported was posted on the website. USA has encouraged quad budget developments. Voting was on the 2013 year. LSC meets are being charged only for half of the awards cost in 2013. The various categories of income and expense were explained. August 31, 2013 will be the final year for \$400 to clubs for Level One achievement. The deficit of \$26,700 is part of the planned push to giving back to clubs. A motion to approve the budget was made and seconded. Discussion took place. USA recommends no less than a six-month reserve be maintained. The motion passed.
2. Niagara Elections A nominating Committee consisting of five representatives was formed. Nominees are Vince McCarthy, Chris Torrell, Katherine McCauley, Tim DuBois, and Jerry Roberts. The nominations were closed. The secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees per a motion that passed.
3. Approval of Meet Calendar J. Kingston The July 20th closed Southern Tier closed meet has been withdrawn and will be rescheduled. A motion to accept the calendar was made and passed. The Eastern LC Zone meet will probably be at Ithaca College and also possibly moving the NI Classic Meet there. A motion that the ST Swim League Championship meet move

to Saturday, August 3rd (against the Sizzler meet) was made. Discussion ensued. The question was called. The motion passed*. There was a majority with the votes being 22 ayes to 16 nays with 15 abstentions. (Abstentions are not counted.)

4. Presentation of Volunteer of the Year This will be announced at the Spring House of Delegates meeting.

A motion that the sanction fee be waived for both LC and SC championships for all future bid calendars was made and seconded. The motion was withdrawn with a commitment that the Board of Directors will take up the topic.

There has been an exchange with Chinese coaches. NI athletes may be able to travel to China in the future. Contact T. Dubois or M. Callan for more information.

Coach of the Year and Swimmer of the Year will also be announced shortly.

No other items of new business were presented.

Resolutions and Orders None.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM.

*corrected by BOD 12-30-12

The Spring House of Delegates meeting will take place on May 4, 2013.
