

Niagara LSC  
Board of Directors  
April 21, 2013

Corrected on 6/23/13

Present: M. Callan, R. Callan, J. Bowen, R. Aronberg, M. Murray, R. Boucher, S. Parkhurst, S. Snyder, A. Zaczkowski, J. Kingston, E. Stimson, A. LaPointe, C. Phelps, G. Danner

Excused G. Karl, S. Schmidt, B. Matlock

Absent:

Guest: W. Chidsey, M. Keating

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:15 am. The agenda was amended to add the Scholarship Committee and Administrative Officials. A reminder was made concerning anyone having a conflict of interest.

The **minutes** of 12/30/12 were approved by motion from M. Murray and seconded by S. Parkhurst. The motion passed.

**Proposed By-Laws, P & P Changes:** Guest Chidsey discussed allowing both swimming at Niagara Swimming Championship or twelve individual (SC/LC) swims required at Niagara sanctioned meeting in order to swim at Zones. Circuit meets would allow 4 entries rather than three. This would enable swimmers with various excuses to access sponsorships from the LSC. This will be addressed at the House of Delegates meeting.

Age Groups: Zone Team policy and procedures was to add an elected age group committee voted on by the House. Feedback was to appoint rather than vote in. Therefore he is withdrawing the motion for an elected committee. A motion to table was made, there was no second. Housekeeping items: page 18 needs to be edited. It was moved by Zaczkowski and seconded by S. Parkhurst that this occurs. **The motion passed.** Niagara Policy & Procedures lists \$350 and \$75. It was moved by Zaczkowski and seconded by S. that the correct amounts of \$375 and \$175 be inserted. **The motion passed.** Niagara Policy & Procedures has language on page 8 to accommodate **disabled swimmers**. N. Beck has indicated an interest in becoming the disabled committee chair replacing Q. Nichols. Zaczkowski will facilitate this change. The Niagara website a record of who has asked for clinic reimbursement and who attended. Zaczkowski moved and M. Murray moved that when the EZ is

held within the LSC, there would be no sponsored athletes. **The motion passed.** The idea of having a second driver on the EZ meets trips was discussed.

**Upcoming workshops:** J. Stromski will attend for Officials and Murray for Safe Sports.

**Board of Review:** Recent BOR review activity was summarized. Additions to BOR have been discussed for filling when seven people are not available. In one instance, the matter with the swimmer's coach was resolved prior to a BOR hearing. One concern is that the different areas of the LSC should be represented on all committees. Another idea is to secure education for these members. It is possible that USA is moving to regional BORs rather than LSC Boards. One BOR fine is still outstanding. If the individual family is not paying, the club will be responsible. Finally, an athlete was not allowed at the Zone meet. This matter became an issue with the local police department.

**Zone Team:** Incidents at Zone Meets have become numerous and troublesome.

**Code of Conduct:** At the LSC Championships two incidents took place that resulted in the removal of coaches from the deck. One concerned a coach chasing and swearing at officials. His swimmers were allowed to continue. The Club president was informed and supported the decision. A senior athlete deck changed and was disqualified for the remainder of the day. This incident was reported to the coach. Lastly, a coach was removed for lack of current membership. Further discussion concerning the behavior of the code violation ensued. USA swimming will be contacted for guidance.

**Awards:** The BOD discussed the distribution of the IMX water bottles and pins (see technical planning report). It was decided that HASTY will mail directly to the clubs. HOD awards: the coaches need to make selections.

**HOD:** We will use the normal agenda and conduct elections. It will occur at MCC on May 4<sup>th</sup>. J. Kingston will present at the Meet Directors meeting.

**Reports from positions:** Rulebook requires an administrative referee or official at every sanction meet as of 9/1/13. A small group of the BOD and Officials will discuss this matter via conference call.

New swimming records will be posted. An 11% increase in membership (5670) of registered athletes was noted. Murray reported there is new free athlete training for safe sport. Technical Planning report is attached. LaPointe reported feedback for next SC relays in finals. Why is the Friday line up so short? Timeline for 500 events is longer, but the coaches and athletes should review the event formats. It was moved by M. Keating and seconded by S. Parkhurst to accept the Budget Current that is attached. **The motion passed** with one abstention. R. Callan received reimbursement applications. He noted that some requests had to be denied as they did not comply with the rules and that he also needed to complete

additional research to verify information. M. Keating is seeking a member from both Syracuse and Buffalo for the Scholarship Committee. Eric Stimson will join from the Buffalo area. Scholarship applications will be open during May. Zach Mekker was suggested for the Syracuse area. J. Kingston moved and S. Snyder seconded that the secretary will write a letter demanding payment by a date certain. **The motion passed.** The bid calendar will be posted shortly. Kingston will try to resolve the conflicts. Additional meets will be submitted at the HOD and voted on by the BOD. There were 185 sanctions, 43 observed (38 high school and 5 college); 2 meets were approved. Two open water meets are being proposed. Oct. to March meets generated appx. \$250,000 profits for the clubs. Niagara Policy and Procedures will be updated over the summer. SC Zone Niagara finished 5<sup>th</sup>, 8 points behind 4<sup>th</sup>. 87 athletes participated at the SC Eastern Zone.

**Eastern Zone Meeting:** M. Callan, Zaczkowski and Aronberg will attend this meeting. Matters to be brought up: action taken without proper authority 1) revoked bid, 2) changed entry rules for Speedo meets and 3) request for participation in conference was denied.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Athlete at Watertown passed out during underwater practice outside of our LSC. A teammate rescued him. He is hospitalized. Clubs need to review their supervision of practices. Links to diversity sites are now on the Niagara. Two Niagara athletes are going to EZ Camps.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Niagara Secretary

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