

Niagara LSC

Board of Directors

June 23, 2013

Present: S. Snyder, J. Bowen, R. Aronberg, J. Kingston, C. Phillips, M. Callan, R. Callan, E. Stimson, G. Danner, B. Matlack, A. Zaczkowski, M. Keating

Excused: S. Parkhurst, M. Murray, R. Boucher, G. Karl, A. LaPoint

Absent: S. Schmitt

Guest: Marty Keating

General Chair M. Callan called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

The agenda was reviewed and reminded about our Conflict of Interest Policy.

In early June, one instance of bullying was reported to M. Callan who immediately forwarded the matter to USA.

Approval of 4/21/13 minutes took place with corrections by motion of J. Bowen and S. Snyder.

**Niagara Team Policy:** J. Bowen presented the proposed Niagara Travel Policy that was based upon the national policy. A motion to approve this policy was made by J. Bowen and seconded by G. Danner. The motion passed.

The **LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program** was discussed. This review is moving forward with Callan and Bowen completing the work. Verbal approvals of the HOD amendments were given by USA. The deadline for completion is August. A motion was made by S. Snyder and seconded by M. Keating to accept the prepared documentation. The motion passed.

**USA Aquatics Sports Convention:** J. Bowen moved and seconded by R. Callan that J. Stromski attend. The motion passed. Bowen, Stromski and Aronberg, are attending. LaPointe and R. Callan are also unable to attend. August 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit. Danner will attend as masters chair and not available for all LSC meetings.

**Administrative Officials:** The update was not available at this time.

**Web Conference Proposal:** (Microsoft Sync) Buffalo and Syracuse. Committees and Board meetings could take place using the web. E. Stimson has to initiate the meeting. This service is at no cost. It would reduce travel time and costs. S. Snyder noted that the phone conferencing costs have risen. There is the ability to restrict participants. This falls under the electronic portion of the by-laws. The Board decided to use this method.

**Reminder about Distribution Lists:** BOD, Executive Board and Committee Chair lists were discussed. The only email address that is listed can be used. This avoids confusion among email addresses that are extremely close. Send the email to Stimson if there is any question as to which it needs to go to. Stimson will resend to these lists. A discussion ensued about trying to streamline the amount of emails. A. Zaczkowski moved and Stimson seconded that individual email accounts be established. The motion passed. Stimson would create a new g-mail account.

**Team Scoring at LSC Championships:** Why is there any difference between what has been in the past? The meet host proposed a nine-lane point system revised by Kingston. He used a system out of the USA rulebook (202.9). The need for Team awards criteria was also taken from the rulebook. Should the size of the team be taken into consideration or should the actual number of athletes swimming be used? J. Bowen moved and seconded by Zaczkowski that for the LC Meet Championship the identical language, including the number of currently registered team size, that was used in the SC Championship meet announcement. It was moved to amend by Aronberg and seconded by R. Callan that any team with 100 or more currently registered athletes as of the entry deadline be classified as "Large" team and any team with fewer athletes would be "Small". The amendment passed. The amended motion passed.

**Coaches Fee discussion:** The LC Championship meet has a system on OME for additional fees to address the number of coaches on deck (at \$5 each). A \$10 per swimmer surcharge is also noted. This sanction was approved a year ago. Technical Planning did not address fees so the host clubs developed the aforementioned. A clarification regarding the methodology of payment (checks preferred) will be sent out.

**Fee change:** The pool fee cost to run a meet has increased since the fee schedule was changed. Many clubs are not aware of this. NI has offered some stipends to support clubs for meets. Other costs have also risen such as fees for required staff (engineer, aquatic director), catering, etc. Historical data will be sought from Kingston to help the BOD make a sensible recommendation. An ad hoc committee could be formed by Bowen once the information is assembled. It is anticipated that a new fee schedule will be in place and approved by the BOD prior to the next bid calendar and may also affect the SC season.

**NO reports:** S. Snyder moved and M. Keating seconded that J. Bowen be added as a signatory to accounts. Personal appearance at the bank is now required. M. Callan will remain until The motion passed.

The BOD moved into a closed executive session.

The next BOD will be July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha S. Keating