

Niagara LSC
House of Delegates
Meeting on 9/28/13

General Chair Jim Bowen called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Roll Call: There are 42 clubs and 9 members of the Board of Directors for a total of 51 votes. Attending members of the Board were introduced.

The **minutes** from the spring 2013 HOD were approved by a motion that passed.

Reports of Officers:

General Chairman: Has posted reports on the Niagara website. While athlete membership increased, the number of splashes did not increase proportionately. The Technical Planning Committee Chair is vacant and an athlete representative position is also. On an interim basis the Board of Directors will fill them.

Immediate Past General Chairman: Callan posted her report on the Niagara website.

Administrative Vice Chairman: Several reports were posted including meet results, top 10 lists, etc. Sanctions issued were 203 for the past year; this year was the first year that leagues was issued sanctions resulting in the increase in sanctions. There were 38 observed meets but only 91 posted club meets.

Eastern Zone Meeting and Director's Report: was posted on the Niagara website.

Age Group Vice-Chairman: reports were posted on the Niagara website.

Senior Group Vice-Chairman: was posted on the Niagara website. Reminder that athlete reimbursement forms are **due within 30 days of the last day of the meet**.

Finance Vice-Chairman: reports were posted on the Niagara website. The grant program awarded over \$20,000 last year.

Technical Planning: (Vacant)

Coach Representative Report: Senior & Junior: The senior coach's report was posted on the website.

Athlete Representatives Report: Senior Rep. A. LaPointe reported 12 athletes attended the meeting this morning. 10 out of the 12 athletes swam during the LC season. There is a potential candidate for junior athlete who may submit his bio this week.

Safety Report: was posted on the Niagara website. The 2013 USA Convention has free athlete and parent training available at the USA website.

Treasurer's Report: (Distributed at meeting) The deficit (appx. \$7000) was not as high as projected.

Niagara LSC Records: were posted on the Niagara website. 15-18 new records were set.

Membership – Current Club Statistics: were posted on the Niagara website.

Membership – Athlete Registrations Graph: was posted on the Niagara website. There is now a membership trends report on USA website. A 53.7% retention rate for 12 and Under is viewed as low. The retention rate for 13 and Over was 76.8%.

Secretary's Report: No report

Reports of Committees and Coordinators

Officials Report: was posted on the Niagara website. Focus is currently on the requirement to have on deck an administrative referee.

Legislation/By-Laws Report: 2013 legislation adopted by USA Swimming HOD was posted on the Niagara website. Current Chair and long-time Board member Gary Karl has retired from the BOD as of the end of August. LSC Boards of Review will cease to exist in 2015. An Eastern Zone BOR will take over that function.

Disability Report: Contact Mike Switalski - swit1650@verizon.net or Eric Stimson - estimson@buffalo.edu with any questions.

Scholarship Report: Ten Niagara swimmers were awarded scholarships in July as announced at the Ithaca meet and were posted on the Niagara website. Thanks to Greg Danner, Angela Baggett and Eric Stimson who helped with upgrading our application.

Board of Review Report: one case was referred to the National BOR. That case has been closed.

National Times Verification Report: was posted on the Niagara website.

Communications/Webmaster Report: please be sure to check the website or for email from our webmaster.

Unfinished (Old) Business

None.

New Business

Budget 2014: The budget proposal, expanded budget and historical budget were all posted on the Niagara website. A negative balance is anticipated again with the goal of drawing down our reserves to support clubs and athletes. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed budget. The motion to approve the budget passed.

Presentation and approval of Meet Fee Proposal for 2014: Current caps are used to control host club fees. A seven part proposal was introduced: **1)** Surcharges back to NI LSC will be 50 cents per individual event and \$1.25 per relay (with a planned projected loss of \$4800). **2)** Niagara LSC meets and club invitational meets are now separated out; **3)** Club invitation Meet fees: currently no cap on deck fee and recommend that continues; individual events at \$5.00 and relays \$15.00 for Timed Final; \$6.00 for individual and \$15.00 relay for Prelim/Final Meet; **4)** Niagara LSC (except SC/LC Championships) deck fee stays at \$5.00, individual entry \$5.00 and relays \$12.00, however the surcharges will drop to or stay at 50 cents and \$1.25; **5)** individual \$6.00 and relay \$15.00 deck fee to \$10 and dropping individual and relays fees to 50 cents and \$1.25; **6)** Stipend of \$500 for regional qualifiers, 12 & U, Senior PP, Sizzler; and Champ Qualifier would be set at \$1,000; Super Circuit goes to \$1500 and lastly SC/LC Championships to \$2,000; **7)** effective 9/28/13. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion took place. The motion passed with one abstention.

Presentation and approval of 2014 Long Course Bid Calendar: was posted on the Niagara website. NI LC Championships will be moved. A motion was made to approve the bid calendar except for the LC Championship. The motion passed.

Additional meets that were 5/16-18 TTSC, 5/31 VICT, 6/1/ SYCH, 6/14 SYCH, 6/19 VICT, 8/3 STSL 8/8-9TTSC and 8/15-17 NI LC Championship. A motion was made to accept these changes and/or new meets. Various points were discussed. An amendment was made to swap the Sizzler and NI LC Championship meets and STSL would move to 7/26. (Sizzler to Aug. 15-16 and NI LC Championship to Aug. 1-3) The amendment passed. The amended motion also passed.

Elections for Niagara Nominating Committee: was posted on the Niagara website. Six members are currently on the committee. Jean Aurio led the nominating process. Marci Callan, Jerry Roberts, Shane Logan, Joe Reitz, Dorotka Tou (athlete), and Tyler Solomon (athlete) volunteered for membership in this committee. Nominations were closed. A motion to accept all nominations by acclamation was made. The motion passed.

Presentation of Volunteer of the Year: Gary Karl

Resolutions and order: (None)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Keating,

Niagara Secretary