

Niagara LSC

House of Delegates Meeting

May 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by General Chair Marci Callan at 12:15 pm.

**Roll Call** There were 49 non-athlete club representatives, 6 club athletes, 15 BOD = 70 votes.

**Reading, Correction and adoption of previous minutes** Minutes from the Fall HOD were accepted by motion of T. Bennet and second by J. Aurio that passed.

**Reports of officers:**

General Chairman (M. Callan): The report is posted.

Eastern Zone Meeting/Director's Report: They were posted.

Administrative Vice Chair (J. Kingston):

- The report is posted
- The grant program Status and Information is posted. Reminders were made about the Grant Program. There are amounts available to clubs upon application (included in the posted report). August 15, 2013 is the deadline.
- The Virtual Club Championship History is posted

Age Group Vice Chair (A. Zaczkowski): Disability swimming, working with N. Beck from Cortland to improve categorization.

Senior Group Vice Chair (R. Callan): Reimbursements must meet certain criteria. Please review before sending to be sure your swimmer(s) qualify. Relays, marked "r", cannot be used.

Finance Chair: No report

Technical Planning (R. Boucher): See him for IMX awards. Time standards and adding meets are being reviewed. January and February will have SC time standards in the hopes of more swimmers participating. LC "BB for 12 and Under; 13 and Over national A, except for a few events using "AA" national times.

Coach Representative Report (R. Aronberg/C. Phelps): Reported briefly on the meeting that was held earlier today.

Athlete Representatives Report (S. Schmitt, A. LaPoint): Reported that 15 athletes attended the earlier meeting. They watched a safety video, discussed the scholarship, and discussed summer meets.

Safety Report (M. Murray): Safe Sport meeting will occur in two weeks; free athlete training is available; also there is a powerpoint on the website going up on Monday. There is also a free training for parents, still available on the website.

Treasurer's Report (S. Snyder): Distributed at the meeting. The report was accepted by motion of J. Bowen and seconded that passed with one abstention.

Niagara LSC Records: New Records are posted. 33 new records were set. It was noted that the Boys 15-16 age group set the most new records.

Membership—Current Club statistics are posted.

Membership—Athlete Registration graph is posted. Seasonal athlete rate is \$49. There are some restrictions associated with this type of registration. The membership for seasonal swimmers runs from 4/4/13 to 8/15/13. An athlete spoke about the need for clubs to send at least one athlete representative to the House of Delegates meetings each year.

Secretary's Report: All minutes are current.

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

Open Water: No report. Please check the NI calendar for scheduled meets.

Officials (J. Stromski): The report is posted. There was a brief discussion about the new Administrative Official position. A clinic is being planned. **As of September 1<sup>st</sup> all sanctioned meets must have a minimum of one present.** Neither the Meet Director nor Meet Referee can fulfill this role. If no one is present, the time cannot go into SWIMS. This has no effect on "observed" meets. The tests are online at USA. They are free. Every NI referee qualifies as an Administrative Official, however, that person cannot be appointed in both roles (e.g. Administrative Official and Meet Referee). Refer to the rulebook 102.10.4 and 102.14. The NI website will have more information.

Legislation/ByLaws (G. Karl): No report.

Disability (N. Beck): No report.

Diversity (S. Parkhurst): The 2013 EZ June 20-23 Select Camp will take place in Boston. Check the website for the application or the link.

Scholarship (M. Keating): The application and cover letter are posted.

Board of Review (C. Torrell): Three cases were heard since the last HOD.

National Times Verification (B. Matlack): The report is posted

Communication (E. Stimson): No report.

**New Business:**

1. Approval of new calendar. A motion by J Bowen and seconded was made with three minor date additions. Received today: SEAS applied for 10/12 & 13, Nov 11/24 SHAQ and 3/1-3/14 by SEAS. A motion to amend the calendar to include the three newly received meets was made and passed. Zone Meets is 3/26-29/14. SPEEDO 3/28 SC. The calendar as amended **passed**.
2. Proposed Amendments to the Niagara By-Laws
  - Proposed Amendment to the membership of the Board of Review: This amendment to approve this increase in the membership of the Board of Review to ten members **passed**.
  - Proposal to add 3-5 elected position for Age Group Committee: It was moved to defeat this amendment. It was **removed** by yea votes with one abstention.
  - Proposed Amendments to the Niagara Swimming Policies and Procedures: Proposal to change the entry fee schedule (as of 9/1/13): There were two proposals. The first amendment **failed**. The second proposal was friendly amended to: double the current double individual and raise the relay/time final to \$16 maximum fees for both times finals and prelim/finals meets. Discussion ensued. Another amendment to change to Time Finals SC to \$4.00 and LC to \$4.50 was not accepted. The second proposal **failed**.
  - Multiple proposals to change Policies and Procedures (#2,3,4 & 7 have been withdrawn): # 1: The deletion of 205.6.A for both SC and LC and adding to 205.6A was friendly amended to delete the first two sentences. The maker increased the SC events to 12 and LC to 9. The motion **passed**. #5: This proposal **failed** with one abstention. #6 This proposal **passed** with four abstentions. There are NCAA implications that need to be checked.
3. Proposed Amendments to the Niagara Swimming Zone Team Policies and Procedures:
  - Multiple proposals (#4 has been withdrawn): #1 Adding sentence to Section VI Athletes, this proposal **passed**. #2 The motion passed. #3 Add to Section VI Part D, this proposal **passed**.
4. Elections:
  - General Chair The nominations were closed the secretary cast one vote for Jim Bowen.
  - Senior Group Vice Chair The nominations were closed the secretary cast one vote for Ryan Callan

- Registrar The nominations were closed the secretary cast one vote for Jim Bowen.
- Junior Coaches' Representative Will Chidsey was elected at the Coaches' meeting this morning.
- Junior Athletes' Representative: Interested athletes should submit bios. (must be 16 or entering their junior year).
- Secretary The nominations were closed the secretary cast one vote for Martha Keating.
- Finance Chair John Kingston was nomination. The nominations were closed the secretary cast one vote for John Kingston.
- Board of Review: Laurie McManus, Becky Sapio, Time Bennett, Deborah Burke. PJ Ransford (Athlete) was elected. Floor nominations included Stephanie Mica and Christine Phelps. Non-athletes elected were: Becky, Tim, Christine and Stephanie.
- Junior Athletes' Representative Presentations: No one has yet to be nominated.

A motion was approved to destroy the ballots.

A motion was made to add Finance Chair to the none restricted list. This motion passed.

5. Presentation of Awards Coach of the Year and Athlete of the Year will be awarded at the Niagara Class and Niagara Championship.

**Resolutions and Orders:** None

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Keating,

NI Secretary