

## Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00pm

## Roll Call

	Position	Incumbent	Present	Absent
1	General Chairman	Jim Bowen	X	
2	Administrative Vice-Chairman	John Kingston	X	
3	Senior Vice-Chairman	Ryan Callan	X	
4	Age Group Vice-Chairman	Adam Zaczkowski	X	
5	Finance Vice-Chairman	John Kingston		
6	Secretary	Martha Keating		X
7	Treasurer	Steve Snyder	X	
8	Senior Coach Representative	Rick Aronberg	X	
9	Junior Coach Representative	William Chidsey	X	
10	Senior Athlete Representative	Alex LaPoint	X	
11	Junior Athlete Representative	Nick Olson	X	
12	Safety Committee Chairman	Mike Murray	X	
13	Technical Planning Committee Chairman	Christine Phelps	X	
14	Membership/Registration Coordinator	Jim Bowen		
15	General Chairman Appointment - 1	Bob Matlack	X	
16	General Chairman Appointment - 2	Jim Stromski	X	
17	General Chairman Appointment - 3	Greg Danner		Excused
18	General Chairman Appointment - 4	Shawn Parkhurst		X
19	General Chairman Appointment - 5	Vacant		
20	Webmaster	Eric Stimson	X	
21	Immediate Past General Chair	Marci Callan	X	

## Reading, correction and adoption of December 1, 2013 minutes

- A motion was made by Jim Bowen and seconded by Bob Matlack to accept the corrected minutes, which had been distributed earlier in the evening by Eric Stimson. The motion passed.

## Advice and Consent to Appointments

- None

## Unfinished business

- None

## New business

- An appeal to rescind the \$900.00 unregistered athlete file imposed on the Chemung Sailfish Swim Team was received on January 14, 2014. A motion was made by Jim Bowen and seconded by Eric Stimson to reduce the fine to \$200.00 given the facts and circumstances surrounding the occurrence.
  - The meet host did not run an exception report prior to the meet.
  - The club had submitted a registration file for the athletes on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, prior to the meet, but payment was not received until January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Will Chidsey stated a concern, that if approved, we would be setting a precedent for future appeals. Jim Bowen responded that while any club has the right to appeal a fine to the Board of Directors, each case needs to be evaluated on its own facts and merits. The motion was approved.

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- A motion was made by Jim Bowen and seconded by Jim Stromski to reaffirm a previous BOD decision that late entries for first time qualifiers at either of the Niagara Championship meets after the published entry deadline will not be allowed, and this be added to the Niagara Policies & Procedures. A brief discussion covered the origin of the request which John Kingston had responded to with the past decision by the BOD to NOT allow times past the published deadline. Jim Bowen added that opening the registration is complex as it involves only first time qualifiers after the entry deadline. There would be multiple meets that need to be allowed (not just the meet from the original request) and that amount of work may be impossible for the meet host. Of the four zones it is believed that no other Zone allows for late entry. The Sectional meets do allow for them but have more time and a scratch deadline as well as a much larger meet staff to manage. Adam Zaczkowski adds that this close to the meet disallowing this is the right thing to do but moving forward the LSC should look into this more to see if it is possible. The motion was approved.
- A motion was made by Jim Bowen and seconded by Ryan Callan to revise the Club Strengthening Program - Outreach Support Form to add:
  - ◆ Specify a due date for submission.
    - There was a reimbursement request received from Buffalo City Swim Racers in November for the 2012-2013. There are a number of swimmers from that season that are not renewed for the current season and combined with the lateness of the application it was felt that the application should be counted towards the 2013-2014 season but that the reimbursement should be allowed because there is in fact no date on the current form. This was clearly too late to include in the 2012-2103 fiscal year. There is a lot of double checking that is required to approve these forms and having a date will help ensure that the forms are included in the correct fiscal year while allowing the proper checking to be done. The motion was approved.
  - ◆ Not allow reimbursement of entry fees for 'no shows'.
    - A reimbursement request was received for a swimmer that in fact never swam. The possibility of having something that allows for illness or injury was briefly discussed but no modification was made to the original motion. The motion was approved.
- A motion was made by Steve Snyder and seconded by Bob Matlack to prohibit reimbursement of rental vehicles for personal use during travel on Niagara business, unless prior approved from the BOD has been made. The motion was approved.
- Discussion items
  - ◆ Attendees for Eastern Zone and USA Swimming Workshops
    - Open Water Officials Clinic, April 11-13, 2014, Fort Myers, FL.  
Jim Stromski will continue to seek a candidate willing to attend and also agree to participate at our two Open Water meets scheduled for this summer.
    - Zone Workshops, April 11-13, 2014, Baltimore, MD.  
Jim Bowen and Mike Murray will attend.
    - Eastern Zone Spring Meeting, May 9-10, 2014, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

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Jim Bowen, Ryan Callan and Adam Zaczowski will attend. Any Niagara clubs wishing to bid on future Eastern Zone meets need to submit their bid packages to Jim Bowen for presentation at the meeting

### ◆ Calendar

#### ▪ Niagara Spring House of Delegates Meeting

A motion was made by Jim Bowen and seconded by Jim Stromski to move the Spring HOD meeting and tentative symposium to Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.to avoid the conflict with the Eastern Zone Spring meeting. The motion was approved.

#### ▪ Niagara Long Course Championship

Alex LaPoint brought up the discussion of moving the weekend that the summer LSC Championships to a different weekend. The weekends that were offered up all have meets on them and since the calendar was previously moved around and approved at the Fall HOD meeting there aren't many options for the BOD to manipulate the calendar. The time to move these weekends around was after the USA Swimming convention before any HOD vote has taken place. There are issues now for qualifying for other meets that occur due to the late weekend the meet is on including the Summer Zone meet. There is some 'historical' evidence that show that this meet has often been late in the season. We will continue to seek a meet host for the weekend of August 1-3.

#### ▪ Niagara Sizzler

This weekend was originally bid on FAST in the original spot August 1 and 2. John Kingston will look into why this wasn't on the bid calendar for the HOD.

### ◆ Eastern Zone SCY Cut Times

The Age Group Vice Chair was asked a question in regard to when the 2014 cut times would be available and he responded that they would be posted shortly on the Niagara Zone Team web site.

## Reports of officers, committees and coordinators

- General Chairman
  - ◆ Deck Access for International Coaches
- Membership
  - ◆ Athlete Registrations Graph as of January 31, 2014

## Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm



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**\*\*\*MEMORANDUM\*\*\***

**TO:** "Open Border" Policy Countries  
USA Swimming Local Swimming Committees

**FROM:** Dan McAllen  
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

**SUBJECT:** Deck Access at USA Swimming Sanctioned Meets

**DATE:** January 9, 2014

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There have been a number of recent cases involving deck access for international coaches at USA Swimming-sanctioned competitions. In these instances, the international coaches were attending the meet exclusively to supervise and coach USA Swimming athlete members. Deck access has been granted to these coaches as long as they were able to present a valid coach membership card from their home country.

USA Swimming has carefully reviewed the rules related to this and determined that this practice violates its Rules and Regulations. The pertinent part of Rule 202.3.2 reads:

*"At a sanctioned competitive event, USA Swimming athlete members must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down. Swimmers participating under the provisions of 202.6 or USA Swimming's "open border" policy must be under the supervision of their own coach or a USA Swimming member coach."*

The key aspect here is that the second sentence of this rule does not apply as this pertains solely to athletes who are not members of USA Swimming.

For this reason, effective April 1, 2014, any international coach who attends a USA Swimming sanctioned meet for the purpose of serving as the primary supervisor and coach of USA Swimming athletes must be a USA Swimming coach member in good standing and present their coach membership card to meet personnel when requested. For any USA Swimming sanctioned meet occurring between now and April 1, 2014, the practice of allowing deck access to international coaches will be permitted, provided they show a valid coach membership card from their home country.

Please note that the requirement to become a USA Swimming coach member applies only if the coach is supervising and coaching USA Swimming registered athletes. According to the "open border" policy, if the athletes are representing their home

country or their home club, the coach would only have to show coach membership from their home country.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Cathy Durance  
Pam Lowenthal  
Mike Unger

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total
Athlete - New	33	713	259	98	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1247
Athlete - Renew	161	1630	609	883	416	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3699
Seasonal - New	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal - Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outreach - New	0	21	57	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97
Outreach - Renew	0	50	68	25	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149
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2014	194	2608	3601	4625	5192							
2013	364	2888	3913	4797	5298	5559	5670	5825	6199	6306	6461	6478
2012	1	2256	3203	4199	4689	4935	5091	5199	5393	5602	5715	5737
2011	112	2025	3280	4064	4915	5121	5244	5323	5513	5701	5828	5828
2010	255	2413	3558	4567	5190	5429	5522	5631	5913	6072	6219	6279
2009	208	2650	3740	4863	5303	5508	5615	5759	6204	6374	6499	6543
2008	132	2285	3418	4310	5006	5244	5349	5523	5811	5863	6064	6106
2007	148	1931	3064	4041	4685	4816	4974	5034	5425	5590	5666	5731
2006	39	1868	3264	4303	4862	5084	5200	5250	5554	5700	5844	5914
2005	1	1753	3485	4485	4907	5364	5510	5621	5913	6024	6120	6120
2004	88	1050	2475	3821	4739	5009	5192	5265	5513	5672	5848	5884

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2013	-47%	-10%	-8%	-4%								
2012	19300%	16%	12%	10%								
2011	73%	29%	10%	14%								
2010	-24%	8%	1%	1%								
2009	-7%	-2%	-4%	-5%								
2008	47%	14%	5%	7%								
2007	31%	35%	18%	14%								
2006	397%	40%	10%	7%								
2005	19300%	49%	3%	3%								
2004	120%	148%	45%	21%								

