

Niagara LSC
House of Delegates Meeting
October 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM

1. **Roll Call**

There were 43 clubs, 14 members of the Board and 6 athletes, for a total of 63 voting members.

2. **Reading, correction and adoption of minutes of previous meeting.**

The minutes of the Spring House of Delegates meeting were accepted as written.

3. **Reports of Officers**

a. General Chair, Jim Bowen

The Chari's report was posted on the website. From the convention, Jim Sheehan is the new USA president.

A third party did a review of Safe Sport. **Free training** is available on the website for parents and athletes. All involved are urged to take advantage of this training.

For coaches, the club portal has added features and will be dramatically expanded later this year.

A video of the 2014 PANPACS was shown.

b. Administrative Vice Chair, Adam Zaczkowski

The report was posted on the website.

Please feel free to ask any questions after the meeting.

c. Eastern Zone Meeting & Director's Report

This is a report from Chuck Wielgus and is posted.

d. Age Group Vice-Chair, Christine Regelsberger & Joanne Butters

The report was posted on the website. There are recommendations included in Adam's report.

From whom do we get the IMX water bottles? Christine Phelps should be contacted.

- e. Senior Group Vice-Chair, Ryan Callan
No report. Please see him with questions.
 - f. Finance Vice Chair, John Kingston
The reports were posted on the website. If there are questions about the grant program, please visit the NI website under Swim Guide.
 - g. Technical Planning, Christine Phelps
Time standards for the SC and LSC are currently under review.
 - h. Coach Representatives, Will Chidsey, Becky Sapio
No official report. There was better attendance at this morning's meeting. Greensboro, NC is the site for the USA Swimming Legends meet.
 - i. Athlete Representatives, Nick Olson & Nick Burdo
The lack of LC meets was observed and the length of meets was too long. One solution is to have fewer athletes entered. Also the Safe Sport initiative is something all athletes should review this. Perhaps a quick team meeting could be called so that this can be reviewed. No deck changing is now allowed across USA.

Athlete representatives could be recognized at a meet.
 - j. Safety Report, Mike Murray
The report will be posted later today. M. Callan has a PowerPoint that can be shared. Again encourage all to do the free training. A Safe Sport athlete get together is a possibility in the NI LSC.
 - k. Treasurer, Steve Snyder
The 2013-14 financial statements were passed out. Swimmer travel was up. Outreach was up. The budget came in as forecast.
 - l. Secretary, Martha Keating
No report.
4. Reports of Committees & Coordinators
- a. Officials, Jim Stromski
The report was posted on the website. Please contact him with any questions.
 - b. Legislation/By-Laws

See new business.

c. Diversity/Outreach, Eric Stimson

The local program in Buffalo is up and running. There are very easy forms to complete. Trimester reports are required. The grant is for \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000 dependent on criteria. Reduced athlete registration is offered in NI LSC. Reimbursements are available from NI for suits, etc. The form is under Club Strengthening under Swim Guide at the website.

d. Scholarship Report, Martha Keating

NCAA rules have changed that eliminate Division 1 swimmers from accepting Niagara Scholarships. An official ruling from NCAA is being sought.

e. Board of Review, Chris Torell

The report was posted on the website.

f. National Times Verification, Bob Matlack

The report was posted on the website

g. Communications/Webmaster, Eric Stimson

Over quota email addresses are problematic and may result in not receiving emails from NI.

5. **Unfinished (Old) Business**

None

6. **New Business**

a. Budget Proposal for 2014-15, John Kingston Finance Chair

A motion was made and seconded to amend the budget to increase the Outreach Budget by \$1,000 to a total of \$6,000. **This motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded to amend the budget to include the new Eastern Zone dues of \$1,600. **This motion passed.**

A motion was made and seconded to give a 10% matching grant up to \$1,500 to any club from the USA Swimming Foundation. **This motion passed.**

As amended, the 2015 budget was approved.

b. Proposal for Bylaws Changes

607.2 J.NON-OFFICERS AND THEIR COMMITTEE AND COORDINATORS

NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION OFFICER – The National Times Verification Officer shall in accordance with the USA Swimming Times Policy and Guidelines, be responsible for entering all official times that conform with the requirements stipulated in the Timing Rules section of the Technical Rules into the SWIMS database for sanctioned meets, approved meets and meets approved for observation with the territory of NI.

(This is a current position that is not listed.)

The proposal carried unanimously.

c. Proposals for changes to Policies & Procedures

Proposal 1:

- a) Addition of Sanction Coordinator (§202.2)

(This was never changed in our policies and procedures.)

- b) Clarification of closed weekend language by adding “invitational, closed or league” specification.

(This clarifies language in this section.)

- c) Adjustment of timeline for bid-calendar creation from 60 and 30 days to 14 and 7 days for due date and posting respectively.

(This reduces the timeline for bid-calendar dates.)

This proposal passed unanimously.

Proposal 2:

This proposal would strike the language in §202.2 for the one meet per geographic region restriction when hosting meets.

(This would allow multiple meets within the same geographic area.)

An amendment was made and seconded to read “per meet course”

“Up to four sanctions per meet course one per geographic area (Buffalo, Rochester, Southern Tier and Syracuse) will be permitted on the calendar for any given date.” **This amendment failed.**

An amendment was made and seconded to add, “Up to four sanctions [one per geographic region: Buffalo, Rochester, Southern Tier and Syracuse] will be permitted on the ‘fall-winter’ calendar for any given date. Up to eight sanctions [two per geographic region: Buffalo, Rochester, Southern Tier and Syracuse] will be permitted on the ‘spring-summer’ calendar for any given date.” **This amendment passed.**

The proposal as amended passed.

d. Approval of Summer **2015 Bid-Calendar**

The motion was seconded and passed.

e. Election of **Nominating Committee**

Nominated were: Marci Callan, Eric Stimson, Nick Olson, David Muratore, and Jim Stromski. Nominations were closed by a motion that was seconded and passed.

They were accepted by acclamation.

7. **Resolution and Orders**

WHEREAS, the USA Swimming House of Delegates on September 14, 2013, approved legislation to convert LSC Boards of Review in Zone Boards of Review effective January 1, 2015, in order to provide better efficiency in the administration of justice, more consistent decisions and better trained BOR members.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Zone Board of Review shall have at least twenty-five (25) regular members comprised of at least three (3) members from each LSC within the Zone.

WHEREAS, USA Swimming has not yet provided the required language to modify the LSC Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Chair with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors shall appoint three (3) members, at least one of which is an athlete, to serve as members of the Eastern Zone Board of Review for a term of up to three (3) years.

The resolution was passed.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Keating,

Niagara LSC Secretary