

NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING ---- ANNUAL MEETING

February 13, 2011, Canandaigua, NY

Call to Order at 1:50PM Chairman Brophy.

Present: Neil Brophy (chairman), Lynn Fuller (treasurer), Amy Johnson (secretary), John Pilger (registrar), Greg Danner (webmaster, records, top10), Lorie Rick (fitness/coaches), George McVey (officials), Rauni English(postal rep), Ken Koppenhaver (past chair).

OLD BUSINESS – None presented.

NEW BUSINESS and REPORTS

- Registrar** - John Pilger reported 415 members as of today which is about 50 more than last year. This increase is probably due to the three USMS mailings prompting renewal.
 - On Line Registration is used by 90% of our members.
 - 141 have not renewed and Webmaster Danner will email them a reminder with a link to the USMS registration page.
 - “Unattached” swimmers – Niagara District has two registered clubs, Niagara and BUMS. Unattached swimmers are free to join any USMS club of their choice without a waiting period. This option can be used by swimmers wishing to declare and swim with a team of their choice especially for national competitions.
 - Pilger wondered how many of our 415 members actually compete. G. Danner will try to answer this by cross referencing meet entry lists with the membership file.
- Treasurer** - Lynn Fuller presented the 2010 Financial Report. He sends monthly statements to the Chairman and Secretary for review as required by USMS procedures
 - The Treasurer and Chairman recommended that the District continue the \$500 meet bonus. **Motion** (L. Fuller, second L. Rick) Any swim group in the Niagara District that runs a Masters meet, sanctioned or recognized by Niagara District Masters Swimming from 9/1/2009 onward, will get \$500 upon the timely submission of meet results, pool certification, and observer’s report as specified in the sanction instructions. Motion passed.
- Secretary** – A. Johnson is resigning. Chair Brophy thanked her for serving since 1996.
 - The office file will be passed on today and includes the final report on the 1994 LC Nationals in Buffalo and copies of “The Gazette” newsletter from 1989 with a back-up disk. G. McVey said that he may have earlier newsletters to add and have posted on the web site.
 - Ann Marie Crye has agreed to be Secretary.
- Records** - Greg Danner has added the Split Notification Form to the Sanctions page of the Niagara web site. Danner recommended that it be available at meets and that copies be included in the equipment/officials box.
- Top10** - Greg Danner has chaired following the resignation of Dana Gianniny.
 - The Pool Length Certification file is being transferred to Danner. Only one Niagara pool certification is on file in the USMS data base.
 - The Top 10 program works well and generates a final report that Danner sends to USMS.

6. Webmaster – Danner posts materials as submitted and solicits input from the Chairman and Board members before posting anything questionable.

- Chair Brophy stated that our web site functions as a newsletter. Danner can send email alerts to members when a new or important item is posted.
- Brophy congratulated Webmaster Danner on our new and improved web site and the Board expressed their appreciation and gratitude for his good work.

7. Chairman

- Frequency of meets – We have averaged one meet per month which seems to work well and our policy is to give the sponsor of a well run meet first choice for that month in the following year. The meeting decided not to vote any restriction but to leave scheduling up to the Chairman’s discretion.
- Chair Brophy presented nominees to fill vacant positions.
 - a) Rauni English as Postal Representative, seconded by L. Rick. Approved.
 - b) Ann Marie Crye as Secretary, seconded by G. McVey. Approved.
 - c) Greg Danner as Top10, seconded by K Koppenhaver. Approved.

OTHER

- 1. Postal Events** - R. English puts relays together after individual results are posted. Because members of a team or work out group may want be together, she will notify swimmers that she plans to place them on a relay. To benefit Niagara swimmers she suggested that the district could rent a LC pool for the long distance postal events.
- 2. Swim Clinic** - G. Danner and L. Rick will work on a clinic possibly at Brockport State College with Jack Stover, head swimming and diving coach.
- 3. Awards** - L. Rick introduced the idea of developing an award or recognition for a Niagara swimmer.

Motion (N. Brophy, second L. Fuller) L. Rick shall head a committee to establish criteria for nomination to a Niagara District Masters Swimming Hall of Fame. **Motion passed.**
- 4. Officials** - McVey reported that we need officials and requested that a “want ad” to recruit new people be posted on the web. Chair Brophy will get more watches for the equipment box (need 18).

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary