

**AGENDA -- NIAGARA DISTRICT
1994 ANNUAL MEETING
ROCHESTER -- DECEMBER 3, 1994**

(I hope - 3 strikes and we're out, not to mention illegal)

- 1) OFFICERS REPORTS -- 1993/1994 SEASON
 - A) District Records Kay Turner
 - B) Fitness Stefie Kysor
 - C) Newsletter
 - D) Open Water Lisa Roberts
 - E) Registrar George McVey
 - F) Sanctions/Safety Denise LeVan
 - G) Top 10 Jim Matysek
 - H) Treasurer Kay Turner

- 2) NEWSLETTER EDITOR APPOINTMENT
 - A) Deadlines for meet entry forms
 - B) Deadlines for article submission
 - C) Themes/guidelines -- what should be included in each issue

- 2) CALENDAR -- 1994/1995
 - A) Meet dates/venues
 - B) Districts -- SCM??? Nazareth???
 - C) Clinics -- Guidelines from National Committee
 - D) 1995 USMS 2000 Fitness Swim Hosted by Niagara District

- 3) MEET HOST'S RESPONSIBILITIES -- USMS RULES
 - A) Guidelines for distribution with Sanctions/Recognitions
 - 1) Insurance
 - 2) Officials Role at Meets
 - 3) Records/official results
 - 4) Registration -- verifying current USMS membership

- 4) LONG COURSE NATIONALS FINAL REPORT

- 5) OTHER BUSINESS
 - A) U. of R. request for sanction - December 4, 1994
 - B) Skehan Award nominations
 - C) Annual Meetings --Empire State Games
 - D) _____
 - E) _____

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Niagara District 1994 Annual Meeting
Rochester, December 3.

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A. District Records. Kay has received results from RIT meet in October, with one record. No other results.

MCC Pentathlon. There was an issue of the one swimmer who was DQ'ed and was given the opportunity to re-swim. Kay checked into this with Wayde Mulhern (meet director)--he said it was OK to allow a re-swim for a swimmer who was DQ'ed. Also she can submit others who DQ'ed with a "No Time". So Kay will submit these as well as the re-swum event. The meet director will figure out what to do with DQ'ed times. Next year we need to promote the pentathlon better and to let pentathlon swimmers who DQ know they can reswim.

B. Fitness. We will ask Kate Spencer to take over Fitness position on the BOD. Kay has some ideas about how to do a promotion event geared toward fitness. MCC could run a clinic for Y people who have never swum in a meet before, to help them get ready for their National meet in Buffalo next spring. The clinic would need to be recognized, but not necessarily sanctioned, by the district. The 4th or 5th of February would be the date to do it. Betty and Kay will talk to Kate about the job.

(Note: we need to promote Y Nationals to the team and the district through both newsletters since that is the closest big meet this year. People need to be members of the Y for three months before competing--so by January).

C. Newsletter

We have a new newsletter editor, Jody Hirsh. She did a wonderful job with the first one.

D. Open Water

Lisa Roberts is now filling this position. She is very enthusiastic about this and is in contact with national people who know about open water swims. Kate/fitness can help promote open water swims. We need to do more promotions for these.

E. Registrar

We have 498 registered for '94. Instead of sending out an invoice to all people to re-register, we will put the registration form in newsletter, and then just send out notices to people who haven't reregistered. Our goal was 500 this year. We should budget 460 swimmers for '95. The reminders will cost us about 75-80 cents each. George needs new FAX software.

F. Sanctions/Safety

There is a question of whether we need to raise the \$100 deposit for per-swimmer charges for meets. This per-swimmer charge is really what brought money into the district last year. Syracuse hasn't paid their deposit yet--Denise will call Amy to see where it is.

G. Top Ten

No Report. Jim is doing a wonderful job. Sandy Nielson-Bell (38 yr old female) who swam in the USS open meet is interested in getting a record recognized. Betty is working on this.

H. Treasurer's Report

Kay has a handout with a full report. Currently the district has roughly \$4500 (after \$ for 2000 and Nationals comes in and minus a few expenses.) Again, the per swimmer meet charge helps a lot.

2. Newsletter Deadlines

Next one out will be in January. Needed: the Syracuse meet sheet; info on Y meet ; info on the clinic. Also in the next issue, we need info on districts, the 2000. We need meet sheets on the Ithaca meet; districts; february fitness; and RPI states meet. It needs to get out a little earlier (by 15th). So the deadline needs to be around the first of the month to get it out by mid-month.

Jodie wants to get a skeleton of each newsletter started early to keep it from being a time crunch near the deadline. Next newsletter has a fitness theme. We need write-ups from other teams in the district. Jodie doesn't know the people, but with a list, she would call some up. Rick Maribel would be a good person to profile for a fitness newsletter. Betty will get a list of key people to Jodie.

We discussed including in the newsletter a "sanctions report" on meets to relate how well each meet was run. Also some summary results--number of swimmers, etc. This can help people stay informed on how well meets are going

3. Meet dates and venues

A. Districts. MCC or short course meters? Nazareth a possibility, but no warm-up pool. One possibility is approaching Syracuse, but there have been past problems with communication. Also it is expensive to run something on Sunday there. Lorie will call to find out about more information and what the fee is at Syracuse. Lorie is not excited about running it at MCC, and would rather see a championship meet in a better pool than MCCs. Jim will run the entry computer, no matter where it is. If we have it at Syracuse, we could get 150 people. We will aim for having our fees cost a bit less than States. A decision will need to be made by Christmas.

B. 2000. We need to start promoting it soon. Kate might head a committee to promote this at Y's and high school pools. Louise could also work on high schools. We need a committee to distribute entry forms. The event will take place in July and August of '95. The meet sheet will be in Swim magazine.

4. Meet Hosts Responsibilities.

Mike Considine (U of R) requested a meet two weeks before the date of the meet. This is a very short time to promote a meet through newsletters. He wasn't registered with USMS, and had no insurance. District officers turned down his proposal. He has now registered for insurance purposes. He will ask for another meet in the spring which we will consider. He needs to make sure EVERYBODY registers with USMS. We should communicate to him that we hope he puts together a successful team, and runs a successful meet in the future, and if he wants to run for the board later on he is open to do so.

There were logistical problems with the Binghamton meet. They had to run it off the bulkhead which doesn't have enough room for backup timers and button people to stand. For any local meets run in the district, we need to know the accuracy of the times. We need to get in writing how the meet is run. Betty will put together a job description for running a meet. Even though it is all spelled out in the rule book which every meet director gets, we need some clearer guidelines.

5. Skehan award. Kay nominates George Bauman. He is always there to help out, e.g. his long hours of volunteering at Nationals. Unanimous agreement..

6. The annual meeting should be held before November; it should really be held at ESGs. The meeting must be announced, and the meeting can't be arbitrarily canceled by MCC like last year. This will not happen again. We need to do it correctly and we need to include food to make sure it really happens after the meet.

7. Point of info under new business. Star Masters Club is getting started in Buffalo at ECC. They won't be Niagara Club but they will be Niagara District.