

NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING
1997 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - DEC. 6, 1997
Fairport H.S.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45PM by Chrm. McVey following the Pentathlon meet hosted by RAMS.

Present: George McVey (chrm.), John Pilger (reg.), Lynn Fuller (treas.), Amy Johnson (secy.), Lorie Gibson-Rick (fitness), Kay Turner (records), Denise LeVan (sanctions), Jim Matysek (webmaster), Cheryl Mills.

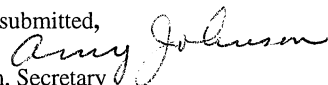
1. **Elections** - Two year terms beginning 1/1/98. Chairman - George McVey
Registrar - John Pilger
Treasurer - Lynn Fuller
Secretary - Amy Johnson
 - a) The nominations cmte. found no candidate for the chairmanship. George McVey agreed to continue for at least one more year while the board makes a serious effort to find a "co-chair" to work with him, become familiar with the job and take over the chairmanship by the second year.
 - b) Cheryl Mills withdrew her nomination for secretary in order to accept the Sanctions chair.
2. **Secretary and Nominations** - Written reports submitted.
3. **Treasurer** - Written report for 1/1/97 to 12/6/97. Niagara has about \$8,000 in its treasury with \$1,200 in outstanding bills.
4. **Registrar** - 426 member for 1997. As of 12/6/97, Niagara has 146 registered for 1998 of which 41 are renewals and 105 are new. These 105 may reflect response to a special November mailing to members who failed to renew in 1997.
5. **Sanctions** - Denise LeVan resigned the office. The meeting appointed Cheryl Mills as new Sanctions Chairman.
6. **Records** - Written report submitted. Kay Turner will continue as chair for one more year before transferring the position to Bill Walter. Kay wants to complete SCM records and work with Jim Matysek to upgrade the computer software to allow monthly updates of all district records on our web page.
7. **Webmaster** - Written report submitted. Our Internet service provider has been changed to Mindspring and costs about \$84 per year. Jim has set up e-mail aliases for Niagara officers using the name of the office rather than personal addresses.
 - a) Meet results on Niagara Website - Meet host, please send results to Jim Matysek in file format (e-mail or floppy) for posting on the web site.
 - b) Empire Games Records will be taken over by Adirondack Masters once the design of the database is completed.
 - c) Niagara SCY records are on the website, LCM records to follow. Jim is working to complete a database design which eliminates manual scanning and entry of results and will allow the Records chair to directly generate the web version.
8. **Fitness** - Lorie Gibson-Rick
 - a) October Freestyle Swim Clinic with Scott Rabalais - Turnout was less than expected; each swimmer was videotaped from two angles and had his stroke analyzed; the coaches' clinic was excellent.
 - b) Written guidelines and format for a USMS meet are needed and should be included in the sanction application.

New Business

1. **Empire Games**
 - a) George and Lorie will meet with ESG officials on 12/9. The 1996 Buffalo games had problems with media coverage of swimming and confusion over masters swim registration being separate from other master sports. No report yet on the 1997 games.
 - b) 1998 Games will be in Rochester. Pools being considered are Brockport, U of R, and Genesee Valley. The meeting preferred a LCM pool. The Masters swim cmte. will coordinate with the ESG officials to reduce expenses and ease the committee's work.
2. **Adirondack & Niagara Merger** - The idea was discussed. Further study is needed. No action taken.
3. **One Hour Postal Swim** - RAMS will hold the 1 hour postal on 1/25/98 at 8:30AM at the RIT pool. If swimming elsewhere, please forward results to Lorie for Niagara relays submission.
4. **Geo Swim Challenge** - A mailing recently received by members. USMS chose not to sponsor this event because of insufficient information.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Amy Johnson, Secretary