

NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING
MEETING JAN. 26, 2002 at Syracuse Univ., Syracuse, NY

Call to order at 2:25PM by Chrm. Kornblatt.

Present: Dan Kornblatt(chrm), Lynn Fuller(treas), Amy Johnson(secy), John Pilger(reg), Dana Woody(news ed), Bill Walter(records), George McVey(officials), Chris Beardsley(webmaster), Joe Long, Reggie Purvis.

FINANCES.

- 1) Financial Report 1/1/01-12/31/01. Lynn Fuller reported that we are better off than last year with income exceeding expenses by about \$4,000 (the net income of \$6,500+ on the report is due to other years' carry over). The Board approved the report and Kornblatt will forward it and the meeting minutes to USMS.
- 2) E-mail newsletter. 170 members have chosen to receive the newsletter by e-mail and have paid a reduced dues of \$25.00. It will take a year to determine the effect of this option on our treasury.
- 3) John Pilger has secured a low printing cost for the newsletter. Cost is \$.70 an issue per member including postage.
- 4) Convention expenses were reduced because Kornblatt and Pilger drove to ^{Tennessee} Michigan. A \$100 registration fee, unused due to the meeting's date change to November, could not be refunded.

MEMBERSHIP.

As of today we have 315 members, the same level as Jan. 2001. 80% of members have included their e-mail address on the registration form. This provides an alternate and fast method of notifying a large number of members in an emergency. The suggestion was made that we consider requesting e-mail addresses on meet entry forms.

WATER POWER GAZETTE.

The meeting discussed the number and timing of issues. A Sept. 1st deadline is difficult as colleges and universities can't confirm a date until semester schedules are set. The December issue with the registration form is necessary and we will try to mail it earlier. The summer issue covers Open Water events and the Empire Games. The meeting voted not to publish a March 2002 Gazette. The Binghamton 3/16 meet sheet was distributed at today's meet and will be posted on our web site. Information for the NYS meet sponsored by Adirondack and the Zones meet will be e-mailed to members and posted on the web when available.

EMPIRE GAMES.

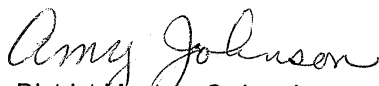
Pickett Simpson (Adirondack) is the Empire Games Masters Swim liaison with NYS. Bill Walter is meet director for 2002. The swim meet is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 3&4 at Burnet Pool, Syracuse, pending approval by the Syracuse Recreation Dept. Former liaison George McVey recommended that Simpson bill the state office for our sanction fee. McVey will ship the Empire Games Masters Swim file to Simpson with record of receipt requested. An Event Program will be printed for participants with the cost covered by voluntary donations at check-in with the difference paid by NDMS.

ELECTIONS.

Elections require a notice to the membership 30 days prior to the election date. We will plan elections for January 2003. The officers agreed to continue in office.

ADJOURNMENT at 3:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Johnson, Secretary Niagara District Masters Swimming

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Secretary's Report.

1. Minutes of the January 2001 annual meeting were prepared and sent to Chairman Kornblatt and to John Pilger for publication in the *Gazette*.
2. Copies of the *Gazette* have been distributed to four or five pools in the Buffalo area.
3. Requests for masters swim information were answered with copies of the newsletter, registration forms and meet sheets.

Concerns - Our last election of officers was August 1999 with those elected assuming office in January 2000 for a term, ordinarily, of two years. I think we should try to have elections every two years in order to regularize the term of office, and candidates for office will know what length of time they are committing to service.

Amy Johnson

Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary NDMS