

NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING ---- ANNUAL MEETING --- FEB. 18, 2007
Canandaigua, NY

CALL TO ORDER at 2:30PM by Chairman Koppenhaver.

In attendance were: Ken Koppenhaver, Lynn Fuller, Amy Johnson, Mike Burgess, Mark Mallis, Dan Kornblatt, Jim Matyzek.

OLD BUSINESS

The new Canandaigua Academy Score Board for which the District donated money is installed and working.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Registrar

John Pilger absent, but Chair Koppenhaver reported that we have a total of 321 members as of 2/17/07 which is ahead of last year and will increase during year.

2. Treasurer, Lynn Fuller - Financial Report 1/1/2006 to 12/31/2006. We are in good shape with a fund balance of \$19,163.07.

Discussion of uses for excess funds:

- a. Swim Clinic - NDMS will continue to investigate sponsoring a swim clinic in a central location.
- b. A new version of Hy-Tek Meet Manager has been purchased and copies are available from John Pilger.
- c. Subsidize a Masters LCM meet - Nickel City Splash (Coach Brandi Boyle) is interested in holding a LCM meet at UB. The meeting suggested a June date and voted to allow up to \$1000 to cover costs such as pool rental or paying a local swim team to supply timers. The Webster, NY, pool can be set to 50 meters but then loses its warm up area.
- d. Subsidize a dual sanctioned meet with an age group club. Mike Burgess will investigate this for a possible October meet.
- e. Pay USMS registration fees for college students in order to introduce them to Masters Swimming and hopefully retain them.
- f. Establish a District Scholarship Program for student athletes in aquatic sports. The Chair will make an e-mail announcement. We will start on the District level with the possibility of local masters clubs offering the award in the future.
- g. The use of excess funds to promote Masters Swimming and Competition is preferred.

3. Secretary and Sanctions

- a. Meet results should be sent to the District Chair, Records Chair, and Top Ten Chair in Meet Manager backup.zip format. The Niagara Webmaster wants meet results in .pdf format.
- b. Pool Length Certification Records are kept by the Top Ten chair.
- c. The Meet Observer is named by the District, the report is received by the Chairman and copied to the meet director before refund of sanction fees.

4. Records

Mike Burgess, Webmaster, reported that SC and LC records have been rebuilt on our web site. He and Records Chair Mark Mallis will work on compatible file formats so that the records will be updated regularly.

5. Top Ten

Danna Woody absent - The file format of the Top Ten is a problem for posting on the web. Dana and Mike will work to resolve it.

6. NDMS Web Site

- a. The Niagara web site is dated and needs to be "jazzed up" and made easier to use. Mike will study other club's sites and determine what software he will need to redesign and improve our site.
- b. Mike requested that meet sheets be in .pdf format and be sent early for posting on the web. People have had difficulty downloading word documents.

7. Newsletter

Editor John Pilger is resigning. Chair Koppenhaver will email all members and post a web notice seeking a volunteer to fill this post. We want 3 to 4 issues a year and we hope to build a more attractive and interesting publication.

8. Other concerns

- a. LCM Nationals are Aug. 10-13. The District will provide team caps for our district swimmers.
- b. USMS Convention, Sept. 23-30, Anaheim, CA. Niagara sends two delegates. Koppenhaver asked members to consider attending.
- c. LCM Meet - Tentative in June at UB, hosted by Nickel City Splash.
- d. A new Fayetteville "Y" has opened with a large membership and is an opportunity for a new Masters club and new Niagara members.
- e. USMS license plate holders. Dan Kornblatt will arrange to purchase holders for distribution to members in 2008.
- f. Syracuse swim meet Jan. 20 - There were computer problems, some safety violations and the District failed to assign an observer. Syracuse will not be penalized and will have its fees refunded.

Adjournment at 3:15PM

Amy Johnson
Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary