

NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING ---- ANNUAL MEETING
February 17, 2008 - Canandaigua, NY

Call to Order at 2:10PM by Chairman Koppenhaver.

Present: Ken Koppenhaver, Lynn Fuller, Amy Johnson, Mark Mallis, Lorie Rick, Randy Mayall, John Sherry.

OLD BUSINESS – None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Registrar** - John Pilger absent. Chair Koppenhaver reported that we have 344 members as of 2/12/08 and we expect additions during the year with a surge during the summer.
 - a. The trial of emailing registration renewal forms in a team packet did not work. It was too difficult to distribute the forms to team members during the Holidays.
 - b. On Line Registration using a credit card is available and will be used in 2009. Registration by paper and check can still be done through John Pilger. Chair Koppenhaver will email a renewal reminder to members with the on line site included for the 2009 year.
 - c. Non-renewals from 2007 to 2008 can be followed up by comparing to last year's membership list and a reminder sent to them.

2. **Treasurer** - Lynn Fuller presented the 2007 Financial Report. The 12/31/07 ending balance was \$20,423.72. Current fund balance is \$25,000. He recommended spending down this balance.
Fund uses:
 - a. The 2009 Open Water 2 mile National Championship will be held in Canandaigua and funds will be used for advertising, awards, T-shirts, etc. Needed equipment will be purchased and used for the 2008 Canandaigua OW Swim in preparation for 2009.
 - b. Subsidies for Teams Hosting Meets - Motion (approved unanimously): The Niagara District will give a one time gift of \$500 to a club which hosts a sanctioned Niagara District masters swim meet from 9/2007 to 9/2008 and properly submits the results and the Observer's Report. The clubs are free to use the money as they wish.
 - c. Funds are available for our Webmaster to purchase software he needs to improve our website.

3. **Secretary** – Amy Johnson was instructed to have the old newsletters on file scanned to a disk to be forwarded to our Webmaster for posting on the web site.

4. **Records** – District records will be posted on our website. Meanwhile, Chair Koppenhaver will send out an updated records list in his next mailing. At today's meet the announcer used the current list to alert swimmers and spectators to new records as they were set during the competition.

5. **Top Ten** – No report.

6. **Niagara Web Site** – Randy Mayall has accepted the position of Webmaster and will redesign and update our web site in accord with USMS guidelines.

7. Other Concerns

- a. Advertising the 2009 OW 2 Mile Championship should begin now. Lynn Fuller has posted an announcement on Canandaigua's web site, www.sawbellies.org. An advertisement should be included in all our newsletters. We want to have a design ready soon for ads and for the t-shirts to be distributed at the Canandaigua 2008 OW Swim. Betty Barry and George McVey may have information regarding the design of the logo used for the 1994 LC Nationals.
- b. Safety is an ongoing concern. The Chairman will have new "No Diving" placards made and suggested that meet announcers be utilized to remind all participants of the "no diving" rule and the hazard of slippery decks and steps.
- c. District caps and t-shirts will be provided for members attending Nationals.
- d. Newsletter – We need a newsletter Editor, so please forward names and suggestions to Chair Koppenhaver.
- e. It was suggested that meet announcements include the zip code of the competition pool to make it easier to get maps and directions off a computer.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45PM

Amy Johnson

Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary