

NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING ---- ANNUAL MEETING

July 11, 2009 – Kershaw Park, Canandaigua, NY

Call to Order at 11:45AM by Chairman Koppenhaver.

Present: Ken Koppenhaver, Amy Johnson, John Pilger, Lorie Rick, Dana Woody.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Some 2008 projects to spend down District funds were not done (new “No Diving” placards; Niagara caps and tees; software for our Web Master).
2. Old issues of the district newsletter, 56 issues from Jan 1989 to Fall/Winter 2007, have been copied to a CD and are now on our web site.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Registrar** - John Pilger presented copies of the membership record. As of today we have 447 members compared to 413 as of July 2008.
 - On Line Registration is working smoothly with 289 on line registrants and 173 by mail.
 - Pilger has had a problem with one section of the USMS program and has filed a complaint with the national membership chair.
 - Registrants who do not check “Niagara” and do not name a swim group are being listed under “Niagara”.
 - Those who check “Coach” will get the national newsletter.
 - For 2009, he mailed membership cards to both on line and mail registrants. For 2010, on line registrants will be expected to printout their own USMS cards. However, Pilger will mail cards if members request them.
2. **Treasurer** - Lynn Fuller (absent) mailed the 2008 Financial Report in March 2009. Current fund balance is over \$20,000 and he recommended spending down this balance
Motion (Koppenhaver, second Rick) Any Niagara District recognized swim group who runs a Masters meet, sanctioned or recognized by Niagara District Masters Swimming from 9/1/2009 to 8/31/2010, will get \$500 upon the timely submission of meet results, pool certification, and observer’s report as specified in the sanction instructions. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Registrar Pilger has outstanding bills to present for payment.
 - Canandaigua’s Open Water expenses are not finalized.
3. **Secretary** - Johnson will insure that the old newsletters are on a back up disk before discarding them.
4. **Sanctions** - The retyped “Instructions for Preparing Meet Results” has not elicited any comments or corrections. In January, sanction materials were sent to Brad Boyle, STAR coach, who was considering sponsoring a masters meet at Erie Community College, Buffalo.
5. **Open Water** – Vern Hecker asked if we had heard comments or complaints, especially regarding safety, on today’s swim. We had heard none.
Matt Engineri received Koppenhaver’s approval and had the June YMCA Oneida Shores OW Swim posted on the national web site.
6. **Records** – Mark Mallis absent, no report.
7. **Top Ten** - Dana Woody has forwarded results to Jim Matyzek who voluntarily enters them on the computer.

8. Niagara Web Site - Randy Mayall has resigned due to time pressures. Koppenhaver has been unable to contact a suggested nominee and will post this position on the web and in his mailings.

9. Newsletter Editor – This important position is still vacant.

10. Officers & Organization– Koppenhaver will continue as Chairman until next spring and is seeking a replacement. Johnson has been secretary since 1996 and hopes a fresh new volunteer will take over.

- **National Proposal for LMSC Standards** of services to members – When this proposal is finalized, Niagara will need to rewrite its Bylaws to conform to USMS especially in areas of financial controls and officer elections.

11. Awards – Rick recommended the District renew bestowing the annual John B. Skehan Award.

- Rick suggested and will pursue nominating George McVey for a national award, possibly the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award.
- Jim Matyzek has moved from the district but continues to assist with the submittal of Top Ten.

Motion (Rick, second Koppenhaver) Niagara District will purchase a \$100 gift card for Jim Matyzek in acknowledgment of his continued support of the District. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15PM

Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary