

Niagara District Fall Planning Meeting
10/01/88

Attending: B Gianinny, L Gibson-Rick, J Cranch, T Anderson, N Olzman, G Donner, G McVey, J Goodenough, H Forest, P Liegey, L Donner, G Forest.

Meeting was brought to order at 3:15pm by Jim Goodenough.

OLD BUSINESS

Registrar:

528 Registered Swimmers; 3 clubs - Niagara, Zwicker, SUNY Binghamton
1988-89 registration fees will be \$20.00 for individuals.
1988-89 club registration fees will be \$45.00.

George has just received a copy of the National Registration program which runs on an IBM personal computer and is working on installing it to handle 1988-89 registrations. The new program will allow George to enter the information, print the USMS cards, print mailing labels and to sort by zip codes.

Treasurer:

In absence of treasurer, the 7/31/88 report was entered as the report for this meeting. See attached.

Top 10:

Bruce reported that he had completed and filed the Top 10's for each of the three courses including all of the information necessary for the Long Course Nationals.

Discussion followed about the possibility of compiling a strict Niagara District Top Times listing eliminating all foreign (non Niagara) from our records as well as allowing times from National and other out of District meets. Lorie Gibson-Rick will assume responsibility for this project. Bruce also announced that due to family concerns and the incredible amount of time spent compiling our records, he would be stepping down as Top 10 chair. Norb Olzman has expressed an interest in taking over for Bruce. Bruce will work with Norb and help him get everything transferred over. Bruce also said that he would be available to help Norb whenever.

Short Course Sanctions:

In the absence of the chairman no report was given. Jim will work with Tom on information flow and establishing procedures. (SEE SANCTIONS PROCEDURES BELOW)

Long Course/ Open Water Sanctions:

Herm reported that the district sanctioned one long course meet and that all other events were district sponsored.

3 Mile Open Water National Championship Report:

George reported that he needed to complete and file with the National Committee his final report.

49 entered 3 mile - 42 swam - 35 completed

costs: shirts 144 @ 6.00

caps 144 @ 2.75

medals 1.75

print/mail

Coast Guard 50.00

It appears that we did not break even. (expenses greater than cost)
George made a motion that we bid on the 1991 1.5 - 3 National Open Water

Championships. It was accepted and approved.

National Long Course Championship Report:

Gene reported that 1071 swimmers entered. He has filed his report. Results, medals and awards have been distributed. Niagara District Women came in third place overall amongst large teams. Gene projected that after all bills have been paid that he expected to have approximately \$3000 to \$4000 profit. This figure does not include roughly \$4000 in remaining merchandise.

National Long Course Merchandise:

Discussion centered on how best to sell remaining nationals merchandise. It was decided that we would sell the stuff to people running swim meets for 80% of our cost. It would be sold on a non recourse basis. Gene is preparing cost and inventory sheets to distribute to meet and club personnel.

Equipment:

We purchased and now own a great deal of equipment which is available to clubs running swim meets.

Strobe
20 Watches
12 Lap Counters
6 Head set (walkie talkies)
safety/ meet management signs.

Contact Gene or George to borrow this equipment.

Nationals Profit Usage:

Discussion on what to do with monies from National Long Championships. It was decided that we would evaluate and eventually purchase meet management software to make available to the people in our district running meets. This would solve the problem of incorrect format of results. (or no results) Ideally we might then decide to purchase a computer and make that available as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Meet Calendar:

November 6, 1988	SUNY Binghamton
December 10, 1988	Irondequoit
January 14, 1989	Syracuse
???	1 Hour Postal - MCC Rochester
February 4, 1989	Fairport
February 25,26 1989	District Championships - Monroe Community College
March 17,18,19 1989	NYS Short Course Champ - RPI Albany
April 15,16 1989	Buffalo International Invitational
May 4,5,6,7 1989	Short Course Nationals - Boca Raton Florida
???	Short Course Meter - University of Rochester
June ???	Flower City Long Course Meet - Rochester
July 15, 1989	Nottingham (Syracuse) Long Course
August 4,5,6 1989	Empire State Games - Cortland?

Newsletter Schedule:

The newsletter will continue to include meet announcements limited to 2 pages. Use your best judgement

The newsletter will continue to be mailed first class postage.

Betty Barry will publish a schedule and deadlines for each issue of the newsletter. Please let me know what your schedule will be

Jim will remind Tom Gallagher that Betty needs to receive a copy of the meet announcement as soon as the meet has been sanctioned for purposes of including it in the newsletter.

Sanction Process:

There is a major problem with the way we are allowing meets to be run. The meet committees are not following USMS rules and regulations. Results are not being produced in the approved format making it impossible to submit for National Top 10 recognition. In our complicity we are allowing a laxness that can not be tolerated. Therefore it was discussed and decided that the following procedure will take place.

1. A meet observer will oversee all meets. The meet observer will be USS Official certified. He will provide the host with a set of rules and procedure that they will be evaluated on in advance of the meet. He will also provide a final report to the host as well as the Niagara District Board.
2. Niagara District shall collect \$100 deposit due on entry deadline date from each meet host.
3. If the meet is run under proper methods, the host will receive \$50 back.
4. If correct results are produced within 30 days, the host will receive there remaining \$50 back.
5. A \$15 Sanction fee will be charged and not refunded for each meet.
6. If final results are inappropriate, the \$50 will be paid to someone to prepare correct results.

Convention Preview:

Gene, George, Jim and Bill Walter will be attending the USMS convention in St. Louis October 19 - 23. George and Bill will be Niagara District's delegates to the convention. Gene will be an at large delegate.

Some of the issue that will be voted on at the convention are:

USMS rule book - we are in favor of.

Mailing list and mailing label policy - in favor of current policy.

19-24 age group at Nationals - oppose.

All relays aggregate age - in favor of.

Minimum of 3 officials, with at least one certified - in favor of.

Submit USMS cards at National meets - in favor of.

Registrar Issues:

Currently George is submitting his expenses to the treasurer. He feels that we should either prepare a budget for his expenses or he should get paid a set amount for each swimmer registered the same as the National Registrar and other registrars do.

George will formulate his proposal and present it at a future meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.