

NIAGARA DISTRICT MEETING -- AUGUST 4, 1989 -- CORTLAND

PRESENT: Betty Barry, George Bauman, Kathy Brown, Larry Chase, John Cranch, Ed Crossmore, Irene D'Agostino, Fred Dittman, Gene Donner, Betty Dunn, Deena Gandhi, Jim Goodenough, Jim Gossett, Louise Hardcastle, Grace Houghton, Stephanena Kysor, Mary Beth Lopat, Sue Marvel, Cheryl Mills, Louise Murray, Deb Peters, Carol Reis, Angie and John Sinacore, Kay Turner, Bill Walter, Dave Wells, and several others who did not sign the attendance sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 P.M. and a letter read by President Jim Goodenough from Registrar George McVey which outlined the meeting agenda.

- (1) The Election of Officers and selection of appointed positions was held over until later in the meeting.
- (2) Officers Reports included the following:
 - (A) Registrar -- (George McVey's report was read for him in his absence.) The calendar should be set at the meeting and preference given to those who held meets during the past year. He suggested that we attempt to have more diversity in meet setup -- districts are up for bid and the State meet will be held at R.P.I. again.
 - (B) Chairman -- The year is finishing with only three officers, Chairman Jim Goodenough, Registrar George McVey and Treasurer Kay Turner. Secretary Pat Liegey and Short Course Sanctions Tom Gallagher have resigned. Appointed positions include Top 10 Bruce Gianniny, Newsletter Betty Barry, Long Course Sanctions Herman Forest. Jim expressed his thanks to all those who had worked with him during his tenure as Chairman.
 - (C) Membership -- Kay Turner read a report from George McVey regarding membership. There were five hundred fifteen (515) registered swimmers this year, down by twelve (12) from the 1988/89 season. This included three hundred twenty-seven men and one hundred eighty-eight (188) women. This makes us eligible for two votes at the National Convention. A new computer program handles membership and prints the cards. To be registered by club (rather than "Niagara District") the club must first be registered (requires a nominal fee).
 - (D) Sanctions -- George's report also covered the topic of sanctions and the problems involved. A discussion of the problems as he described them followed. The sanctions procedure should have been in operation this past year and we have some serious problems with unsanctioned meets, meets not being run according to correct procedures, and meet results not being submitted or being prepared incorrectly. Unacceptable results means that times achieved at those meets are not eligible for Top 10 consideration, National times, etc. (Gene Donner asked to go on record as having had no problems obtaining his sanction or the refund when proper results were submitted.)

- (E) Treasurer -- Kay Turner handed out a Financial Report. Equipment costs were up because we purchased a computer and a gun. National dues for 1989/90 membership will be increasing by \$3.00 per swimmer because of the desire on the national level to have sufficient cash on hand to cover an anticipated rise in insurance costs.

A discussion of the National Convention at this point included a determination that George McVey and Gene Donner would represent the District at the Oregon meeting September 17-24, along with one other delegate (to be determined after the 1989/90 officers are elected and most likely to be the new Chairman). \$630 per delegate was the amount approved for the expenditure of delegate expenses by majority vote.

- (F) Newsletter - Betty Barry submitted a report on the Newsletter for the 1988/89 year which included a summary of job responsibilities. The Binghamton club was exploring the possibility of taking over the Newsletter, but the first issue of the year would be prepared by Betty and the November issue would come after the appointment of a Newsletter Chairperson at the October planning session.

- (3) 1989 Long Course Nationals Report -- Gene Donner had no report.

- (4) 1989/90 Membership Dues -- A lengthy discussion on how best to handle the anticipated \$3.00 per swimmer increase produced three possible solutions which were voted on by those present:

- (A) Apply a swimmer surcharge at meets.
- (B) Charge each swimmer \$3 more for registration.
- (C) Absorb the cost this year.

The majority of those in attendance voted by a show of hands that they preferred to increase the individual swimmer's membership dues by \$3.00.

- (5) 1989/90 Calendar -- The topic was held over until after the election of officers.

(At this time it was decided to return to the subject of the Election of Officers for the coming year.)

- (1) Election of Officers -- Discussion was held on the terms of office (beginning October 1 of each year) and which positions were elected (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar) and which were appointed (Top 10, Newsletter, Sanctions - Long and Short Course), who was willing to continue in the positions currently held (Kay Turner, Herman Forest, George McVey), or to serve in another capacity (Betty Barry and Kay Turner) and what positions needed to be filled immediately because of resignations (Secretary and Short Course Sanctions).

After considerable discussion, the following individuals were elected by those present, appointed by the chair, or were designated to remain in their current positions:

Bill Walter	Chairman (newly elected)
George McVey	Registrar (remains the same)
Kay Turner	Treasurer (remains the same)
Betty Barry	Secretary (newly elected)
Herman Forest	Long Course Sanctions (remains the same)
Bruce Gianniny	Top 10 (remains the same)
Jim Goodenough	Short Course Sanctions* (newly appointed)
Fred Dittman	Officials** (newly appointed)
Betty Barry	Newsletter (responsible for the first edition)

* Short Course Sanctions - an appointed position, currently vacant, which involves the sanctioning of meets after proper submission of a meet sheet, and approval for return of deposit after properly prepared meet results are submitted. It was decided that no sanction should be issued to an individual or club if they have run an unsanctioned meet the prior year or have failed to submit appropriately prepared results. At the time a sanction is granted the club should receive a copy of meet operation and results guidelines. Meet sheets for Newsletter distribution would be submitted to the Newsletter Chairman by the Sanctions Officer.

** It was determined that the Niagara District needs someone to coordinate the work of officials. Fred Dittman accepted the position and a discussion of the responsibilities of the job indicated that he would coordinate the Masters officials training, and their presence and conduct at meets. Details will be worked out as the year progresses.

(5) 1989/90 Calendar - Tentative calendar dates as of 8/4/89 are listed below:

1989	October	--	Leatherstocking - Oneonta
		-- 28	Union College
	November	-- 26	West Irondequoit
		--	? Binghamton?
	December	--	No meets scheduled
1990	January	-- 20	Syracuse
		-- ?	?Binghamton?
	February	-- 3	Fairport
		-- 17	MCCM Distance Meet
	March	-- 16-18	States - R.P.I.
		-- ?	?Districts? - ?Fairport?
	April	-- ?	Elma Swim Club Meet
	May	-- ?	U. of R./Carps S. C. Meters
	June	-- ?	?Binghamton?
	July	-- 7 or 8	Flower City Meet - GV Pool
		-- 22	Hamlin Beach Open Water Swim
	August	-- ?	Empire State Games - Syracuse

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An up-to-date calendar will be printed in the September Gazette.
EMPIRE STATE GAMES Dissatisfaction over the handling of the Empire State Games for Masters competing in various sports was voiced, and it was noted for the record that there was a growing movement to pull out of the "Games" run Masters competition independently.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty

Betty J. Barry, Secretary