

NIAGARA DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING -- NOVEMBER 4, 1990 --BINGHAMTON

PRESENT: Betty Barry, Secretary; Grace Houghton, Newsletter Coordinator; George McVey, Registrar; Norbert Olzmann, Binghamton Representative; Bill Walter, Chairman; Charles Carpenter, Dan Kornblatt, Steve Kristek and Nancy Percik.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 P.M.

MINUTES

A resolution was offered and carried that the minutes of the meetings held July 22 at Hamlin Beach and August 4 at the Empire State Games be approved.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Chairman

Bill Walter reported on the Pittsburgh Convention, distributing a copy of the written summary he had prepared. Addressing the needs of the fitness swimmer was a primary issue, the Planner distributed last year will be mailed out again, (the Registrar distributes it to those who register after the cutoff date used at the National level), and he explained the computer software that will be developed within the next year which was approved at the convention. Nineteen year olds will be allowed to compete at the national level and signs to be used during warmup at meets are available - Bill has copies to distribute to any interested group.

A brief discussion of the convention followed. Among the questions raised...whether registrations for more than one District could be loaded onto the software prior to checking entries for registration, (e.g. the Binghamton meet attracted swimmers from the Adirondack and Niagara Districts), and who has the insurance forms required should an incident occur at a meet. It was decided that the insurance forms should be distributed with each sanction packet so that all meet directors have them on hand. It was also noted that coaches must be registered with USMS or USS to be covered by insurance.

Treasurer

George McVey reported for Kay Turner, who was unable to attend. Income from 11/1/89 to 10/30/90 was \$10,505.98. Expenses totaled \$8,548.43. The balance on hand as of 10/30/90 including carryover from 1988/89 was \$6,198.48. The Hamlin Beach Swim netted \$196.37. Expenses for the National Convention totaled \$1,256.60 and Newsletter expenses for the year totaled \$1,953.87 (down from the prior year).

Registrar

George is currently using his own PC and a printer purchased by the District. His expenses are reimbursed as he submits them throughout the year. Dick Heller, Top Ten Committee Chair, has the District's computer.

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According to a recently conducted survey, nationally Registrars are reimbursed either by a per registered swimmer rate or as expenses are submitted. George recommended that Kay submit a report of his total expenses over the course of the past year so that the cost per swimmer can be determined. Then the District will have that information should the option to reassess the handling of this process be addressed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Officials

Hugh Reinhard was not present but George McVey reported that Hugh had tried to recruit volunteers for officials clinics with very limited success - only one person came forward. The intent of USMS is to have consistency in officiating at all meets, a goal which has not always been met in the past.

Sanctions

Jim Goodenough was not present. The subject was tabled until later in the meeting when sanction rules were scheduled to be discussed under New Business.

Top 10

Unable to attend, Dick Heller had sent word that he was working on the records and that things appeared to be in good shape.

Newsletter

Grace Houghton reported that the November/December issue of the Newsletter was about to go to press. The calendar now lists the Irondequoit meet in November, the U. of R. meet for December, the Syracuse meet in January, the MCC meet in February. She noted that the CARPS were planning to host an Open Water Swim in Canandaigua in June of 1991 and the Buffalo group would like to run a long course meet in early June. Grace stressed the need to meet newsletter deadlines so that each issue can go out as early as possible. Included in the next issue would also be a report on the Pittsburgh Convention.

Long Distance

Herb Furash is moving from the area and this position will be open. Grace was asked to put a request in the next newsletter for someone to volunteer to coordinate this committee. In the meantime long distance events will be listed on the calendar with a contact person's name included.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws

Much time and discussion had gone into revising the bylaws including changes made since its printing in the last newsletter and each change was read and discussed. A motion to accept the

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revised version was passed unanimously by those in attendance. Betty Barry was directed to print the newly revised version and make copies available.

Sanction Rules

A discussion of the Sanction Rules and Regulations and suggested revisions was held. All changes were to be typed up by the Secretary and distributed for further consideration before a vote could be taken.

National 2 Mile Open Water Swim

This event is scheduled for August 11 of 1991 and at present we still need a meet director. The district must fill the Open Water Swim Committee Chair and then that individual can name a meet director. The district has all the equipment needed to run the meet. The swim will be held on a triangular one-mile course.

District Meet

In Jim Goodenough's absence it could not be determined if Fairport had applied for a sanction to run the meet. Several present at the meeting expressed their dismay that a meet as significant as Districts was not being held at the best available facility. It was suggested that Fairport take the February meet date now sanctioned to MCC and that MCC run the District meet in March. Bill Walter offered to contact Jim Goodenough regarding the status of the sanction and then David Wells of the Fairport group to determine if Fairport would be receptive to such an arrangement.

State Meet

The Binghamton group informed the Board of their decision not to co-sponsor the State Meet with Syracuse. Originally they had asked for the sanction before realizing that the meet could not be held in Binghamton. The arrangement was made with Syracuse when pool requirements came to light, but since that time it had become apparent that the lines of communication needed to share the responsibilities for such a large meet could not be worked out.

Bill Walter stated the Syracuse Masters position that they would sponsor the meet alone only if it meant there would otherwise be no meet. Syracuse's also had a concern about losing their January meet should they sponsor States, based on the Sanctions Rules distributed by Jim Goodenough (one meet per club). No one present felt that sponsoring the State meet should have any impact on their annual January meet sanction, and Bill agreed to discuss these developments with the Syracuse board as quickly as possible. It was suggested that his group contact the Syracuse Y team for help.

Empire State Games

No determination has yet been made on whether Masters will swim long course at the Games since the availability of a 50 meter pool

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is still in question. Short course swimming would be out of season for setting records or achieving Top 10 times but short course meters would be within the acceptable time frame.

Convention Expenses

It was determined after a brief discussion that the District would reimburse only the two designated voting delegates for their expenses.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty J. Barry, Secretary