



# Niagara District Masters Swimming

NIAGARA DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 11, 1991

HAMLIN BEACH (Following Lake Ontario Open Water Swim Championship)

PRESENT: Betty Barry, Secretary; George McVey, Registrar; Kay Turner, Treasurer; Gene Donner, Larry Chase, Sue Rague of Metropolitan District Masters.

## MINUTES OF 6/2/91 MEETING

It was noted that two changes had been made to the draft minutes - Dick Heller does have a TOP 10 for the district and Gene Donner's position at the national level was corrected to read Gene Donner, Delegate-at-Large, Legislative Committee, and member of the Championship Committee.

## EMPIRE STATE GAMES 1991

Sue Rague of the Metropolitan District asked for information on the status of the Empire State Games - how they had been run, what the reaction was to the letter from Betsy (copy attached), and what Niagara's position was with regard to future Games. A length discussion followed.

Gene and Kay had participated and Gene stated that the meet was well run and that the organizers could have handled more swimmers within the time frame and at that facility. It was noted that the pool was shallow although it was not determined if it was of legal depth.

Adirondack had refused to sanction the meet for several reasons including their objection to the facility, the time frame for competition and the exclusion of older swimmers by forcing those over 69 to meet the time standards of the 65-69 age group. The Games management had expressed the opinion in a local newspaper that the Games were for the younger, faster swimmers - that the older swimmers simply took too much time to compete, and that with the time constraints they were forced to limit their participation. They were also quoted as saying that the 55 and older swimmer belonged at Senior Games - not Empire State Games.

It was decided that the Chairs from Adirondack, Metropolitan and Niagara Districts would draft a letter to the Games administrators to be finalized at the Louisville convention which will express the New York State Masters position.

In the past we have depended on the Games as a primary meet during the long course season and it was suggested that an alternative would be to hold a Long Course State Championship. Syracuse was mentioned as the possible site since it is centrally located although it was noted that sponsorship of the meet would have to fall to either the District or a combined effort on the part of several teams.

Chairman	Registrar	Treasurer	Secretary	Officials	Sanctions	Top 10	Newsletter
William Walter	George McVey, D.D.S.	Kay Turner	Betty Barry	Hugh Reinhard	Jim Goodenough	Dick Heller	Grace Houghton
6377 E. Seneca Trmpk.	477 Antlers Drive	433 Tara Lane	1403 Victor-Holcomb Rd.	221 Sagamore	402 Brookfield Road	160 Woodward Ave	4700 Marshall Dr. W
Jamesville, NY 13078	Rochester, NY 14618	Webster, NY 14590	Victor, NY 14564	Rochester, NY 14617	Syracuse, NY 13211	Buffalo, NY 14214	Binghamton, NY 13903
(315) 469-1821 (H)	(716) 271-2323 (H)	(716) 671-7717 (H)	(716) 924-5344 (H)	(716) 544-5517	(315) 455-7654 (H)	(716) 837-6409 (H)	(607) 772-0559 (H)
(315) 432-3886 (W)	(716) 232-1323 (W)	(716) 475-2077 (W)	(716) 924-7141 (W)		(315) 449-7284 (W)		(607) 797-4872 (W)

(MINUTES - NIAGARA DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING - AUGUST 11, 1991 continued)

STATE MEET - 1992

The Metropolitan District would like to host the State meet in 1992 at West Point. They are currently working on the arrangements and Sue expected that more information would be available at the Elizabethtown meet the following week where Gene could meet with representatives from Metro. It is their contention that they should get the meet next year and expressed concern over the way Niagara handled it in 1991, noting a lack of communication and problems with location. Their concerns had already been discussed with those in attendance at the Zone meet in Connecticut.

Niagara has made tentative plans to allow Gary Austin to host the State meet at the University of Rochester for a second year, although there were now some reservations about doing that since we will be hosting Zones in Buffalo the following month. Sue felt that it was unlikely swimmers from her area would make two trips upstate within such a short period of time (for States and then Zones). Gary will be contacted and further discussion will be held before a decision is made.

A possible solution would be to hold the District championships March 6-8 instead of the State meet.

LAKE ONTARIO OPEN WATER SWIM

George asked for opinions on the location of the Open Water Swim Championships noting we have on several occasions been forced to deal with adverse weather and water conditions. It was the consensus of opinion of those present who swim Open Water that the meet should remain at Hamlin Beach and continue as it has in the past. He also asked for comments and/or suggestions for improving the meet format and procedures.

1991-1992 DISTRICT OFFICERS

On motion of Treasurer Kay Turner, seconded by Registrar George McVey, the following slate of officers was offered for the 1991-1992 year and approved:

Chairman	Gene Donner	Buffalo	New
Registrar	George McVey	Rochester	Remains Same
Treasurer	Kay Turner	Rochester	Remains Same
Secretary	Betty Barry (temporarily - until position is filled)		
Top 10 Chair	Dick Heller	Buffalo	Remains Same
Sanctions Chair	Betty Barry	Rochester	New
Newsletter	Gary Austin	Rochester	New
Officials	Hugh Reinhard	Rochester	Remains Same

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty J. Barry, Secretary

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NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING

8-11-91

Treasurer's Report

INCOME 11/1 to date \$12,241.00

EXPENSES 11/1 to date \$11,682.35

INCOME-EXPENSES \$558.65

BALANCE FORWARD \$4,240.93


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BALANCE 8-11-91 \$4,799.58

Summary of Expenses:

USMS Inc	\$5,862.28
Newsletters	\$1,659.81 (5 issues)
Convention 1990	\$1,129.60
stage, phone, Skehan award	\$765.11
stationery, etc	\$389.85
Meeting	\$50.00
Rule books, official cert	\$120.00
Meet refunds	\$800.00
OW t-shirts	\$504.00
OW USMS	\$177.00
Convention 1991	\$225.00
TOTAL	\$11,682.65

Summary of Income:

Swimmer registrations	\$11,001.00
OW registrations	\$1,240.00
TOTAL	\$12,241.00

  
Kay Turner  
Treasurer For Life (or so it seems)