



**Niagara District
Masters
Swimming**

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**NIAGARA DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 1991
UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO AT AMHERST**

PRESENT: Betty Barry, Secretary/Sanctions; Gene Donner, Chairman; Dick Heller, Top 10; Hugh Reinhard, Officials; Kay Turner, Treasurer; Bill Walter, Past Chairman; Scott Ingerick and Lynn Fuller, Canandaigua Masters; Stephanena Kysor; and Emily Ward and Kathleen Bloom of U.B.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES OF 8/11/91 MEETING

The minutes of the annual meeting held August 11 after the Hamlin Beach Open Water Swim were discussed and approved as submitted by the secretary. Betty will send them to the national office as required.

REPORT - HAMLIN BEACH OPEN WATER MEET

Due to George McVey's absence, this was tabled until the next meeting.

EMPIRE STATE GAMES UPDATE

Those present were brought up-to-date on the ongoing correspondence and phone conversations between the three New York districts and the Games management. We have been asked to submit a list of requirements for a facility since they are in the process of determining a site for next year. Mr. Prenderville also suggested that we have as our liaison a Harold Barr of the New York City area - apparently an older swimmer not deeply involved in Masters competition. Gene has proposed that three names be submitted from each district with someone from that list in the district hosting the Games chosen by them to act as liaison.

It was also suggested in a conversation between Betsy Owens and John Prenderville of Games that they (NYS) provide the venue and we (Masters) run the meet. The topic of allowing the older swimmers to compete is a stumbling block in future Games competitions run by New York State since it is their opinion that those fifty-five and over should be competing in the Senior Games - not Empire State Games.

Betty asked for suggestions on what we "need" to make it a quality championship meet, aside from the obvious USMS facility requirements, so that a list can be compiled and sent to Betsy as soon as possible. It was noted that participants have always expressed a desire to be a part of the Games overall - same time/city/sweats, etc.

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1991/1992 CALENDAR

The changes to the calendar (see below*) were discussed and it was pointed out that there were several discrepancies in the calendar printed in the newsletter.

NIAGARA DISTRICT CALENDAR -- 1991-1992

10/27/91	Buffalo	SCY
11/03/91	Binghamton	SCY
11/24/91*	MCC	Pentathlon
12/15/91	U. of R.	SCM
01/18/92	Syracuse	SCY
02/8-9/92	MCC	2-Day Sprint/Distance Format
2/23 or 24/92	Canandaigua	SCY
03/6-8/92	U. of R.	STATE Championships
04/10-12/92	U.B.	COLONIES ZONE Championships
05/03/92	U. of R.	Pentathlon (?)
05/21-24/92	Chapel Hill	SC NATIONALS - South Carolina
06/27-7/05/92	Indiana	WORLD Championships
08/09/92	Hamlin Beach	OPEN WATER
08/20-23/92	Federal Way	LC NATIONALS - State of Washington

West Irondequoit was contacted and they are not running a meet this fall. MCC asked for a sanction for the Sunday before Thanksgiving to run a pentathlon meet in conjunction with the Postal Pentathlon and it had been granted.

The Syracuse meet is set for January 18 and sanctioned. Bill Walter will add to the meet sheet that USMS registration will be available at the meet.

The University of Rochester had sent a meet sheet which Betty returned with instructions on what is required for a sanction. It is expected that it will be sanctioned and included in the November newsletter. (NOTE: 10/28/91 A.M. Marrie called Betty and made the final arrangements to get this meet sanctioned and the announcement into the next newsletter.)

Scott Ingerick of the Masters group swimming in Canandaigua had contacted Betty on Friday about hosting a meet after the first of the year. He and Lynn Fuller were present and requested a sanction. It was determined that the weekend of February 22/23 was the only open weekend (halfway between the MCC two-day meet and the State meet). No one present had any objection to the scheduling. Scott will contact Betty during the coming week after consulting with their pool director. If the new Canandaigua high school facility is available on either of those days we will include it in the newsletter calendar.

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The calendar issued in the newsletter erroneously stated that the 1992 Open Water competition would be combined with a triathlon. It was decided at the annual meeting that it would continue to be held at Hamlin Beach in the same format as prior years.

COLONIES ZONES SC CHAMPIONSHIP MEET - APRIL 10-12, 1992

A lengthy discussion ensued on the exact details of running the Zone meet. A draft meet sheet was discussed and several suggestions were made for changes. Five to six hundred people are expected and the meet will be run with all sixteen lanes - eight for men, eight for women, simultaneously.

Gene will accept the entries (all entry fees will be payable to the University of Buffalo) and **check for potential problems**, e.g. unregistered swimmers and **work with Emily on determining a vendor for the shirts** for timers, officials and to be sold at a concession stand.

The University will be responsible for the physical operation of the meet and pool facility, arrangements with the hotel, the reception, contacting local businesses/Chamber of Commerce about a "goody packet," medals (first three places), ribbons (fourth through eighth place) t-shirts for sale, t-shirts for officials (Gene has t-shirts for timers), publicity (U.B. Sports Information Director with Hugh Reinhard providing a list of newspapers who should be contacted), medical staff (ice bags, etc.) on site, a hospitality room for workers, the program and will have copies for sale aside from each participant receiving one at check-in (Gene will give them one from a prior Zones meet to work from), heat sheets and results, officials (Hugh estimated twenty-four a day for a total of approximately fifty), and arrangements to have massages available as was done at Nationals several years ago.

The Holiday Inn on Niagara Falls Blvd. will set aside a block of rooms, with an overflow at the next closest Holiday Inn should that be necessary. A **reception** on Saturday evening at the hotel will be arranged (they were hoping it would be at the hotel's expense because of the number of rooms booked) **with snack food and the "party money" will be used to hire a DJ.**

Parking will be more difficult on Friday with school in session but that is the day with the fewest number of swimmers, and it was decided that parking information will be included on the meet sheet and handed out again at check-in. A contract will be worked out between the district and the university which outlines the responsibilities of each.

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OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary Betty Barry introduced Stephanena Kysor of Gowanda who has offered to serve as secretary, leaving Betty in just the position of Sanctions Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Top 10's Dick Heller reported that he has compiled a list of Niagara District Short Course and Long Course Swimming Records - short course to be published in the next newsletter - which includes fastest times swum in the district by any registered swimmer. It is his intention to send out the SC list to each meet director, updating it meet by meet.

A "citizen's" list of records will be compiled for each course (long course first) and will include fastest times swum by Niagara registered swimmers at any location.

Officials committee chairman Hugh Reinhard reported that he had made an effort to inform people of the clinics scheduled but that the information submitted to the newsletter had not been included.

Hugh asked for confirmation of a ruling he recalled was issued at the district level several years ago forbidding an individual from both officiating and swimming in a meet. He suggested that we reconsider that ruling, perhaps not allowing officials to work any events in which they are participating. Hugh believes it makes it more difficult to get officials to work if they are prevented from competing. Betty will check past minutes and any national rulings on this and report back.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter Deadlines and Distribution

A number of concerns about the September newsletter were addressed including the lateness of the September newsletter and the effect on the Binghamton and U.B. meets, the choice of material included and/or excluded from that which was submitted, the fact that a number of articles were rewritten in such a way that the authors felt it impacted the tone and intent of the original submission, and the name change done without prior notification and/or discussion by the district board.

Also of concern, the mailing was done in an envelope with a return address of Gary's private business. In the past the newsletters have been sent with the Niagara District logo and the registrar's return address on the outside so that he is aware of those that were undeliverable (one of the reasons we went to a first class mailing).

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It was the unanimous consensus of those present that we should seek out someone to do the newsletter who has fewer time constraints and could stay within the time schedule originally set up - deadlines the first of every other month beginning in September with issuance as soon thereafter as possible and within two weeks or less. A swimmer/triathlon had offered to do the newsletter, Denise LeVan of Rochester, and it was decided that her offer would be accepted and Betty Barry would walk her through the first issue in November.

The November issue should include the 1992 registration form and accompanying explanation/description of Masters swimming (with a survey looking for volunteers if it could be put together in time) the MCC, Syracuse and University of Rochester meet sheets, the records submitted by Dick Heller with a note that he would accept provable records from swimmers updating his list, a current calendar and list of officers with addresses/phone numbers as well as any other information that might have been submitted to Gary.

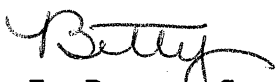
State Meet - March 6-8, 1992

At the Louisville convention the three New York State districts agreed that the University of Rochester would run the State meet in March of 1992 and the rotation will go to New York in 1993 with the meet tentatively planned for the West Point pool.

District Meet

Although it was noted in the newsletter calendar that districts would be in February, it had already been determined that we would not run a "district" meet in 1992. The MCC February meet will run for two days with sprints one day and distance events the other.

Respectfully submitted,


Betty J. Barry, Secretary