



Niagara District Masters Swimming

DATE: April 23, 1993

TO: Niagara District Board Members, Representatives, Contact People

FROM: BETTY BARRY

RE: MINUTES -- NIAGARA DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
 WHEN -- APRIL 18, 1993
 WHERE -- ROCHESTER Following District Championships

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Barry, Sanctions; Gene Donner, Chairman; George McVey, Registrar; Kay Turner, Treasurer and District Records.

OTHERS PRESENT: George Bauman, Lola Donner, Michael Gaudy, Lorie Gibson-Rick, Martin Killory, Janet and Nancy Sherman, Ken and Erica Turner.

ABSENT: Larry Chase, Safety Coordinator; Stefanena Kysor, Secretary; Denise LeVan, Newsletter; Jim Matysek, TOP 10.

OFFICERS' REPORTS
TREASURER

Kay Turner distributed copies of her financial statement. Remaining funds are allocated for the last three newsletters of 1993 -- May, September and November -- estimated at \$1400 total cost, and for the September convention expenses.

We owe Gary Austin approximately \$428 having paid him \$428 to date. He will be paid as the merchandise is sold. The computer and printer used by Dick Heller for TOP 10 are no longer needed and will be sold.

After discussion the following motion was offered by George McVey, seconded by Ken Turner, and adopted:

Beginning in January of 1994 the \$1 surcharge per swimmer assessed to non-Masters groups hosting meets (effective as of January 1993) will be extended to apply to all meets regardless of host.

REGISTRAR

George McVey reported membership at three hundred ninety-eight (398). Approximately two-thirds are male. Membership is expected to increase with GAMES in Rochester this summer. NOTE: Our highest membership (520) was in 1988 when we hosted long course nationals which we will be hosting again in 1994 in Buffalo.

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NEWSLETTER

Denise LeVan was absent but Betty Barry suggested that the Board outline before the first issue in September what we believe should be included/highlighted in each of the five issues for the 1993/94 season. That will give the editor more direction, allow time for collection and preparation of information and give more coherence to the contents.

The next deadline/mailing dates are May 1 and May 15. The most timely meet announcement will be Syracuse on June 5. The mailing date may be changed depending on the entry deadline for the Syracuse meet.

Included will be the GAMES meet sheet, two open water events (Owasco and Canandaigua) and the Syracuse meet sheet as well as the Annual Meeting announcement, information on district records and the change in policy regarding the surcharge for swimmers participating in meets. We need to explain the change in our definition of a "district record" and there should be instructions for submitting times for record consideration. Volunteers for board positions and committees will be requested as well.

OPEN WATER

Canandaigua will host the "approved" Open Water in July formerly held at Lake Ontario. George and Betty have been in contact with April Amodei regarding the Owasco Lake Swim which is also to be "approved" by the district.

SANCTIONS

Betty Barry has sanctioned ten short course meets and two short course meter meets (U. of R. May 2 and GAMES in August). All results are in and acceptable so far with the exception of Canandaigua and Lynn Fuller agreed to resubmit after making the necessary changes.

The question of "safety" has been addressed this year primarily through an adjustment in the sanctions application and Betty suggested that the positions of Safety and Sanctions be combined.

Also, the Observer's Report submitted for each meet should be expanded to cover safety concerns and could include information about availability of insurance forms and knowledge of what to do in case of an accident at the meet.

The sanctions information mailed out should be expanded to "educate" the meet directors in greater detail and might best be addressed by putting together a packet dealing with insurance coverage, safety concerns, USMS guidelines, preparing results, etc.

TOP 10/DISTRICT RECORDS

After being without a TOP 10 chair for a number of months, it was decided that the job would be split into two positions -- district records and Top 10.

Kay Turner has been updating the district records and it was decided that **district records can be held only by Niagara District registered swimmers and times do not have to be achieved within the district, e.g. times from nationals or any meet outside the district would be eligible.** (Conversations at West Point indicated states like Connecticut have records which can only be achieved by Connecticut registered swimmers. More information on how other districts and states handle this should be collected at the convention.)

A one-page list of times only (not names/dates/pools) will be included in the next newsletter (after non-Niagara swimmers records are removed by George) with an explanation of this change in policy, how the currently listed records were compiled and a request that Niagara swimmers submit information on any times they wish to be considered for record consideration.

OFFICIALS

George McVey noted that, while we have a limited number of Masters swimmers certified as officials, we do not have a shortage for Masters meets. The district has good rapport with USS officials who work our meets whenever we cannot provide Masters our own from within.

1993 USMS 2000 FITNESS CHALLENGE

USMS has assigned this year's postal to the national Fitness Committee and they in turn have asked the Niagara District to run it. The swim will be during June and July and Betty Barry is coordinating the details. Everyone's support is needed and appreciated. The first year the meet was run approximately six hundred participated. Last year half that number entered. This year USMS membership is not required and t-shirts will be given out (they weren't last year) along with results.

6000 CHAMPIONSHIP

The national 6000 swim will be run this fall by the MCCM Masters. The meet sheet is being prepared and will be distributed at the convention in September and throughout the U.S. this fall.

1994 LC NATIONALS IN BUFFALO

Gene reports that several committees are already working and more volunteers are needed. He and George are co-meet directors.

ELECTIONS

Current officers have been asked to make their intentions known about serving again since this is an election year and they will be held at our annual meeting in August.

Rochester currently dominates board membership, and while that enhances communication, representation from other areas of the district is necessary and as always will be encouraged.

More important, however, than location is the requirement of board members that they be people who frequently attend meets and are willing and able to make the necessary commitment of time, effort and interest required to perform their duties.

OFFICERS

Chairman: Gene does not plan to serve as Chairman again.
Treasurer: Kay Turner will serve again.
Secretary: Stefanena Kysor ??? (not present).
Registrar: George McVey will serve another term.

COMMITTEES

Fitness: Stefie Kysor ??? (not present).
Newsletter: Denise LeVan will continue as Newsletter Chair.
TOP 10: Jim Matysek (newly appointed) will continue.
District Records: Kay and Ken Turner will cover this job.
Safety: Larry Chase ??? (not present).
Sanctions: Betty Barry will serve in some capacity.

NIAGARA DISTRICT BOARD MEETING -- APRIL 18, 1993

Officers and committee chairmen who have not made a decision yet are asked to make their intentions known to Betty Barry as soon as possible. By the August annual meeting at GAMES a formal slate of officers will be prepared.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will once again be held at the Empire State Games competition after Saturday's races and notice of the meeting will be in the May newsletter as required by the bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty

Betty J. Barry
Acting Secretary in Stefie's Absence

Attachment: Treasurer's Statement

Treasurer's Report
Niagara District Masters Swimming
1993 thru April 15

INCOME 1/1/93 thru 4/15/93	\$7,220.25
EXPENSES	\$5,785.01

INCOME-EXPENSES	\$1,435.24
BALANCE FORWARD	\$1,333.26

BALANCE 4/15/93	\$2,768.50
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SUMMARY of Income:

Swimmer Registrations 93	\$6,565.00
Meet registrations	\$355.00
Equipment rental	\$225.00
Sale shirts and caps	\$75.25

TOTAL	\$7,220.25
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SUMMARY of Expenses:

USMS Inc 93	\$3,810.00
Newsletters	\$928.60 (2 issues)
Meet refunds	\$550.00
Enduro Sports	\$214.00
Registrar supplies	\$234.41
Rule books	\$48.00

TOTAL	\$5,785.01
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Kay Turner
Treasurer

