

NIAGARA DISTRICT - ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 25, 1998

Chairman McVey called the meeting to order at 3:45PM at the University of Rochester. Present: George McVey, Amy Johnson, Cheryl Mills, Kay Turner, Lorie Gibson-Rick, Jim Matysek, Anne Matysek, Louise Hardcastle, Dan Kornblatt, Ken Koppenhauer.

Swim Meet Schedule for 98-99. District policy gives the host of a successful meet during the past year first choice for that date in the coming year.

- 1) Binghamton (Dan Kornblatt) will not host a November meet due to poor attendance, but will host the district championships in March.
- 2) University at Buffalo (Marrie Neumer) will sponsor a meet on Nov. 1 or 8.
- 3) Ithaca College has been sent a meet sanction packet but has not responded with a date (maybe October).
- 4) RAMS will hold the Pentathlon meet on Dec. 6.
- 5) Syracuse will return to a January (23 or 30) meet as in the years before hosting the 1997 and 1998 State meet.
- 6) One Hour Postal Swim, Jan 1999, your pool or with RAMS at R.I.T.
- 7) Canandaigua Meet in mid February.
- 8) District Championships at Binghamton, tentative date March 6 or 7 pending USMS Convention decisions on dates for nationals and zones.
- 9) RAMS may work with the U of R on a Spring meet. Dave Allen has left the U of R and we don't know who will oversee their masters swimming.
- 10) Syracuse will plan a LC meet in early June (possibly 6/12).
- 11) University at Buffalo will be asked to hold their LC meet in late June.

State Championships 1998, Syracuse – Attendance was 154, down from 190 in 1997, and probably due to scheduling the meet during the Easter week school vacation. Syracuse suffered no financial loss and netted a profit on the meet.

Meet Format for Districts - There was a general discussion with the following points: a one day meet is preferred; swim Saturday or Sunday ?; schedule the 500 or 1000 but not both; a later start time to allow more morning travel time; March 6 is the preferred date but depends upon USMS schedule and avoiding conflict with Adirondack; include relays to give clubs and work out groups the opportunity to swim together.

National Postal Events – Niagara swimmers should send their entries to our Niagara representative, Kay Turner, who will submit them as a package to the event host so that NDMS will be credited team points.

NYS Open Water Championship - Attendance at the Canandaigua OW, July 18, was 45 which is low and eliminates bidding for a national OW event. The NYS OW Championship will now rotate to districts along with the state championship meet.

Computer/ WWW/Home Page – Direct questions to and work with Jim Matysek. **Newsletter deadline** is September 1.

Adjournment at 4:15PM.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary.

