

NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING
Meeting 2/14/99 at Canandaigua

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Chairman McVey.

Attending: George McVey, John Pilger (reg), Amy Johnson (secy), Kay Turner (postal rep), Cheryl Mills (sanctions), George Bauman (U of R), John Murray (Syracuse Y), Julie Noskowiak (Liverpool Jets).

1. Skehan Award - No nominations have been received from the membership. The Awards cmte. of past recipients will nominate and present the award at the district championships in Binghamton on March 6th.
2. Nominating Committee was appointed to get candidates for the four district offices, two year terms beginning 1/2000. Kay Turner will chair with Amy Johnson and Dan Kornblatt serving on the committee.
3. Swim Meet News
 - a) Publicize the March 6th district meet and encourage a good turnout.
 - b) Sanctions - "Miles-for-Smiles" open water swim needs to set a date. The University at Buffalo LCM meet is planned for June 20th.
 - c) Meet Results & Records.
 - 1) The Nov. UB meet results have not been received. Dana White of UB is working to resolve this omission. The results are essential for district records.
 - 2) Copies of the Syracuse Jan. 30th meet were distributed by John Pilger.
 - 3) Two timers per lane are necessary at all meets to backup the electronic timer.
 - d) The district is considering buying a new meet manager computer program (approx. \$400). We are working with copies of a copy and have lost our program's manual.
4. Membership - Total 369, 57 new members, 150 have not renewed. John Pilger has sent individual renewal notices to all members and the Jan/Feb Waterpower Gazette included a renewal reminder. The following points were discussed:
 - a) This may be a down year because States and Empires are in the NYC area and swimmers who don't plan to travel that far are not trying to stay eligible to enter qualifying meets.
 - b) A third notice to lapsed members is probably not worthwhile
 - c) Interest - A new masters group has started up at Liverpool H. S. Cornell has very limited pool lanes available for masters. There are relatively few masters coaches in the Niagara district and most are part time.
 - d) Encourage membership - Some clubs renew their members as a group from their club treasury and then bill the swimmers for USMS dues. Post extra copies of our newsletter with registration forms on pool bulletin boards. Talk to other swimmers and emphasize the benefits of USMS membership: SWIM magazine, the newsletter, postal events, helpful workouts and drills.

Adjournment at 2:50 PM.

Amy Johnson 2/18/99

Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary