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**NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING - ANNUAL MEETNIG, JAN. 18, 2003**  
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Chairman Kornblatt called the meeting to order following the Syracuse Chargers Masters swim meet. Attending were: Dan Kornblatt(chrm), Lynn Fuller(treas), Amy Johnson(secy), John Pilger(reg), Dana Woody(topten), Bill Walter(records), Jeffrey Burchhill, Matt Losinger, Louise Hardcastle.

EMPIRE STATE GAMES - Chrm. Kornblatt expects problems with pool scheduling and has made suggestions to the Games committee through our liaison Simpson Pickett. We are awaiting a report.

POOL LENGTH CERTIFICATION FORMS - USMS requires pool length to be certified for times to be accepted for USMS top ten and record consideration.

- 1) Niagara District has purchased a laser distance measuring device and used it at today's meet. We will measure pools at meets already scheduled. If a pool falls short of its stated length, an announcement will be made at the meet.
- 2) Pool length certification forms will be included with the sanction application packet. Completed forms will be kept on file by the Records chrm.
- 3) Fixed length pools need be measured once. Pools with a moveable bulkhead must have length verified before and after each session with the lane ropes in place.
- 4) Kornblatt will check the Rule Book to clarify who has final responsibility for the pool measurement.

MERGER OF NIAGARA and ADIRONDACK - Discussion was tabled indefinitely.

ELECTIONS - There was no response to the newsletter request for candidates for district office, therefore, no election was held and current officers will continue in office.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1/1/02-12/31/02 - Lynn Fuller reported that the district finished 2002 with a balance of \$11,141.62 or \$2,128.75 more than last year. This growth was due to district wide cost savings such as John Pilger printing our newsletters, and the use of e-mail newsletters. The district hopes to use this in following years to help keep member dues low.

- 1) Newsletter printing - John Pilger has purchased a copier and will print our newsletter. MOTION: The Niagara District will reimburse Pilger \$275 which is one-half of the cost of the copier. Motion passed. Currently, 55-60% of our members receive the Gazette by e-mail.
- 2) The batteries expense is for the District's stopwatches. "Team Manager" is a software program purchased to improve the recording for Top Ten.

SANCTIONS - The USMS liability waiver has been incurring errors as it is entered on meet entry forms. Meet directors are asked to check their copy against the waiver as it appears on the sanction application form.

RECORDS - Bill Walter(chrm) introduced two topics for discussion.

- 1) Split times submitted for national records must be the first leg of the distance (from the start). The swimmer must notify meet officials that he/she is attempting a record.
- 2) District Records - Do we want to apply to District records the same rules and timing record requirements as for USMS national records? For District records, our Records chrm. has been using times from the official meet results received from the meet director. This question was left open for more study and future discussion.

ADJOURNMENT at 3:10 PM.

*Amy Johnson*

Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary Niagara District Masters Swimming