

NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING ----- ANNUAL MEETING --- FEB. 19, 2006

CALL TO ORDER at 3PM by Chairman Koppenhaver.

In attendance were: Ken Koppenhaver, Lynn Fuller, Amy Johnson, Mike Burgess, Mark Mallis, Dana Woody, Dan Kornblatt, Bruce Gianniny, David Beckworth, Lee Michaels, Charlie Wallace.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The stipend to the registrar (approved 2005 meeting) will be paid quarterly.

2. District offer to help subsidize the timing system for the competition pool in Skaneateles water park.

Lee Michaels and Charlie Wallace of Skaneateles reported that the timing system is paid for and in place. The 25 yd., 8 lane pool is attractive for a masters meet with a central location and indoor water recreation for families and spectators. It is a public facility and rental cost and policies are not established. The meeting decided that we need assurance that our donation would result in support for a masters swim meet and program. Chrm. Koppenhaver will seek the contact person with the authority to make commitments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Registrar - No report, John Pilger absent.

2. Treasurer - Lynn Fuller - Financial Report 1/1/2005 to 12/31/2005.

We have a balance of \$20,000.

Discussion of uses for excess funds:

a. Canandaigua Academy Score Board - Dave Beckworth reported that a new pool score board is needed and will not be funded by the school board. Cost is about \$9,000 and they have raised \$3,000.

MOTION: NDMS will donate \$3,000 to Canandaigua Academy Swim Team Boosters Club for the purchase of a new score board in consideration of their record of supporting masters swimming. Passed. Unanimous vote.

b. Olympic Training Center.

MOTION: NDMS will fund coach class air fair (about \$400) for a ND swimmer selected to attend the OTC program. Passed. Unanimous vote.

c. Training Videos - BUMS has videos. No action taken.

d. Underwater Camera - BUMS and Canandaigua have the equipment. The District will advertise the clubs having this capability and advise interested swimmers to make arrangements with those clubs.

e. Swim Clinic.

MOTION: NDMS will investigate sponsoring a swim clinic in a central location preferably in Sept. or Oct. Passed. Unanimous vote.

f. Software Upgrades - A newer version of "Quicken" for the Treasurer and an updated "Meet Manager" (J. Pilger to be consulted) can be charged to office expenses.

g. Meets subsidized by NDMS.

The meeting was in favor of assisting a club with expensive pool rental and favors an active club, a central location, and warmup facilities.

R.I.T. would be a good choice. It was suggested that two clubs could work together and a combined age group-masters meet is possible under a recent rule change.

3. Secretary & Sanctions - Amy Johnson was concerned that there was no Winter newsletter and some members have no computer access. Chairman stated that there was no news to publish, the meet sheets were posted on our web site, and he had sent email notice of the postings. Members.

should post meets at their pools. The sanction letter's reference to advertising meets in our newsletter will be edited.

4. Records - Chairman requested that meet results be sent to him within one week.

5. Top Ten - Dana Woody and Jim Matysek will decide who will handle this task.

6. NDMS Web Site - Mike Burgess is working on its design and updating the site. He has requested recent newsletter issues from J. Pilger and will work to solve the "MIA" message received on trying to access old newsletters. Teams without their own web site can have a page on the District's site if they contact and work with Mike..

7. Other concerns.

a. Safety - Dan Kornblatt volunteered to be Safety Chair. There have been violations of the "No Diving" rule today and at recent meets.

b. Open Water National - Lynn Fuller will look into the possibility of the Canandaigua OW swim being a national event.

c. ESG 2006 will be LCM at Brockport State.

d. Nickel City Splash (UB) has a new coach, Brandi Boyle.

e. NDMS Liability & Master Workout Groups advertised in our Newsletter.

NDMS will investigate the concern that the District may be at risk for a lawsuit for promoting workout groups that may not be conforming to USMS insurance requirement that all participants and the coach to be USMS members.

Adjournment at 4:10PM

Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary