

NIAGARA MASTERS SWIMMING
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
February 19, 2012, Canandaigua, NY

Call to Order at 2:15pm by Greg Danner.

Present: Greg Danner (Acting Chairman/Webmaster/Records/Top Ten), Lynn Fuller (Treasurer), John Pilger (Registrar), Lorie Rick (Fitness/Coaches), Amy Johnson (Sanctions), George McVey (Officials), Rauni English (Postal), Ann Marie Crye (Secretary)

OLD BUSINESS – No tabled items from last year.

Motions Passed: Six. See below for details.

Motions Failed: None.

NEW BUSINESS and REPORTS

1. **Registrar** - John Pilger presented that Niagara Masters Swimming currently has 431 total members (7 ahead of last year). 98% registered on-line compared to only 2% that registered by mail.

- **One Event Registration** – There was much discussion about this topic. The consensus was that we need to keep offering One Event Registration (especially for the open water events). Meet directors are ultimately responsible for making sure that every participant is registered through USMS (either one year or one event). The fee for One Event Registration is \$14.00 (\$12.00 for USMS and \$2.00 for Niagara). The meet director will send the money and forward electronically the One Event Registration forms to the registrar. It is a small amount of money, but a huge potential for risk/liability. The meet director will keep records for one year.

Motion (Danner, second Fuller) If a meet director owes money to the registrar for One Event Registrations and doesn't pay within 14 days, the amount will be withheld from the \$500 the group receives upon the timely submission of meet results, pool certification and observer's report as specified in the sanction instructions. Motion passed.

2. **Treasurer** - Lynn Fuller to present the 2011 Financial Report. He sends monthly statements to the Chairman and the Secretary for review as required by USMS procedures. Greg asked Lynn to review the 41 minimum standards from the USMS Convention. Ten of them are financially related (for example: sending monthly statements to Chair and Secretary for review).

3. **Secretary** – Ann Marie Crye – nothing to report.

4. **Sanctions** – Amy Johnson presented that USMS is moving to an On-Line Event Sanction Request Process beginning February 8, 2012. USMS wants all events on the USMS calendar. There is a tutorial and worksheet for this process on the USMS website. The meet director will electronically fill out a step-by-step process for applying for a sanction. The Sanctions Officer will receive an email saying that a club requested a sanction. The Sanction Officer will have access to this information and be able to grant, deny or respond with "needs more information". A sanction number will be automatically assigned if everything is properly filled out.

5. **Records** - Greg Danner – nothing to report.

6. **Top10** - Greg Danner – nothing to report.

7. **Webmaster** – Greg Danner - The Board is very pleased with the current website.
8. **Coaches** – Lorie Rick – nothing to report.
9. **Acting Chairman & Other Positions** - We need replacements for Neil Brophy (Chairman), George McVey (Officials), and Amy Johnson (Sanctions). We will research replacements for Officials and Sanctions.

Motion (Fuller, Johnson second) Greg Danner will take over as Chairman of Niagara Masters Swimming. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

1. **Postal Events** - Rauni English reported some results: Niagara was first in the nation for small teams (19 entries or less). Dana Gianniny (41), Kay Simonson (50) and Lynn Festa (45) broke the USMS National Record Open Water 2 mile cable swim (ages 35+) with a time of 2:27:12.17. Rauni would like to see more participation in all of the Postals.
2. **Swim Clinic** – We were unable to organize a master’s swim clinic for 2011 (waiting on contract extension for Jack Stover in Brockport). Lorie Rick will look into getting Pete Thomas, the U of R coach, to host a master’s clinic at Harley this summer.
3. **Awards** - Lorie Rick presented Amy Johnson with the John. B. Skehan Award during the meet. Lorie Rick presented Hall of Fame nomination criteria. She will email the criteria that she presented. Motion (Danner, Pilger second) Approval of the Niagara LMSC Hall of Fame nomination criteria submitted by Lorie Rick. Motion passed.
4. **Officials** – George McVey presented that Niagara Masters Swimming is in need of officials. It is difficult to get officials for meets. We rely on USA swim officials. George will be stepping down as Officials Chair and suggests that Tim Brophy be the new Officials Chair. Motion (Danner, Fuller second) Starting September 2012, Niagara Masters swimming will increase meet reimbursement (upon timely submission of meet results, pool certification and observer’s report as specified in the sanction instructions) from \$500 to \$600 with the requirement that each (up to 4) official receives \$50 compensation from the meet director. Motion passed.
5. **USMS Minimum Standards** – not discussed.
6. **USMS SSL Foundation donation** Motion (Danner, Johnson second) Niagara Masters Swimming will donate \$200 to the SSL (Swimming Saves Lives) Foundation. Motion passed.
7. **Officials’ box** – The officials’ box is currently missing. There was discussion about if it was necessary to replace the box since most pools that host meets have their own clipboards and stopwatches. Motion (Rick, Crye second) Niagara Masters Swimming will eliminate the meet equipment box. The Chair will purchase one USMS rule book for each meet director. Motion passed.
8. **Nazareth meet** – There was a discussion about rules/procedures at meets. At the Nazareth Meet, there was some confusion about using counters for the 400 meter free. Swimmers may appoint a counter 16+ lengths (USMS 102.10.6A). There were also some issues regarding the whistle start. It was suggested to have the announcer or official or coaches explain whistle starts in advance. There is a safety concern for older swimmers. It will be the discretion of the officials to decide if swimmers have to get out of the water if they go in before the long whistle.
9. **Meeting frequency** – Greg Danner suggested holding another Board Meeting after the RIT in November.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:53pm