

LMSC Name:	Niagara	Location:	Syracuse, NY
Chair:	Greg Danner	Vice Chair:	Dan Kornblatt
Minutes recorded by:	Ann Marie Crye	Date/time of meeting:	3/16/13 at 11:53am EST

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve 2012 Financial Report. Approved unanimously.
2. MSA to purchase Hytek Meet Manager upgrade. Approved unanimously.
3. MSA to amend LMSC policy. Niagara will cover up to \$800 of the USMS Open Water Sanction Insurance Surcharge for up to 2 events per year, in order of sanction approval. Approved unanimously.

Number of Board members present: 7	Absent: 3	Number of other members present: 0
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LMSC members present: Greg Danner (Chair/Webmaster/Top Ten), Dan Kornblastt (Vice Chair), Lynn Fuller (Treasurer), John Pilger (Registrar), Lorie Rick (Fitness/Coaches), Kay Turner (Sanctions), Ann Marie Crye (Secretary)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:53am.

Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS and REPORTS

1. **Treasurer** - Lynn Fuller presented the 2012 Financial Report. **Motion** (Danner, second Rick) Approval of 2012 Financial Report: **Motion passed**. There was discussion about what to do with the surplus in the bank account (over \$19,000). Ideas included: continue offering teams a stipend for hosting a meet and following proper procedures, purchase Hytek Team Manager upgrade and host a Niagara LSC open water event. **Motion** (Fuller, second Danner): Purchase an upgrade of Hytek Meet Manager to the latest version. **Motion passed**.
2. **Registrar** - John Pilger presented that Niagara LMSC currently has 489 total members and gave a breakdown of how many swimmers per club/workout group. There was a discussion about workout groups vs. clubs. John suggested that he will no longer accept the \$1 per registered member bonus because most people register on-line. He will submit receipts for reimbursement of supplies. One Event Registration will remain an option for meet directors. Meet directors will be encouraged to make an Excel spreadsheet of OEVT swimmers and send it to the Registrar. Information about the spreadsheet will be provided in the meet sanction instructions.
3. **Sanctions** – Kay Turner presented that there were 10 sanctions since 6/1/12: (Skaneateles YMCA 6/3/12, Ithaca College *lcm* 7/14/12, Canandaigua Open Water 7/21/12, Nazareth College *scm* 10/7/12, RIT 11/14/12, Ithaca College 12/8/12, Skaneateles YMCA 1/13/13, Canandaigua HS 2/17/13, Syracuse University 3/16/13 and Binghamton University 4/7/13. This was the first year of on-line sanctions and there were some problems. Once a sanction request is placed, only the sanction officer can make changes, but once the meet is sanctioned, the meet director can make additional changes (with approval). Kay also reported that there is now a USMS Open Water coordinator who must also sanction Open Water events. LMSC's must require a safety plan for all Open Water events. LMSC's must decide how much of the surcharge should be paid by the LMSC or apply for the fee waiver prior to sanction.
4. **Records** – Ann Marie Crye took over updating the Niagara Records. The records were reformatted in a more uniform format. Updates will be made after each meet and posted on the website.
5. **Top 10 / Web** – Greg Danner – There have been some pool measurement issues. Rebecca Smith earned All-American honors in the 100 scm freestyle.
6. **Coaches** – Lorie Rick presented that there is a committee working on a Niagara LMSC Hall of Fame. The committee is confident in the direction of the choices, but researching how to recognize the members once they are inducted (ideas: certificates and section of website with bios).
7. **Officials** – Doug Matchett (not present) requested that we find a replacement for the Officials Chair.
8. **Open Water** – Vern Hecker (not present) Lynn Fuller presented that construction may prevent the Open Water event in Canandaigua this summer. If the event takes place, we will need a new event director. He suggested that the Niagara LMSC

should sponsor the event. The costs of the event are the timing system (Score This), awards, caps and officials. There is also an \$1,800 surcharge for liability insurance. \$1,000 of that fee is reimbursed by USMS. There was discussion about how to cover the other \$800. **Motion** (Danner, second Turner) Niagara LMSC will cover up to \$800 of the USMS Open Water Sanction Insurance Surcharge for up to 2 events per year in order of sanction approval. **Motion passed.**

9. **Competition Committee** – Dan Kornblatt reported that improvements have been made regarding the number of meets that Niagara holds. He reported that although Niagara LMSC is at registration highs, he believes meet participation is at its lowest. There was a discussion about trying to encourage on-line meet entries and possibly purchasing Club Assistant (or a similar program) in the future. Since USMS is moving their registration away from CA, we may want to wait.
10. **Postal** – Rauni English has stepped down from the position of Postal Coordinator. The trial Niagara LMSC sponsored Postal in January had few participants, so will not be continued next year. Niagara swimmers will still be able to do the postal swims, but there will not be a LMSC sponsored event.
11. **Chair** – Greg Danner is working on USMS Min Standards to make reach maximum compliance. He stated that the USMS National Convention will be held September 12-14, 2013. He suggested that if any workout group/club is going to USMS Nationals as a group, the LMSC will sponsor tee-shirts or caps. Send ideas to Greg.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 pm
