

LMSC Name:	Niagara	Location:	Rochester, NY
Chair:	Greg Danner	Vice Chair:	Art Munson
Minutes recorded by:	Ann Marie Crye	Date/time of meeting:	11/6/2016

Motions Passed:

- Niagara LMSC will close their savings account and consolidate to a checking account only pending review of bank policies. Approved unanimously.
- Niagara LMSC will cover the expense of the purchase of financial software to bring our LMSC into compliance with USMS National Standards. Approved unanimously.
- Niagara LMSC will increase the LMSC registration fee from \$10 to \$15 effective 2018. Approved unanimously.
- Niagara LMSC will continue the Swimmer of the Year award in 2017 and reevaluate for 2018. Approved unanimously.
- The Chair and Sanctions officer shall sanction one meet within the LMSC per month. Approved unanimously. (This motion amends this line item in P&P: Sanctions. Meet Scheduling. "The Chair and Sanctions officer shall not sanction more than one meet within the LMSC in one *per* month without majority approval from the Niagara LMSC BOD".)
- Officials that request payment would submit a voucher to the Officials Chair for approval, which would then go to the Treasurer for payment. Approved unanimously.
- Niagara LMSC will continue to cover 50% of registration costs for anyone achieving a USMS Coach Certification in 2017 and will reevaluate for 2018. Approved unanimously.
- Niagara LMSC will add a budget line that would allow a representative from Niagara LMSC to be reimbursed for the flight and food for the USMS Leadership Summit. Approved unanimously.

Number of Board members present: 8	Absent: 2	Number of other members present: 0
LMSC members present: Greg Danner (Chair/Webmaster), Art Munson (Vice Chair), Steve Danner (Treasurer), Lorie Rick (Fitness/Coaches), Kay Turner (Sanctions), Ann Marie Crye (Secretary), Geoff Wells (Records), Brooks Howard (Officials)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm

Old Business: None

Reports of officers:

- Treasurer** – Steve Danner who took on the role of treasurer in September reported that we began 2016 with \$15,000.41. We currently have a \$10,960.90 checking account balance and \$1,526.36 saving account balance (\$12,487.26 total of the two accounts). **Motion** (Munson, second G. Danner) Niagara LMSC will close their savings account and consolidate to a checking account only pending review of bank policies. **Motion passed.** It was also reported that if we purchase financial software, it would help us reach all of the USMS LMSC Standards. We meet 24 of 26 mandatory standards: 2.3.1 and 2.3.5 require additional oversight of our financial records. We will work toward compliance in 2017. **Motion** (Munson, second Howard) Niagara LMSC will cover the expense of the purchase of financial software to bring our LMSC into compliance with USMS LMSC Standards. **Motion passed.** Steve handed out a proposed budget report 2016-2020 which shows the need to increase membership fees to offset expected budget deficits for the next quad. Due to our expanded programs, we have been running at a deficit the past few years. The average fee (nationally) in 2015 was \$10.76 and is expected to grow each year. We have not raised our fee in at least 7 years. **Motion** (Munson, second Wells) Niagara LMSC will increase the LMSC registration fee from \$10 to \$15 effective 2018. **Motion passed.**
- Registrar** – Dawn-Ann Dykes (absent – report submitted). Niagara’s USMS membership has slightly declined but is still the 3rd highest ever.
- Secretary** – Ann Marie Crye – no report
- Chair/Web** – Greg Danner gave a Convention recap: a new CEO was introduced. Club fee was increased from \$25 to \$41 (same as individual fee). The amount of individual events per day maximum at USMS Nationals was increased from 5 to 6 to match USA-Swimming. Open Water temperature maximum was increased to match USA-S (87.8 degrees F). Strategic plan was reworked for first time in five years (available online). There is now a partnership with College Club Swimming. Greg will start a FaceBook page which will be a quick way to get word out and post events. Greg will add a section to the Niagara Masters Website that highlights certified coaches.

Reports of committees:

- **Vice Chair** – Art Munson reported that there were 191/613 registered Niagara swimmers (31%) that have participated in a sanctioned swim meet so far in 2016, which is above the national average. His report broke down the swimmer categories by age group and gender with regards to the Swimmer of the Year Award. **Motion** (Turner, second Howard) Niagara LMSC will continue the Swimmer of the Year award in 2017 and reevaluate for 2018. **Motion passed.**
- **Sanctions** – Kay Turner reported that there were ten (10) sanctions issued since 8/1/15: Nazareth College (SCM) 10/4/15, Buffalo State 10/18/15 *cancelled, RIT (RAMS) 11/8/15, Ithaca College 12/13/15, Ithaca College/BUMS Clinic 12/19/15, UB (Nickel City) 1/24/16, Syracuse (Chargers) 2/27/16, SUNY Binghamton (BUMS) 3/13/16, RIT (RAMS) 4/10/16 and Ithaca College (LCM) 8/13/16. Current sanctions include RIT (RAMS) 11/6/16, Ithaca College 12/10/16 and UB (Nickel City) 2/5/17. Confirmed dates (not sanctioned yet) include Victor (GVM) 1/22/17 and RIT (RAMS) 3/26/17, 4/2/17 or 4/9/17. BUMS has shown interest in running a 2 day NYS Championship Meet. It was reported by BUMS that the Adirondack LMSC is in favor and they are waiting to hear back from the Metro LMSC if they would support the meet. **Motion to amend this line item in P&P: Sanctions. Meet Scheduling.** (G. Danner, second S. Danner) The Chair and Sanctions officer shall not sanction more than one meet within the LMSC in one per month without majority approval from the Niagara LMSC BOD. **Motion passed.** (A recurring meet host in good standing will have the first choice in date selection if they hold a meet the same month as the previous year. Additional sanction requests in the same month may be approved, but require the majority approval of the BOD.)
- **Records** – Geoff Wells reported that records are getting updated in a timely manner.
- **Top 10** – Francois Caudrillier (absent - report submitted) Top 10 is getting updated in a timely manner.
- **Coaches/Fitness/Awards** – Lorie Rick reported that USMS is doing a good job getting info to coaches.
- **Officials** – Brooks Howard reported that the Officials payment program was formalized by providing \$50 gifts cards. Brooks is encouraging officials to volunteer and suggested using a voucher system. **Motion** (Howard, second Crye) Officials that request payment would submit a voucher to the Officials Chair for approval, which would then go to the Treasurer for payment. **Motion passed.** Those interested in becoming certified as a USMS official, can find a link on USMS website and take on-line exams to get certified. Brooks strongly suggests shadowing other officials as part of the process.
- **Competition Committee:** Kay Turner reported that there were many issues at last year's UB meet including locked doors and no check in. Nazareth did not host meet this year because of coaching changes at the college. We are hoping that they will run their SCM again in the future.

New Business:

- **Education Programs:** Greg gave a USMS Coach Certification reimbursement update. Two individuals became USMS Coach certified in 2016: Greg Danner (FAIR – Fairport Area Swim Team Masters) and Robert West (UC04 – Unattached) There are nine certified coaches in Niagara. The other seven are: Wendy Ryan (NIAG), Art Munson (BUMS), John Beck (NICK), Andre Cropper (ADCD), Bethany Markovich (UC04), Mary Ellen Speicher (UC04), and Matt Steffen (GVM). **Motion** (G. Danner, second Turner) Niagara LMSC will continue cover 50% of registration costs for anyone achieving a USMS Coach Certification in 2017 and will reevaluate for 2018. **Motion passed.**
- **Awards:** Skehan Award – Kevin Vallely (Ithaca) was nominated by Chris Beardsley. Three letters received about his commitment to Niagara. Unanimous vote that Kevin will receive a plaque and gift card.
- **USMS Annual Convention and Leadership Summit:** USMS recommends reserves are either 50% of expenses or the minimum amount to send a delegate to the convention. We are safely above this amount, through the projected quad plan. 2015 was the first ever USMS Leadership Summit which will take place every other year. Greg would like to go in 2017. **Motion** (Howard, second S. Danner) Niagara LMSC will add a budget line that would allow a representative from Niagara LMSC to be reimbursed for the flight and the cost of food for the USMS Leadership Summit. **Motion passed.**
- **Elections:** There were no nominations from the floor and all officers wish to continue, no formal vote was required. Secretary – Ann Marie Crye: completing 3rd term.
- **Tabled:** Appreciation award, USMS Stroke Clinic in Niagara (may piggyback with Coaches Cert Clinic), How to increase meet participation (first meet free?, time trials?)