

LMSC Name:	Niagara	Location:	Virtual - Zoom
Chair:	Greg Danner	Vice Chair:	Art Munson
Minutes recorded by:	Jordan Goff	Date/time of meeting: 11/8/2020	

Motions Passed:

- Niagara suspended a \$450 meet bonus. Issue to be revisited no later than November 15, 2021.
- Approved 2021 Budget, which due to Covid, will be the same budget from 2019 - 2020.
- Approved Secretary candidate: Jordan Goff.
- Approved Treasurer candidate: Geoff Wells.

Number of Board members present: 7	Absent: 5	Guests: 0
Board members present: Greg Danner (Chair/Webmaster), Kay Turner (Sanctions), Jordan Goff (Secretary), Dana Gianniny (Records), Leo Gibbons (Officials), Geoff Wells (Treasurer), and Matt Phillips (Records).		
Not present: Chris Beardsley (Top Ten), Robert Perkins (Open Water), Scott Schmidt (Coaches), Jennifer Adams (Membership Coordinator), Art Munson (Vice Chair).		
Guests: None.		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm ET.

- Welcome and agenda review and declarations of conflict of interest (Greg): - No questions about agenda or any conflicts of interest.
- Officer Reports:
 - **Chair (Greg):**
 - There has been limited event activity in USMS for the last 7-8 months.
 - **Treasurer (Geoff):**
 - Transitions to QuickBooks and utilizing all expenses according to the USMS guidelines and standardized
 - Continued using the unified fee of \$12/person
 - We have significant reserves and are in great overall fiscal shape, currently balance as of 11/2/20 \$13,400.30
 - Covid has cancelled most events, resulting in savings in meets bonuses and officials' costs.
 - Matched Covid relief funds from USMS for Nickel City. 1.5k from Niagara and 1.5k from USMS
 - Motion to approve Budget, which due to Covid, will be the same budget from 2019 - 2020. Leo Proposes, Matt seconds. Motion passes.
 - **Membership Coordinator (update provided by Greg):**
 - Our membership is currently lowest since 2012, at 556.
 - USMS is projecting a loss of 20,000 members nationally
 - How to encourage retaining members to be discussed later in the meeting
 - **Secretary (Jordan):** No updates.
- Committee Chair Reports:
 - **Vice Chair (Art):** No report submitted
 - **Sanctions (Kay)**
 - 8 meets sanctioned, 1 open water meet, and 2 college club swimming meets recognized

- 3 meets cancelled due to Covid
 - 11/1/2020 LMSCs may sanction meets with guidelines, such as limited to 50 members living within 100 mile radius. Event Directors must submit a safety plan for approval. Must follow local and state guidelines.
 - Nickel City Plans to hold an intrasquad meet. Still need to submit a request and safety plan
 - It was discussed if Niagara should pay out a meet bonus for an intra-squad meet.
 - It was proposed that Niagara would pay for 4 officials, but not pay the \$450 meet bonus. Issue to be revisited no later than November, 2021.
 - Proposed that Niagara suspend a \$450 meet bonus. Issue to be revisited no later than November, 2021.
 - Matt Proposes, Jordan seconds. Motion passes.

- **Records (Dana):**

- Compiled records from meets up to April, 2020

- **Top Ten Recorder (updated provided by Greg):**

- SCY were approved and submitted
- The question was raised in intra-team meets count towards records. Greg will ask the board

- **Coaches (updated provided by Greg):**

- Scott Communicated with coaches about club relief program and offered help to coaches within Niagara
- Level 1 coaching certification may be available in a virtual format in the near future

- **Officials (Leo):**

- Official certification has been extended to four year terms. Still working on USMS Open Water Official certification.

- **Open Water (updated provided by Leo):**

- Need more certified officials for Open Water Events

- **Awards (Matt):**

- One meet worth of data for swimmer of the year for 2020. Niagara will roll data from meets in 2020 towards 2021 awards. Intra-Squad meets will not count towards awards

- Elections:

- Secretary candidate: Jordan Goff.
 - Dana Proposes, Matt seconds. Motion passes.
- Treasurer candidate: Geoff Wells.
 - Leo Proposes, Matt seconds. Motion passes.

- USMS Annual Meeting

- 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting recap (Kay, Chris, Greg):
 - \$12 Unified Fee passed.
 - Board of Directors downsized, all past presidents will not be on the Board except for the Immediate Past President.
- 2021 Annual Meeting info (Greg):
 - In person meeting has been cancelled by USAS. Might be virtual again for USMS.

- COVID-19 (All):

- Creating a list of places of swim during COVID, board members should email Scott and CC Greg with ideas

- New Business: Schedule virtual informal meeting in the spring to address any new issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm ET.