

## NIAGARA DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING ---- ANNUAL MEETING

February 14, 2010, Canandaigua, NY

**Call to Order** at 2:05PM Chairman Koppenhaver.

**Present:** Ken Koppenhaver, Lynn Fuller, Amy Johnson, John Pilger, Lorie Rick, Dana Gianniny, George McVey, Greg Danner, Dan Kornblatt, Neil Brophy, Francois Caudrillier, Bruce Gianniny.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None presented.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Registrar** - John Pilger reported 372 members as of today compared to 349 on 2/14/2009.
  - On Line Registration is working well. He received 30 registrations by mail, most with an email address, so he has had to mail only 3 or 4 membership cards.
2. **Treasurer** - Lynn Fuller presented the 2009 Financial Report. Income exceeded expenses by \$1,611. Our current fund balance is over \$20,000 and he recommended spending it down to the \$15,000 range. Uses of funds:
  - The \$500 stipends for successful meets (Motion, July 2009) will be paid to RAMS 11/09, Ithaca College 12/09, Hilton Area Masters 1/10, and Canandaigua 2/10. Ithaca College will receive another \$500 for its meet of 11/08. Dan Kornblatt pointed out that Ithaca was unfairly penalized for not submitting an Observer's Report when it is the District's responsibility to appoint an observer. J. Pilger emphasized the importance of assigning an observer to upcoming meets that are first time endeavors for the sponsoring clubs.
  - The meeting approved spending funds to update the meet equipment box (18-20 watches, a bell, clip boards, laser measurement device, and laminated "No Diving" posters, etc.). Koppenhaver asked that it be ready for the 3/28 Ithaca meet. George McVey suggested that an inventory sheet be attached to the box.
  - McVey stated that we need officials and wants a recruitment announcement in the newsletter. The district pays the dues and certification fees of Niagara officials. Motion (Koppenhaver, second Rick) The District will pay officials \$40 per meet for working Niagara District sanctioned and recognized pool swim meets. Motion passed.
  - Website design and development. Motion made and passed. The District will pay to have our web site redesigned and upgraded. Greg Danner will arrange to have the upgrade done.
3. **Secretary** - Johnson, no report
4. **Sanctions** – Johnson pointed out changes in the USMS 2010 sanction forms and areas where we are not in conformance.
  - Results are to be reported within 14 days of the meet (We had allowed 30 days.).
  - USMS wants results sent to meetresults@usms.org and the district Top10 and Sanction chairs. Niagara asks they also be sent to our Chair, Webmaster, and Records chair.
  - The pool length certification should be sent with the sanction application, or indication given that the certification is on file, or to be done the day of the meet.The meeting decided that our sanction materials should list officers' and chairpersons' email addresses and not home addresses and telephone numbers.
5. **Webmaster** – Chair Koppenhaver presented Greg Danner our new Webmaster and his appointment was approved by the membership.

**6. Records** - Niagara District records need updating and Randy Mayall has resigned due to work pressures. Motion made and passed. Greg Danner will temporarily serve as Records chair while our new website is developed.

Francois Caudrillier offered to work with Danner on records. L. Fuller offered to make copies of the new Meet Manager program (#4) which includes a records template that flags records in meet results.

**7. Top10** - Dana Gianniny will continue to forward meet results to Jim Matyzek who is doing all LMSC results for the USMS website.

- Pool Length Certifications are to be kept in a permanent file by the Top10 chair. It is to be determined if copies of the certifications should be sent to USMS.

**8. Chairman**

- Koppenhaver will send (via USPS) a mailing to the membership to include: meet sheets for Ithaca 3/28, Liverpool 4/10, and Skaneateles 5/2; luggage tags; an introduction to the new Niagara Board members.

- A card to Jim Matyzek thanking him for his service to Niagara District was circulated for members' signatures.

**OTHER**

**1. New Chairman** - Neil Brophy has agreed to assume Chairmanship of Niagara District and the meeting unanimously accepted him as our new Chair. Members gave Koppenhaver a round of appreciative applause for his service to the District.

**2. Empire Games** - McVey reported that Masters Swimming will be at the University at Buffalo, Alumni Pool. The course will be SCM, for swimmers 18 yrs or older as of 12/31/10. There will not be an Open Division. The meet is the responsibility of the Empire Games Office but the District can support the event although there appears to be no Buffalo area Masters club ready to take on the event.

**3. Niagara Masters Swim Groups** - Pilger stated that the number of masters groups listed in the District is too large and questioned if they are multiple pool sites for the same group, or pools used by individual swimmers. Koppenhaver, Brophy, and Danner will review and edit the list.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 3:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Amy Johnson, Secretary