

LMSC Name:	Niagara	Location:	Rochester, NY
Chair:	Greg Danner	Vice Chair:	Art Munson
Minutes recorded by:	Ann Marie Crye	Date/time of meeting:	11/5/2017

Motions Passed:

1. Niagara LMSC will give BUMS \$1000 for running a sanctioned multiday meet in 2018. Approved unanimously.
2. Niagara LMSC will continue to cover 50% of registration costs for anyone achieving a USMS Coach/ALTS/SDC Certification in 2018. Approved unanimously.
3. Niagara LMSC will give the Skehan award to Brooks Howard to recognize his contributions with officials. Approved unanimously.
4. Niagara LMSC will give an appreciation award to Sharlene Ransford for her dedication over the years volunteering as an official. Approved unanimously.

Number of Board members present: 8	Absent: 2	Number of other members present: 0
LMSC members present: Greg Danner (Chair/Webmaster), Steve Danner (Treasurer), Lorie Rick (Fitness/Coaches), Kay Turner (Sanctions), Ann Marie Crye (Secretary), Geoff Wells (Records), Brooks Howard (Officials) and Chris Beardsley (Top Ten).		
LMSC members absent: Art Munson (Vice Chair), Dawn-Ann Dykes (Registrar)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm ET.

Old Business: None

Reports of Officers:

- **Treasurer:** Steve Danner – report submitted. Bank accounts were consolidated (checking only).
- **Registrar:** Dawn-Ann Dykes – report submitted. Niagara LMSC currently have 604 members for 2017.
- **Secretary:** Ann Marie Crye – no report
- **Chair:** Greg Danner – We held a USMS Stroke Development Clinic in Rochester in June. A report was provided to the BOD earlier in the year via email. We will attempt to bring them back in 2018 or 2019 (different city?). Club Assistant lowers their fees for events that are free to participants. **Leadership Summit:** Recap was sent to the BOD earlier in the year via email. The next Summit will be in 2019. **USMS Convention:** Greg sent recap via email. Congratulations to Greg who was elected Secretary of USMS at the Convention. Two delegate spots available in Jacksonville 2018 (As USMS Secretary, Greg will not count against Niagara's number). USMS Convention Task Force being formed: USMS recognizes that the cost of the convention is a significant cost for many LMSCs. This Task Force will be looking at the current convention format and issue recommendations. Chris will send out his notes from the Convention.

Reports of Committee Chairs:

- **Officials:** Brooks Howard – Brooks reported that the official situation is improving. Most meets have 4 officials. There were 5 officials at the RAM'S meet. Steve will start reimbursing officials. Brooks will be transitioning out of the official's chair. Leo Gibbons, who is retired from Buffalo, will be transitioning to official's chair by the Spring meeting. He will also be on the Niagara LSC board. Niagara LCS currently has 292 officials. It is easier to become a USMS official because there is no background check requirement as there is in USA Swimming.
- **Vice Chair:** Art Munson – no report
- **Sanctions:** Kay Turner – report submitted
- **Records:** Geoff Wells – Greg updated them last month. There were many new records.
- **Top 10:** Chris Beardsley – Chris has submitted Top Ten Reports in 2017 and will begin processing meets starting with the Stacy Moor Memorial meet. Chris will work with Greg on this.

- **Coaches/Fitness:** Lorie Rick – no report. Lori would like to transition a new Coaches/Fitness Chair. We will be searching for someone that would be interested in taking this on.
- **Web/Social Media:** Greg Danner – New mobile-friendly website was implemented this year. Majority of our news is being pushed out through Facebook (Chris is assisting). We are getting more swimmers participating in meets because more people are getting reminders about upcoming meets.
- **Competition Committee:** Discuss additional funding/support for the NYS Championship meet in Binghamton. **Motion:** (Wells, second Beardsley) Niagara LMSC will give BUMS \$1000 for running a sanctioned multiday meet in 2018.

New Business:

- **Education Programs:** Two individuals became USMS Coach certified in 2017: Andrew Eicholzer (UC04) and Chris Beardsley. There are ten certified coaches in Niagara (one from last year did not renew). **Motion:** (G. Danner, second Wells). Niagara LMSC will continue to cover 50% of registration costs for anyone achieving a USMS Coach/ALTS/SDC Certification in 2018.
- **Awards:** Discuss nominations. **Motion:** (Turner, second S. Danner) Niagara LMSC will give the Skehan award to Brooks Howard to recognize his contributions with officials. **Motion:** (Turner, second Rick) Niagara LMSC will give an appreciation award to Sharlene Ransford for her dedication over the years volunteering as an official.
- **Elections:** There were no nominations from the floor and all officers wish to continue, no formal vote was required. Registrar Dawn-Ann Dykes: will continue a 3rd term., Chair: Greg Danner: continuing 4th term.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm ET.
