

<b>LMSC Name:</b>	Niagara	<b>Location:</b>	Rochester, NY
<b>Chair:</b>	Greg Danner	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Art Munson
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Jordan Goff	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	11/10/2019

## Motions Passed:

1. **Approved: Meet bonus will be reduced to \$225 for the second meet of similar format run by the same host.**
2. **Approved: Greg Danner elected Chair.**
3. **Approved: Jennifer Adams elected Membership Coordinator.**
4. **Approved: 2019-2020 budget, as prepared by the Treasurer.**
5. **Approved: Changes to bylaws, as presented by the Chair.**
6. **Approved: Creation of Affiliated Organization Liaison position.**

<b>Number of Board members present: 8</b>	<b>Absent: 5</b>	<b>Guests: 1</b>
<b>Board members present:</b> Greg Danner (Chair/Webmaster), Kay Turner (Sanctions), Jordan Goff (Secretary), Dana Gianniny (Records), Leo Gibbons (Officials), Robert Perkins (Open Water), Matt Phillips (Records), Colleen Brown (Club Rep - BUMS).		
<b>Not present:</b> Scott Schmidt (Coaches), Geoff Wells (Treasurer), Jennifer Adams (Membership Coordinator), Art Munson (Vice Chair), Chris Beardsley (Top Ten).		
<b>Guests:</b> Molly Brown (BUMS).		

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 pm ET.

1. Welcome new members
  - a. Welcomed Matt and Dana
2. Officer Reports:
  - a. Chair (Greg)
    - i. No questions on report
  - b. Treasurer (Geoff)
    - i. Expected loss of \$1700, actual \$1300
    - ii. Money was spent on coaches getting adult learn to swim cert
    - iii. Offset by new membership high
  - c. Membership Coordinator (Jennifer)
    - i. Registrar role rebranded as Membership Coordinator due to high level of registration online, the actual job role has changed
    - ii. Discussed who is responsible for promoting masters swimming on social media, and how to create content. Rob and Greg will discuss who will take point on social media.
  - d. Secretary (Jordan)
    - i. Nothing to report
3. Committee Chair Reports:
  - a. Vice Chair (Art)
    - i. Not present
  - b. Sanctions (Kay)
    - i. 10 meets sanctioned for '18-'19
      1. 2 College Club Swimming meets
    - ii. Canandaigua meet just applied for sanctioning, date may change
    - iii. 13 meets sanctioned for '19-'20
      1. Need to change policy for one swim meet a month, due to increase of college club swimming meets.
      2. \$450 bonus may change or be reduced for teams that run multiple meets a year.
      3. Increase accountability for college club swim meets
      4. Proposed reducing meet bonus for clubs second SCY meet to \$225 taking effect for events that have not been sanctioned yet. (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>)

5. **MSA meet bonus to be reduced to \$225 for second meet of similar format by one host (e.g. two SCY run by the same host). The motion passed unanimously.**
  - c. Records (Dana)
    - i. Records have been updated, usually after local meet
    - ii. Proposed creating records LCM 5k and 10k
  - d. Top Ten Recorder (Chris)
    - i. Not present
  - e. Coaches (Scott)
    - i. Not Present
    - ii. Recently received coaching certification
    - iii. Encouraging certificated coaches to become affiliated with a club
  - f. Officials (Leo)
    - i. 31 confirmed officials for the Niagara Region
    - ii. Encouraging other officials to receive USMS cert
    - iii. OW swimming event at Skaneateles was short on officials, struggles with communication
    - iv. Getting OW cert printed on the official card to prove that they are certified at OW events.
    - v. Get all officials in region to take the OW training
  - g. Open Water (Rob)
    - i. Two OW events this year.
    - ii. Went to convention and met with National Chair for OW events.
    - iii. Wants to create an OW committee, get more race directors, to create more regional events beyond the two that exist. Creating a starter kit for streamlining the creation of OW events
    - iv. Attempting to integrate USMS and USAT membership fee for OW events
  - h. Awards (Matt)
    - i. National conference was lacking on Best Practices examples for awards
    - ii. Swimmer of the year awards are now continuously updated after each local meet
    - iii. Coach of the year, appreciations award nomination form is available on the Niagara website.
4. Elections:
  - a. Chair candidate: Greg Danner.
    - i. Discussed nature of the job
    - ii. **MSA to elect Greg as Chair. Approved unanimously.**
  - b. Membership Coordinator (formerly Registrar) candidate: Jennifer Adams.
    - i. **MSA to elect Jennifer as Membership Coordinator. Approved unanimously.**
5. Budget
  - a. Projecting \$900 loss on '19-'20
  - b. We have above the recommended holdings in the bank account.
  - c. Suggested spend down account (\$12,000 in account, recommended holding is 50% of annual revenue or ~\$4,000)
  - d. Following recommended USMS format for budget
  - e. Discussed amount spent on website hosting
  - f. **MSA to approve budget, as prepared by the Treasurer. Approved unanimously.**
6. Bylaws/P&P changes
  - a. Changing language in bylaws from Registrar role to Membership Coordinator
  - b. **MSA to approve changes to the bylaws. Approved unanimously.**
  - c. Tabled P&P changes due to changes in meet bonus reimbursement.
  - d. Changing meet expectations, can only have masters meets every two weeks. Will work with CCS meets on case by case basis.
7. 2019 Convention recap
  - a. Explained the format of the National Convention
  - b. Mentioned that each swimmer can apply to be on the national committee
8. 2020 Convention
  - a. In Jacksonville, email Greg if you would like to attend
9. New Business

- a. Encouraged to contact Rob for any Tri questions.
- b. **MSA to create Chair appointed position: Affiliated Organization Liaison to help triathletes work between the two organizations. Approved unanimously.** Rob Perkins nominated and appointed to the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm ET.

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