

LMSC Name:	Niagara	Location:	Virtual - Zoom
Chair:	Greg Danner	Vice Chair:	Geoff Wells
Minutes recorded by:	Jordan Goff	Date/time of meeting:	11/7/2022

Motions Passed:

1. Approved 2022-2023 Budget
2. Appointed: Jason Ellis as Communication Chair
3. Appointed: Judy Wolfe as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Chair
4. Appointed Treasurer candidate: Geoff Wells
5. Appointed Secretary candidate: Jordan Goff

Number of Board members present: 11	Absent:	Guests: 1
Board members present: Greg Danner (Chair/Webmaster), Geoff Wells (Vice Chair/Treasurer), Kay Turner (OME Coordinator), Jordan Goff (Secretary), Brandi Bashor (Coaches), Dana Gianniny (Records), Leo Gibbons (Officials), Chris Beardsley (Top Ten), Anna Jordan (Membership Coordinator/Fitness), Bill Quagliano (Sanctions) and Matt Phillips (Awards).		
Not present: Robert Perkins (Open Water)		
Guests: Jason Ellis, Judy Wolfe		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm ET.

1. Welcome (Greg): Final year as chair. Excited about the new members joining the board.
2. Agenda review and declarations of conflict of interest (Greg): No questions or conflicts noted.
3. Officer Reports:
 - a. Chair (Greg)
 - i. Final year as chair.
 - ii. Excited about the new members joining the board.
 - b. Treasurer (Geoff)
 - i. QuickBooks is working well, following all guidelines
 - ii. Club Assistant switched to Stripe billing. This centralizes entry fees and then disperses funds back to the host club after the meet is held.
 - iii. Membership revenue/donations were up from the pandemic years
 - iv. Expenses were also up since there were more meets hosted. o 2022 - \$7,385. 2021 - \$689. 2020 - \$5,848. 2019 - \$10,756 (ALTS year)
 - v. Bank account balance as of 11/3/2022 is \$20,978.71, of which \$1,374.90 is currently held from STRIPE that will be paid out for meet entries. Overall, we have a very healthy balance in the bank for operations going forward.
 - vi. Budget has a slight loss of \$293. Did not factor in the increased fee revenue for membership, which should completely offset this amount.
 - vii. Looking to update the website in future. Discussed using SquareSpace as a website design.
 - viii. Approve the budget (Leo first, Matt seconded)
 - c. Membership Coordinator (Anna)
 - i. Members registered in 2021: 521
 - ii. Members registered in 2022: 621
 1. We are up by 100 members in 2022!
 - iii. Sent quarterly e-mails to Niagara LMSC members to announce upcoming events and encourage participation
 - iv. Discussed using social media for to drive membership, introduced Jason Eliis
 - d. Secretary (Jordan): No Report

4. Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. Sanctions/OME (Bill/Kay)
 - i. GVM held a meet in October 2021 but the pool with a bulkhead was never measured on the day of the meet; therefore, the results were posted as 'unofficial'
 - ii. the Ithaca meet scheduled for December 2021 was canceled due to Covid restrictions issued by Ithaca College
 - iii. Bill presented a copy of the tentative meet schedule for this season
 - iv. Nickel City Splash hosted their Winter Whiteout meet in January 2022
 - v. Canandaigua Sawbellies and RAMS did not request a meet date this season (last meets 2/20 and 3/20)
 - vi. The BUMS invitational was held in March 2022; many swimmers are asking if they will hold a State Championship again.
 - vii. the Ithaca meet was rescheduled for April 2022
 - viii. NY Senior Games were held in June 2022 with 61 swimmers, ~33 USMS.
 - ix. recommend using Club Assistant for the USMS Empire State Senior Games next year
 - x. Nickel City held a LCM meet in July 2022
 - xi. Bill discussed switching affiliations to allow for relay's at national level meets
 - b. Officials (Leo)
 - i. Currently less than 12 officials available for USMS or CS meets
 - ii. All meet records are maintained unless outside persons are selected by meet staff
 - iii. No open water meets in 2022
 - iv. Setting up Stripe Billing for CSS to pay officials in a timely manner
 - c. Coaches (Brandi)
 - i. Ensuring that the main coach for the club is listed as the contact person for the club
 - d. Fitness (Anna)
 - i. Planning local events based on USMS Fitness Series events.
 - ii. January 2023 Fitness Event — 30-minute pool swim
 1. working with Michael Gleason at Canandaigua YMCA to plan a group fitness swim in January 2023 at the Canandaigua YMCA pool. This would be a 30-minute swim to align with the USMS Winter Fitness Challenge
 - iii. June 2023 Fitness Event — 2k open water swim
 1. working out details for a group fitness swim in June 2023 at Durand Eastman beach
 - e. Records (Dana)
 - i. All records on the website are current
 - f. Top Ten Recorder (Chris)
 - i. Long Course Meters – 59 swims, 19 masters
 - ii. Short Course Yards – 56 swims, 22 masters
 - g. Open Water (Rob - via submitted report)
 - i. Volunteers to help organize a USMS meet in the southern tier.. Seneca Lake is a preferred destination however I am up for suggestions.
 - h. Awards (Matt)
 - i. Covered the four categories of awards and nomination process.
5. Elections:
 - a. Treasurer candidate: Geoff Wells
 - i. First: Matt. Seconded: Dana. All: Approved.
 - b. Secretary candidate: Jordan Goff
 - i. First: Dana. Seconded: Anna. All: Approved.
6. Appointment Candidates:
 - a. Communications: Jason Ellis
 - i. expanding on the quarterly email.

- ii. using one lead platform to post across all social media accounts
 - iii. Ensuring that we are reaching all members regardless of tech usage
 - iv. Appointed as Communications Chair
 - b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI): Judy Wolfe
 - i. Has been exploring the role and reviewing USMS national level DEI activity, would be glad to help Niagara at the local level.
 - ii. Appointed as DEI Chair.
7. USMS Annual Meeting
- a. 2022 Virtual Annual Meeting recap (Anna):
 - i. Met candidates for the National Board, elected the new Board Members, and voted on several minor wording changes and housekeeping items. The two most significant and controversial items on the agenda were:
 - ii. Voting whether or not to give the Board of Directors power to decide the method of future annual
 - iii. meetings
 - iv. Voting whether or not to raise the membership fees for 2023.
 - b. 2023 Annual Meeting info (Greg): To be determined. Reach out if interested.
8. New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm ET.

Zoom meeting info:

Topic: Niagara LMSC Annual Meeting
Time: Nov 7, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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