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**Middle Atlantic
BOARD of DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 25, 2006
Middle Atlantic Office**

ATTENDEES:

Mike Seip – General Chair	Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair
Fred Killian – Operations/Devel, Officials	Greg Fastrich - Coach
Burt German - Finance	Dale Petranech - Treasurer
John Carroll, Tech Planning	Matt Sprang – Age Group
Patric Mills – Safety	Cherita Gentilucci – Office
Glenn Neufeld – Coach (via phone)	Mike Gobrecht – Senior (via phone)
Garr Herr – ACAC (non-Board)	

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:03 p.m. by Mike Seip, General Chair. Matt Sprang / Fred Killian appointed as Acting Secretary.

Agenda:

Items added to the posted Agenda: the IMX challenge in MA; Eastern States coaches clinic; issues with ARGO club; policy manual upgrades; new Open Water policy for MA. Motion to approve modified agenda; motion passed.

Announcements:

- ? Representatives from Corrigan-Manning made a brief presentation regarding the office copier. A new copier with network printing capability was offered at about the same lease payment and lower maintenance agreement. The matter was referred to the Operations V-chair for a decision.

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes of July House of Delegates meeting; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- ? Treasurer Report included initial report for 2005-06 fiscal year – shows excess of \$52M with not all expenses recorded. Treasurer asked Board approval to use Anna Schwartz for fiscal year audit review; motion granted. The corporate banking resolution was presented to the Board with signatory powers on the checking account to Mike Seip, Burt German, and Dale Petranech. Motion to accept the banking resolution; motion passed. Motion to accept Treasurer report; motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) BCAT fine appeal. BCAT has paid fine pending decision on Board on appeal; BCAT was not present to present their appeal. No action taken. BCAT will be given opportunity to present appeal at a later Board meeting.
- 2) STRM asked for a \$4 entry fee for the NJ State Meet in lieu of charging admission at the GCIT facility. Their request had been made at the bid meeting last spring. Motion to approve; passed. It was noted that other clubs had also made specific requests regarding fees at the bid meeting, and were given approval at that meeting. In the future, all requests for exceptional entry fees or surcharges should be so noted when the schedule is approved by the Board.

Elections and Appointments:

- ? Evan Reed (UMLY) was appointed as an Athlete Rep to the Board.
- ? Position of Secretary remains unfilled.

New Business:

- 1) Travel – several requests for travel assistance were missed when checks were sent out; an additional \$1500 will be sent above that in the current financial report.
- 2) Travel waivers/appeals: (1) John Kenney appealed denial of his request for OW assistance on basis that he attended several OW meets that had been ‘approved’ in the past but were not approved this year. Motion to grant request and pay \$500 OW travel assistance; approved. (2) Del Brandywine Y (BRY) requested approval of late submission for Eric Dunn at LC Nationals in Irvine. Motion to grant request at 80% of amount paid to others attending that meet; motion passed. (3) Request from EMAC to approve late submission for five swimmers attending summer Sectional meet. Motion to grant request at 80% of amount paid to others; motion passed.
- 3) 2005-06 Travel assistance. Motion to use remaining monies from 2005-06 Travel Assistance budget to make-up difference to those athletes that did not receive full support with priority order as (a) Summer Nationals, (b) Summer Junior Nationals, (c) Spring Sectionals; motion passed. Athletes that were granted appeals will be capped at 80% of the full support amount. Fred Frank asked that all Board members be given a summary of the Travel Support payments, by meet.
- 4) John Carroll presented a modified Travel Assistance proposal for 2006-07 in which the collective Spring and Summer meets are budgeted together; athletes attending the ‘senior’ championship will be fully funded followed by athletes attending the ‘junior’ championship, followed by athletes attending the ‘sectional’ meet – until the budget is expended. If not fully dispersed, excess funds from the US Open can be used to supplement the ‘Spring’ budget, and funds not dispersed in the spring would supplement the ‘Summer’ budget. Requests for support would continue to be due fifteen (15) days following completion of the meet for which support is requested; athletes applying late or appealing denial of support would have to wait until the end of the year for consideration. Motion to adopt; passed. (Note: a Travel Fund Committee, as provided in the MA By-laws, will be appointed to administer the program.)
- 5) Accepted meets (F Killian) – no action, but noted that the MA ‘Accepted Meet’ status will likely have to be dropped when MA moves to online entry procedure based on times in SWIM only.
- 6) Business continuity / Disaster recovery – Patric Mills provided info and requested that a committee be formed to consider this issue and report to the Board. Patric Mills, Dale Petranec, Ruthann Joyce were appointed to the committee, with intent to add several additional members.
- 7) By-law changes (B German) – proposed amendments to modify Group Membership status for all Club Members to have two representatives to the House of Delegates: one Coach and one non-Coach. (At Clubs where not all members are members of USA Swimming – e.g., a YMCA – the Club shall consist of those athletes that are members of USA Swimming.) Also, proposed amendments to modify Quorum requirements at House of Delegates, Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. Motion to approve and send amendments to the next House of Delegates meeting for approval; passed. As a result of action at the recent USA Swimming convention, the above proposed amendment will be modified to provide three representatives from each Club Member, the additional representative to be an Athlete. This will provide the necessary Athlete representation of at least 20%, as required by the Ted Stevens Act of 1988. Motion passed. (Fred Killian will provide appropriate new language for the By-laws.)
- 8) Altitude training trip (Senior Comm) - M Gobrecht presented proposal to send thirty MA athletes (15 male; 15 female) with three coaches to a Training Camp at the Colorado Spring training center in December. Athletes must be of ‘high school age’, and will be selected based on IMX score and ‘Hy-Tek points.’ Athletes would be expected to pay 25% of the cost. Assuming approx \$500 airfare, an additional \$5000 above the current budgeted amount of \$8000 will be needed. Motion to approve a budget variance of \$5000 to cover the trip; motion passed.
- 9) Open-water camp (Age Group) – Matt Sprang proposed to hold an Open Water camp, and asked for comments and feedback.
- 10) MA IMX Challenge (Age Group) – Matt Sprang presented proposal to recognize and award the top ten MA athletes in each Age category (both SC and LC). Matt asked for additional \$600 for the Age Group Committee to cover the cost of certificates and a plaque for each winner. The IMX Challenge will follow the same format, dates, and rules of USA Swimming’s IMX Challenge and Motion to approve; passed.
- 11) Elite Meet – Matt advised that the intended location (Franklin & Marshall) was now not available on the scheduled last weekend in January. The availability of other pools was considered, but none are available that could accommodate the meet. F&M is available on the previous weekend (Jan 19-

21, 2007). Motion to approve moving the Elite Meet to January 19-21 weekend, contingent on obtaining a firm contract commitment from F&M. There are two meets currently scheduled for that weekend – a new ABC meet to be hosted by Penn Charter/Central Bucks, and a distance meet hosted by LAC. Arrangements will be made to accept entries from ‘last chance’ meets on the weekend of Jan 13-14. Motion passed. (PC/CBST and LAC need to be notified of the change in Elite Meet dates.)

- 12) Garr Kerr (ACAC) advised that ACAC, OCCC and EHT have left their prior league and wish to have ‘closed’ meets on Oct 7 (relay), Nov 11 (distance) and Dec 2 (mini) be sanctioned meets. ACAC also requested sanctioning for an open A/BB/C/Mini meet February 24-25, 2007. Process for obtaining a sanction was explained. Motion to grant sanction for the Nov 11th distance meet provided the club meets the requirements; motion passed.
- 13) Eastern States – Glenn Neufeld presented proposal to support attendance by MA coaches at the Eastern States Clinic to be held October 20-22 in Cherry Hill, NJ. Coaches would have to apply for reimbursement, if only a few apply for the reimbursement it will be split between those coaches who did apply. Coaches must attend one House of Delegates meeting to obtain the reimbursement check. Glenn will submit an amended proposal with deadlines and asked for a budget variance of \$1000 to cover the program. Motion passed.
- 14) General Chair advised the board that several complaints have been received regarding swimmers not being granted transfer from ARGO club; there are indications that the head coach may be leaving the LSC. The matter was referred to the Board of Review to determine whether and what action should be taken.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) Senior Committee – The Middle Atlantic Fall Classic Senior Meet will be held at the University of Delaware, October 28-29, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian/Matt Sprang, acting Sec