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Middle Atlantic - BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 13, 2008
Middle Atlantic Office, New Castle, DE

ATTENDANCE:

Mike Seip – General Chair
Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair
Stephanie Rozick – Senior Co-chair
George Breen – At-Large
Brad Bowser – Tech Planning
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Burt German - Finance V-Chair
Fred Killian – Secretary
John Carroll – At-Large
Dan Sullivan - Operations
Dale Petranech – Treasurer

PARTICIPATING via Conference:

Mike Gobrecht – Senior Co-chair
Greg Fastrich – Coach

Ruth Ann Joyce – Safety Co-chair

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

Agenda:

No new Agenda items. Motion to adopt published Agenda; motion passed.

Announcements:

- Burt German thanked the Board for their kindness and consideration following the death of his wife.
- Fred Killian announced that a clinic for new officials will be held at Suburban Swim Center on Wednesday evening, Oct 15, and additional clinics are being planned for Friends Central and the Atlantic City and Lancaster areas. Successful clinics were recently held at JW (23 attendees) and the MA office (11 attendees.) Clinics for new starters and referees will be held in November.

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes of the July Board meeting, as issued. Motion passed.

Elections and Appointments

- o Yvonne Gordon is appointed as Diversity Liaison for Middle Atlantic. Her responsibilities will be in conjunction with the National Diversity committee.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) Mike asked each member who attended the recent USAS convention to submit a brief report of their activities. Items of note – Fred Killian noted that most legislation from convention will not go into

effect until May 2009, including the restricted swimsuit attire for 12 and under swimmers. He also noted that changes to LSC By-Laws regarding Board of Review activities are effective Jan 1, 2009 and that he expected USA-S to send more information on the required changes. Stephanie noted that a new Zone Senior LC meet had been approved and funded; EZ will not hold this meet until 2010. Also, there is still no bid for the Spring, 2009 Southern Region EZ Sectional meet.

- 2) Tech Planning – minutes of Sept 15 TP meeting attached (participants were: B.Bowser, J.Carroll, S.Rozick, G.Dunham, G.Neufeld, B.Trussell, C.Waggoner, B.Worrell). Several items discussed will be brought back to the Board for consideration as MA policy (see below), including: combined mini- and 9-10 age-group meets; allowing clubs to charge an additional fee for non-electronic meet entries; sanctioning of intra-squad meets; fines for late submission of Meet Info by clubs awarded sanctioned meets. Mike appointed a task force (B.Bowser, B.German, F.Killian, F.Frank) to review and develop a policy regarding the sanction of intra-squad meets.

A request from MSA to host a combined A/BB/C and Mini-meet on Dec 5-7 was granted by TP.

TP is proposing that MA allow Clubs to bid to host the MA Long Course Senior and JO Championship meets in 2009. Discussion on the complete LC schedule for 2009 ensued; No action was taken but Tech Planning was urged to begin the process of developing the LC schedule much earlier than in past years.

- 3) Officials Comm – minutes of the Officials comm meeting on October 7 are attached.
- 4) Senior – Stephanie Rozick and Mike Gobrecht reported that a site has not yet been determined for the Senior Champs in March. York Y, Central Bucks and GCIT are locations being considered.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dale Petranech presented the attached report for the 2007-08 fiscal year and noted that (a) a \$496 item under Income-Club Development should be under Expense-Education, and (b) the recommended supplemental Travel Assistance payments (to be discussed later) are not included in the report. Burt noted that the report shows approx \$100M higher income than budgeted, half of which was from Club Meets. The excess funds will be put into the MA reserve accounts.
- Greg Fastrich asked whether a fund to support coaches attending National Champs could be established; Mike appointed Greg to put together an *ad-hoc* committee to look into this, including whether other LSCs support coaches and on what basis.
- Dale indicated that the Audit Committee would need to begin the audit and tax filing process for the last fiscal year.
- Burt indicated that the banks holding our reserve funds were considered to be 'stable' in view of the current national fiscal situation.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) 2009 House of Delegates meeting (F Frank) – Fred is revising the previously proposed format to now be a half-day program. The initial period would be concurrent sessions for e.g., Meet Directors, Coaches, Athletes, etc. – followed by the House of Delegates meeting. Fred will send a summary of the plan to the full Board later this week. The intention is to do this on a Saturday in June.
- 2) Travel Fund – final disbursements. The Travel Fund Comm met on October 8 (see attached minutes) and reviewed total 2007-08 payments thus far, and all late requests and/or appeals. Total assistance support totals \$52,700 (\$17,300 below budget) plus \$17,850 for Olympic Trials (\$6,150 below budget.) The committee considered eleven requests for additional support (underpayment of max amount, late requests, appeals) and recommended to the Board additional payments of \$5,780 for these items (see minutes.) Motion to accept TFC recommendations and pay additional funds (Carroll; Petranech) – motion passed.

The TFC recommended that the Travel Assistance Application Form be modified to avoid confusion in some areas. This will be done. The TFC was also asked to review the Travel Assistance policy and consider ways to possibly simplify the process.

Motion for Board to consider distributing remaining un-spent (budgeted) funds to those athletes who received funds this past year. After some discussion (not appropriate, sets a precedent), the motion was withdrawn.

New Business

- a) Surcharge for paper meet entries – tabled and referred to Tech Planning to make a proposal.
- b) Meet information late submission fines – tabled and referred to Tech Planning.
- c) Fee increase for Intrasquad meets – tabled and referred to Tech Planning.
- d) 2009 LC Schedule (B Bowser) – as noted previously, TP will develop and proposed the 2009 LC schedule earlier than in past years, and will provide opportunity for additional clubs to bid on open meet dates. The MA LC Senior Champs and JOs may also be put out for bids to be hosted by MA clubs. The expectation is to have the schedule available no later than January.
- e) Policy manual – SC Zones (F Killian). The proposed changes from AG committee have not been made; Fred will have the changes at the next Board meeting. There was also discussion about the impact of the EZ change to allow three swimmers per event in the 10&U and 11-12 events at the Spring Zone meet. This will obviously affect the MA team size and expenses. The issue was referred to the Age Group committee to have a recommendation for the Board at the next meeting.
- f) SJAC meet entry/transfer issue (M Seip) – the matter will be referred to the MA Board of Review by Mike.
- g) Board Retreat/LEAP project (M Seip) – MA has volunteered to be part of the initial implementation of the program (from USA Swim LSC Development comm.). Plan is to hold a 1-day retreat for the MA Board to review our position versus the project parameters. A (mid-week) day in April was proposed; Mike will look into arrangements.

Other:

Mike Seip asked Burt German, Fred Frank and Fred Killian to participate in an evaluation of the MA office staff, as preliminary to the LEAP evaluation.

USA-S is holding a registration workshop in April – Cherita suggested that Deb and Amy be sent.

Dan Sullivan was authorized to look into and purchase a laser device that can be used to measure and certify pool lengths.

The next meeting is the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for November 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm – tentatively scheduled to be conducted via conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, Secretary