

MA Travel Fund Committee meeting  
MA Office – Tues, October 7, 2008 – 11:00 am

Attending: John Carroll (Chr), Burt German, George Breen, Fred Killian, Marie Labosky, Cherita Gentilucci

Travel Assistance payments for 2008-09 season thus far are as follows:

Winter	\$ 4,000	4,000	\$ 0
Spring	31,000	23,800	- 7,200
Summer	35,000	24,900	<u>- 10,100</u>
			\$ -17,300
Olympic Trials	\$ 24,000	17,850	\$ -6,150

Discussion of reimbursement policies, with following action taken –

- a) motion that ‘late’ requests for payment would receive 80% of amount generally paid for the respective meet. Motion passed.
- b) Motion to amend the Travel Fund Policy to state that all appeals or late requests for payment must be submitted by October 1 in order to be reviewed by the Travel Fund committee for consideration at the October MA Board meeting. Motion passed.

The following items were considered:

- 1) Fourteen athletes that received less than the max \$300 for the SC Nationals in December were awarded \$15 to bring them to the max amount. Approved (total = \$210).
- 2) Late request for assistance to SC Nationals. Approved at 80% for \$240.
- 3) Make up \$100 difference in ‘National’ level for four swimmers that attended a spring Sectional meet; the modified policy was not readily published for all athletes and the Request form gave no method to apply for the ‘national’ level support. Approved - \$400..
- 4) Late request by a swimmer that attended the NCSA Junior meet in the spring; no other athletes from the club applied for assistance. Approved at 80% for \$320.
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- 7) Request by an ‘unattached’ college swimmer that attended US Open. Prior MA club submitted request on time. Approved full amount - \$600.
- 8) College swimmer that stayed with college team and swam at OT requested assistance for summer Sectional. Did not have 3 events. Approved full amount - \$300.
- 9) OT – parent submitted timely request for college swimmer. Approved - \$850.
- 10) OT – swimmer stayed with college and swam at trials; MA club requested assistance for the swimmer, and waiver of required 3 events. Approved - \$850.
- 11) OT – Post-grad swimmer attended OT and US Open. Had ceased training; FINA rules prevented swimmer from participating in required MA meets and/or events. Long-time MA athlete. Approved both for OT and US Open - \$1450.

Topics to be considered at future meetings:

- assistance for 2012 Olympic Trials
- required three MA-events by college swimmers.
- representation issue for college swimmers
- Travel assistance policies for 2009-10 year. What works? What doesn’t work?