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Middle Atlantic - BOARD of DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 11, 2009

Conducted via Conference Call

PARTICIPATING via Conference:

Mike Seip – General Chair
Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair
Erik Posegay – Age-Group Co-chair
George Breen – At-Large
Greg Fastrich – Coach
Stephanie Rozick – Senior Co-chair
Stu Kukla - Coach
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Burt German - Finance V-Chair
Fred Killian – Secretary
John Carroll – At-Large
Brad Bowser – Tech Planning
Patric Mills – Safety Co-chair
Dale Petranech – Treasurer
Ruthann Joyce – Safety Co-chair

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:02 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

Announcements:

The Officials committee will hold a Starter clinic on June 13 at the MA office, and a clinic for new officials on May 21 at the York Y.

Mike Seip advised that he has a new email – MSeip@HPCFitness.com.

Agenda:

Two items were added under New Business – discussion of the Team Delaware status and status of the Eastern Zone LC Age-group meet. Motion to approve Agenda, as amended; passed.

Minutes:

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

Elections and Appointments

- a. Nominations – a complete list of nominees for the June election was presented (see attached); the Coach representative will be elected at the Senior meet in July. Since two persons presently fill several Board positions, the number of athletes on the Board is less than the required 20%. There are three nominees for Athlete reps; this would increase the number to four Athlete reps and bring us within the 20%. Burt and Fred K will review the By-Laws to see if anything further need be done to make this change. (Note: one of the positions should be designated as a 1-year term in order to balance the terms.) Additional nominations can be made at the June meeting.
- b. Presidential appointments for convention – Mike reiterated that MA will not get additional automatic at-large votes at convention as we had dropped to sixth in athlete registration. Several MA members have

votes based on their national committee status. Mike asked those interested in attending convention to notify him; he will petition for additional Presidential appointments, if warranted.

- c. Senior Committee – due to an eligibility oversight at last year’s election, Mike Gobrecht resigned as a Co-chair of the committee; Stephanie Rozick is sole Senior V-Chair. Fred Killian was added to the committee.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- a. Registration status - Cherita reported that Athlete registration is approaching 9000.
- b. Registration workshop – Deb McCarthy and Amy Steeves attended a USA Swimming workshop in San Diego on April. A report has been issued to the Board (see attached.)
- c. LEAP retreat – the MA Board met on April 8 and reviewed our expected response to the survey. Most uncompleted items are underway. Burt reported that a meeting is planned with an attorney to review the incorporation status of MA.
- d. Travel Fund Committee (J.Carroll) – a revised Travel Fund policy was previously sent to the Board and was discussed (see attached.) Support will be based on the level of each swimmer’s times regardless of which meet they attend. Time standards and the meets that will be supported will be issued by the TFC each October. Registration and MA meet participation requirements were simplified. Swimmers in college programs will be exempt from some requirements, but cannot receive support until after June 1. Motion (German) to adopt new policy; motion passed. Policy will be in effect beginning with the 2009-10 short course season.

John Carroll proposed the following budget for 2009-10: Winter - \$10,000; Spring - \$40,000, Summer - \$35,000. Additional \$10,000 to Olympic Trials escrow for 2012. For Winter/Spring meets – Level 1 support is \$550; Level 2 - \$400. For Summer meets – Level 1 - \$600; Level 2 - \$450; Level 3 - \$300.

- d. Winter JOs – Matt Sprang submitted initial financial reports for both Elite and winter JO meets. Elite meet report shows \$4.4K profit, but does not include cost to print programs. JO report does not include printing, copier rental or meet director expenses, and approx \$3K check from Metro Swim Shop for vendor sales has not been received. Age Group was directed to provide a final report, and also include information of the number of teams, swimmers, splashes, etc at each meet.
- e. Winter Zones – financial information is incomplete; report not submitted.

Treasurer’s Report:

- a. The 2009-10 budget was distributed at the April meeting, but no action taken. Burt reviewed key items of the budget, which shows a \$51,000 deficit. Although registration fees to USA Swimming increase by \$1, the total MA fee remains constant at \$57. Motion (German) to accept the proposed budget; motion passed by 13-0 vote. Budget will be presented to the House of Delegates at the June meeting.

Burt reported that current expenditures are on budget. Registration and receipts from ‘splash fees’ are ahead of projected.

- b. Reserve/endowment fund – nothing to report.
- c. Budget variance for Spring 2009 travel (German) – due to several communication errors between the office and Finance positions, Travel Fund support payments in excess of \$7,000 over the Spring budget was distributed to MA clubs. Total Spring payments are \$4,200 for ‘National’ support and \$31,150 for ‘Junior’ support. No payments have been made to support swimmers attending a Spring Sectional meet. (Note: approx \$6,000 had previously been taken from the Sprint \$35,000 budget to reimburse fully the swimmers that attended the Winter National/Junior meets.) Motion (Killian) to approve the over-budget fees paid for Spring meets as the error was a MA administrative error; motion passed by 9-0 vote with four abstentions.

Regarding the unpaid support for ‘Sectional’ swimmers, it was decided that this issue must wait until after the Summer meets are supported, per current MA policy. The budget for Summer meets is \$39,000.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Diversity Liaison position (F Frank) – consensus among Board members was that the position should be as the Chair of a Committee rather than a Board position. Motion authorizing the General Chair to appoint the Diversity Liaison as the Chair of a Diversity Committee; motion passed. Yvonne Gordon had previously accepted the Diversity Liaison position. Rules Committee will consider adding the committee to the ByLaws as a standing committee.
- b. Employee review – no action since last meeting.

- c. MA Policy – Sanctioned Dual meets (B Bowser) – motion (Bowser) to require that Sanctioned dual meets between MA clubs must be announced at the bidder’s meeting, listed on the SC schedule, and pay a \$25 per day sanction fee. Clubs would not pay a splash fee for the meet. Motion passed.
- d. June HoD meeting (F Frank) – **June 8** meeting planned with two 1-hour concurrent sessions for Meet Directors and Coaches, followed by the annual House of Delegates meeting. F Frank is handling the MD session; Deb McCarthy and Stephanie Rozick will have presentations at the Coach session. Cherita is still looking into possible catering. Thus far, FredF has about a 25% response from clubs saying they plan to attend. Cherita will have list of club representatives eligible to vote; voting delegates must either be a listed club rep or have a signed ‘proxy’ letter from their Club.
- e. Short Course schedule (Bowser) – a successful Bidder’s meeting was held, and a tentative SC schedule is available. The ‘MA Regional’ meet (i.e., B/C Champs) was moved back from Easter weekend to March 26-28. Two clubs have bid on the meet. There was concern expressed that two successful meets could be supported at that level. The Board was asked to decide on one or two bids; motion to table the issue until additional information based on past years participation could be provided.

The proposed SC schedule will be presented for approval at the June meeting.

- f. Vision statement (P Mills) – the following Vision Statement was proposed:
Middle Atlantic Swimming promotes the sport of swimming in an environment that provides safe competitive opportunities for members of all ages and abilities.
 Motion to adopt this statement; motion passed.

New Business

- a. Converted times for JOs – FredK summarized past policies regarding acceptance and converting of SCM times for winter JOs, and asked Age Group to review and recommend a policy going forward. Several MA clubs swim primarily in meter pools and are unhappy when SCM entries are seeded as non-conforming. Referred to Age Group committee for their recommendation.
- b. Time Trials – FredK proposed a revised policy for MA Time Trials that primarily eliminated the requirement that a swimmer be within 0.5 sec per 50 of the Sectional cut. Matter was referred to Tech Planning committee for further review.
- c. Meeting dates/locations – Stephanie Rozick asked the Board to consider holding more ‘joint’ meetings (such as the April LEAP / Board mtgs) to reduce travel time, and also consider holding some meetings in a more central location.
- d. Time sensitive issues – S Rozick asked the Board to consider that some issues recently put before the Board for email response might require more thorough discussion.
- e. Team Delaware – the club has apparently folded and is no longer holding practices. The Club owes Middle Atlantic \$8,117.80 in ‘splash fee’ rebates for Sanctioned meets granted by MA. The Board discussed what possible action should be taken, including notification of USA Swimming and/or legal action.
- f. Eastern Zone LC Age Group meet – there was still no bid for the meet at the EZ meeting this past weekend. PVS has tried to find a pool, and is willing to help underwrite the meet if hosted by another LSC. It was determined that the Penn State 50-m pool is available on the August 12-15 dates, and Stephanie Rozick agreed to be the Meet Director. Motion (Breen/German) for Middle Atlantic to accept EZ request to host and run the meet independently (i.e., without additional support from PVS; if necessary, the EZ will solicit funds from each LSC to underwrite some expenses due to the short notice.) – motion passed. Cherita will convey our decision to the EZ.

The next meeting is the House of Delegates meeting scheduled for **June 8, 2009** at the Upper Main Line YMCA in Berwyn, PA. The general meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will be preceded by separate workshop sessions for Meet Directors and Coaches, respectively.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
 Fred Killian, Secretary

(correction2, May 21, 2009)