

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
UPPER MAIN LINE YMCA
May 14,2001 7:00PM

In attendance:

Alec Thomson, Officials Co-Chair
Kim Southmayd, Administrative Chair
Tom Southmayd, Senior Chair
Burt German, Rules
David LaRussa,EMAC
Chris Simendinger, Operations Chair
Charlie Kennedy, Suburban
Cherita Gentilucci, Administrative
Doug Cooper, Technical Planning
Sid Cassidy, APEX
George Breen, GCIT
Mike Ramone, DST
Chris Waggoner, Age Group Chair
Matt Sprang, GCIT
John Carroll, Coaches Rep
Mike Morgan,TSC
Elly Lawlor , GA
Ann Engle, FSSC
Patric Close Mills, At Large
Tim O'Connor, PAC

John Fletcher, STRM
Jon Larson, BCAT Burt German
Jamie Platt, EMAC
Dave Carson, Registration Coordinator
Sue LeFebure, GRA
Karen Salesky, STRM
Gwen Mayo, JW
Kathy Drysdale, DST
Ruthann Joyce, Safety Chair
Tim Cliff , TD
Glenn Neufeld, UMLY
Bernie Kotalik Jr, CVAC
Mark Daum, FSSC
Walt Johnson,PAAC
Dottie Meade, SSC
Jim Mangino, MSA
Terry Peterson, Camps

CALL TO ORDER

Kim Southmayd, Administrative Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherita , {from the webmaster}, please send e-mail directions and college bound seniors asap

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following additions:
To add site selection which was inadvertently left out
Motion made to approve agenda, seconded by P. Mills

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion approved and seconded.

SITE SELECTION

Albert Berradoco first gave thanks to Dick Shoulberg and GA for hosting the meeting last month, and to Cherita for the spreadsheet help. He then reported that there are slight changes made in the number of meets per weekend. There are a couple of meets still open. Please contact MA office by first Monday in June.

The Delaware State Meet was not on the calendar and will be held Dec. 27-30th 2001 at U of D. There is consideration to move it to another weekend in 2002.

Tom Southmayd reported that MA put in a bid for Sectionals, which will be held in March 14-17th 2002 and will be further discussed soon. He also requests that the weekend of Feb. 16-17th remain open for the senior meet.

Doug Copper asked that consideration be given to flip flopping JOs with BC Regionals. BCs could then be used to qualify for JOs. Much discussion ensued and there were strong feelings on both sides. A motion was made that we switch the two meets and it ended in a 15 – 15 tie. The Chair broke the tie with a nay vote. Mike Ramone then made a motion for approval of the schedule with the exception of the dates for these two meets.. That motion was seconded and discussion included a plea that since it was such a close vote, all representatives should take the time to consider what course may be best to take. Motion passed 17 to 9 so that decision will take place at the June meeting. All are encouraged to attend and/or let your representatives be aware of your preference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Burt German reported that the BOD approved 2001-2002 budget with one correction. Other Income should show \$29,900 from surplus to show zero balance. P. Mills was alarmed at taking this surplus. Burt reminded \$300,000 still in surplus. Again much discussion ensued. D. Carson against budget. P.Mills stated the goal to have 1 ½ years budget in hand therefore \$300,000 is not close. Tom Southmayd said the Mids profit will be taken out. Burt German made motion to approve budget, seconded by Chris Waggoner. Motion passed 16 to 6.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

George Breen headed the nomination committee. It met a month ago. (see nomination presented handout) Additions for Age Group Vice Chairman are John Larson and Matt Sprang. Also additional Athlete Representative- Moira McCloskey. Motion to accept nominations unanimous. Elections will be next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Out of LSC teams in MA meets – Idea to accept MA teams before outside LSCs was tabled to the Rules Committee. Burt will look at what other LSCs do. It will probably be set up as a recommended MA policy. He will give a report at next committee meeting.

Qualifying times for MA meets- Conversion questions were tabled to the Rules Committee. Elly Lawlor, GA rep., c/o Dick Shoulberg expressed great concern that swimmers who only have SCY times can not swim the 1500 in some LSC meets, even though their conversion may be well under the qualifying time. Mr. German noted that the rules committee would look into this problem and report back at the next meeting for future meets.

Eastern Zone Report- MA reps. Tom Southmayd, Dave Carson, John Fletcher. It was reported that the Sectional Meet in Region II – our meet – was the largest in the country, also the Region I Sectional meet (the other half of the Eastern Zone) was large in Long Island. Both were fast and there were many positive comments but a number of negative ones. The 2002 SC Region II Sectional meet will be hosted by Curl-Burke Swim Club from Mar. 14-17th - entries can still be faxed from that meet directly to Seniors. Considerable discussion took place with regards to Sectional time standards, women LC standards will remain the same, but men's LC times will all be slower (SCY- SCM standards remain). Further UMBC is an outdoor pool, so the question of lighting arises. Finals will be earlier than previously announced. Many felt the now full four-day meet requires more pomp and circumstances. It was noted that the LC Zone time standards posted are correct. However, the entry deadline was changed to allow more qualification opportunities. Spring Zone Champs (April 4-6th) will be held at GCIT, hosted by New Jersey and Eastern Express. There will be a Zone meeting May 13th, 2002 in Baltimore. John Fletcher felt the Eastern Zone meeting did a poor job doling out the meets. Doug Copper stated the obvious for MA to run it at GCIT instead of a private club from another LSC coming in and running the meet. Mike Ramone thinks it needs to be considered how to package this meet through the bid practice. Burt German noted that this organization can host but chooses not to. George Breen agreed with Mike Ramone. We are the only LSC where we bid as an LSC and ran them. Most LSCs bids come through an individual team first. John Carroll thinks there should be a Zone policy on the type of meet, on deadlines, etc... It seems like any club can do their own show. Doug Copper responded that USA Swimming gives no guidance on this matter and now they are asking what LSCs want. Ideas should be in written form. John Fletcher indicated that this summer would be better. Again, much discussion followed.

Long Course JOs – Chris Waggoner, Age Group Chair, recommends approval of schedule with following changes: 1. 13-14/Senior Relays at the end. 2. 5:30 warm-up, 6:30 meet. 3. Reclarify fast to slow events. 4. Spell out where breaks will occur in meet announcements (length at discretion of referee) John Fletcher raised question if the 200s are necessary for 11-12. AG Committee says yes. Also, the question concerning fastest kids 1650/1500 declaring to swim in the morning. C. Waggoner added another change to the format which would require the top 8 must swim at night or scratch. They are not allowed to switch to the morning. Proposal was made to accept the changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Southmayd asked to bring back discussion on Zones- 200s for 11-12s. Zone tech planning- all distance events added (David Fingers, Niagra). Does Zone meet need changes, send in thoughts to Doug as MA rep. to go to Zone tech planning.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Manual – OW committee submitted...

Age Group Coach of the Year- Charlie Kennedy

Senior Coach of the Year - Dick Shoulberg

Speedo contract required the selection and provided a cash award for both coaches.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cecilia McCloskey, Secretary