

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Upper Main Line Y
November 12, 2001

In attendance:

Doug Copper, Technical Planning
Mike Seip, General Chair
John Carroll, Coaches Rep
Peter Clark, TSC
Cherita Gentilucci, MA Office
Mark Daum, FSSC
George Breen
Burt German, JW
Rudolph Hein, MSA
Michael Jacobs, EMAC
Walt Johnson, PAAC
David Larussa, EMAC
Elmira Lawlor, GAAC
Michael Morgan, TSC
Theresa Peterson,
Richard Shoulberg, GAAC
James Williams, EMAC

Cecilia McCloskey, Secretary
Jon Larson, Age Group Chair
Sid Cassidy, APEX
Fred Killian, Admin Vice Chair
Dale Petranach, Treasurer
Tom Southmayd, Senior Vice Chair
Ann Engle, FSSC
Jeffrey Fastrich, HAC
Charles Hendrixson, WAP
Bernie Kotich, CVAC
Tom Magnino, MSA
Gwen Mayo, JW
Elizabeth Meade, SSC
Glenn Neufeld, UMLY
James Platt, EMAC
Chris Waggoner, JW

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Seip, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements from the Middle Atlantic Office

- 1) All teams entering US Open must complete a membership verification form. This form must be received by the MA office by Friday, November 16, 2001.
- 2) USA Swimming sends out regular communications to coaches via e-mail. They use the e-mail address provided on your registration form. If this address changes, please notify the MA office and we will update our records before sending it on to Colorado.
- 3) World Cup will be televised on ESPN on Friday, December 21 at 3:00 EST.
- 4) USA Swimming Rules and Regulations - Minimum water depth for teaching racing starts in any setting from any height starting blocks or the deck shall be five (5) feet. Please note that "in any setting" includes both practice and competition. It implies as well that teaching of racing starts must be under the direct supervision of a USA-Swimming Coach member.
- 5) USA Swimming Meet Director's Symposium will be held at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs on January 10-11, 2002. Cost of the program, excluding transportation, is \$170 (based on 2 nights, double occupancy). Contact Jessica Binkley at 719/578-4578 or jbinkley@usa-swimming.org
- 6) Lee Champagne's mother-in-law died last Wednesday. A sympathy card was sent on behalf of the Board of Directors and members of Middle Atlantic Swimming.
- 7) Coaches, please pick up the summer zone medals from the office.

Fred Killian announced that there will be an Official's clinic on Sunday 11/18/2001 for both starters and referees. If interested, contact Fred or Alec Thomson.

Dale announced that for anyone wanting to hold an open water event, the applications are due December 1, 2001 and are on the website.

Jon Larson reported that he had received three applications for head coach for the Spring and Summer 2002 Zone Team. Kip Hein was selected and congratulated. Jon also informed the HOD that Mike Seip will be inducted in March at Penn State into the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame.

Sid Cassidy will report on FINA World Cup 2002 later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the agenda and seconded. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dale reported that monies have been moved to an interest bearing account, and will be held there until sent to USAS to pay national registration fees. The 990 Form that goes to the IRS has been submitted. MA has a current balance of \$346,000 of reserved funds. This figure fluctuates due to the market. Motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fred and Burt will begin again to review the issue of sanctioned meets and accepted meets. They will bring their proposals to the HOD so that work can begin.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Coach of the Year nominations: John Carroll is accepting nominations for Speedo Coach of the Year. At this time he has one nomination for Age Group Coach. Other nominations were accepted from the floor. John Carroll put together a list of qualifications; the group that voted last year will vote on this year's Age Group/Senior Coach of the Year. The results will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Sid Cassidy reported on open water swimming. He informed us that the USA World Cup event will be a 10,000-meter swim on Sept. 7, 2002 in the bay. The Around the Island Swim will be held in August. Sid wanted to make all the clubs aware and get Middle Atlantic support for these events. He further stated that the open water committees are trying to get Open Water Swim into the Olympics, hopefully in 2008. There will be \$10,000 in cash prizes. "10K for the USA in the bay." Hilton is the major sponsor.

John Carroll next reported on travel assistance. Fred Killian reviewed a hand out (attached) entitled "Athlete Travel Assistance Program." Fred reported that mostly everything on the hand out was housekeeping issues and clarifications. Some of the things that are added: (A) (2) Swimmers who fail to swim in a final's event for which they have qualified may not count that event: Scratching from the final's event, except for medical reasons, is not an acceptable reason to not swim; (B)(2) MA Sectional Award time standard; and next (B) (3) Meet participation. Fred further explained (C) Level of Support (1) and (2). There was a question and discussion about Registration i.e. (B) A swimmer must have been registered by MA for at least one period of at least 12 consecutive months within the five year period immediately preceding travel. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Travel Assistance program; motion approved.

Next, John Carroll reported on the hand out PROPOSED DESTINATION AWARDS (attached). He stated that the total Awards are within the MA \$66,000 budget. The awards are relatively the same as last year, except the Sectionals amount was dropped \$500 each to add that support to the Disabled Championships. A motion was made and seconded to approve the PROPOSED DESTINATION AWARDS; motion passed.

Jon Larson reported for the Age Group Committee (See handout "Proposals from Age Group Committee for Nov. 12th House of Delegates Meeting.") The first proposal was in regard to the Elite Meet concerning establishing new qualifying times. Much discussion ensued. Sid Cassidy disagreed with the 32nd place for females because basically it's asking the female swimmers to be more elite than the boys. Jon Larson felt MA should shoot for something higher than a JO standard. George Breen said we need to promote the Meet outside MA to get top swimmers. George also suggested that the meet start later so that the

swimmers will walk on deck awake. The next proposal under the Elite Meet was to not have Finals for ten and under. Much discussion ensued. Doug Copper reminded all that there is no 15&Over for the Elite meet and that he wanted 10 and under finals. John Carroll questioned whether there should be higher standards for swimmers from out of the LSC. A recommendation was made to have an awards presentation for the 10&Unders. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Elite Meet proposals (1) and (2); motion passed. John Carroll asked if in the future something could be written to ensure that our LSC has priority entries for the elite meet. This will not be a problem this year according to Doug Copper because meet information is so late coming that most likely other LSCs already have their schedule set. A motion to accept Elite Meet proposal (3) to increase fines for non-qualifying swims from \$10 to \$50 was made and seconded; motion passed.

Junior Olympic proposals similar to those for the Elite Meet proposals were approved. It was further noted that the JO exception report from Summer JOs resulted in at least 70 unproven times. The concern is credibility for Middle Atlantic. .

Zone proposal: Jon Larson recommended that we remove the \$50 fine for swimmers who do not participate in relays. Jon stated that this \$50 does not deter anyone from not staying for relays. George Breen commented that MA, like other LSCs, should put swimmers on buses so that there's no way they can leave early. We have to figure a way to keep the swimmers around for Relays.

Camps: Jon Larson is looking to add a little excitement into the camps. He suggests invitations based on performance. Sid Cassidy commented this is a good direction. He would like to see more coaches get on board for promoting camps as well as Zones promotion. Motion made, seconded, to invite swimmers ranked 3-8 from the Zone Team database to a Camp; motion passed.

Jon Larson proposed a new MA age group swimmer "Break Through" Award. Jon Larson suggested that the committee would take nominations 3 times a year. Periods of achievement would be Sept.-Dec., Jan.-April, and May- Aug. The committee would vote on the award. This is an award for a swimmer who is 18 years old or younger and has not yet qualified for Sectionals. This is not necessarily an award based on top swimming performances (for more clarification, see handout). It was recommended that a form for applying be placed on the website for submission. The award would be given to one male and one female during each period. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Senior Committee: Tom Southmayd reported on the senior meet scheduled for February. Tom wished to have two items discussed at this meeting: (1) to have the senior meet moved from Feb. 8th and 9th to the following weekend, which would be President's Weekend. (At the last board meeting we had decided to defer this issue to the House) and (2) to discuss the order of events for that meet. John Carroll, Dick Shoulberg, and Doug Copper volunteered to help with the order of events for this 3-day format. Much discussion ensued about the timing and facility for this meet. It was cautioned to remember that this meet was on the schedule and went through planning for Feb. 8th-10th. In addition the meet was changed from long course meters to short course yards. Sid Cassidy mentioned that he liked the idea of not missing school however it put a lot of meets for senior swimmers close together. Doug Copper pointed out that with all the calendar changes it seems pointless to plan. In summation, the course, the facility, and the time has changed. Suburban's new pool was suggested as a facility. A proposal was made that if we get the facility then we go with President's Weekend. Motion was made, seconded, and passed. Dick Shoulberg asked how coaches felt about having the 1000 on Friday night. This suggestion would then make the meet 3 ½ days.

Policy Manual: Fred Killian asked Dale for a clarification on the Open Water Policy. Dale Petranec brought forth a motion that we accept and put into practice the proposals as previously endorsed by the Open Water Committee (see handout). Some discussion ensued to clarify that summer zone swimmers do not receive travel supplements. The motion was clarified, seconded, and passed.

It was also noted Technical Planning must be informed of the bid process to host the MA Open Water Championships and that specific dates should be listed on the bid form that do not conflict with our summer schedule. Fred Killian pointed out that this is new policy. This motion was made, seconded, and

approved. It was felt that an amendment was needed to clarify (B1) to refer to summer eastern Zones. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Doug Cooper from Tech planning wants to remind all to get requests for summer Long Course meets and Open water events in now.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cecilia McCloskey, Secretary