

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MIDDLE ATLANTIC OFFICE  
APRIL 8, 2002 - 7:00 pm

In attendance:

Fred Killian, Administrative Chair  
Cecilia McCloskey, Secretary  
Tom Southmayd, Sr.Chair  
Leon Champagne, Finance  
Cherita Gentilucci, MA Office  
Michael Seip, General Chair  
Jon Larson, Age Group  
Douglas Copper, Technical Planning  
John Carroll, Coaches Rep.  
George Breen, Exofficio, GCIT

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mike Seip

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Cherita would like to thank the individual who returned a stopwatch to the MA office.
- Any proposed Rule changes or amendments for USA Swimming need to be sent to Peter Carney by May 15 (See Cherita for the address.)
- Some discussion followed concerning the proposed \$25 membership increase by USA Swimming.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for tonight's meeting was approved with these additions:

Delegate Travel Reimbursement  
Meet Director and Safety Certification.  
Zone Meeting will be May 11,2002 in Baltimore, Md.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dale Petranach was not present. See the attached Profit and Loss Statement.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Doug Copper reported on the 2002-03 SC Schedule. Doug stated that the schedule was mirrored off last year's schedule. It was noted that Al Berardocco will have a bidders

meeting as soon as the Draft 2002-2003 schedule is passed. The only change is the Mini-Champs date (March 22 and 23) and that is to keep the kids swimming through the month. Sectional dates will be decided in May. The Senior Elite meet was successful, but many athletes chose not to compete in the Finals session. Doug suggested putting 15-18 age-group back into the Elite Meet. Much discussion ensued over hotel stays, missed school for this meet. Mike Seip suggested approving the Draft but putting an asterisk on the Senior Meet. This could be finalized later, perhaps with an eye to H.S. Districts. Mike Seip feels a vote should be taken to re-enact the Elite Meet for 15 and over. Motion was made to move the Senior Meet back into the Elite Meet, motion carried. Jon Larson asked Cherita to comment about the difficulty of Last Chance Meets, i.e. results should come in on disc to speed things up.

There was discussion regarding dual meets. It was felt that these meets may put MA in jeopardy. Suggestions included charging a fee for Dual Meets, or a splash fee. Fred Killian reiterated that the Rules Committee has discussed these no bid meets and their impact on the bid process. Tom Southmayd noted that the dual meets take a lot of revenue away from host teams. This issue will be presented to the House for discussion.

Budget: Lee Champagne presented the proposed Budget for September 2002 through August 2003 [see handout]. Lee pointed out that several changes from the 2001-02 fiscal budget

- Education budget increased to \$12,700. This includes all USA Swimming seminars that were formerly under other budget categories and \$8,000 for coach education and development.
- Fee for USA Swimming/MA membership increased from \$34 to \$37 for all athletes and non-athletes, beginning September 1, 2002.
- Discount for early registration will be \$2.50 per athlete for electronic registrations that are received in the MA office by November 1, 2002. There will be no discount for non-athletes or anyone submitting non-electronic registrations.

. Mike Seip suggested a rebate from MA if the registration actually goes up. This Budget reflects the increase in registration. [The Budget was approved by the BOD. The goal of the MA budget is to have one year's operation expenses in the bank. This will be the recommendation to the house.] Motion made to approve the Budget. Passed and approved.

Non-Conforming Times: Cecilia McCloskey pointed out that at the Jersey Shore there are no yard pools. As a result, swimmers who enter a meet with non-conforming times are put at a disadvantage time and time again. After considerable discussion, it was recommended that Short Course Meter times can be converted and seeded with SCY times at Short-course meets. This decision will also help SCM teams to run meets and assure times can be used.

Fred Killian called attention to the Revised Proposal for Meet and Safety Directors –see handout. Motion was made to accept-approved.

Delegate Travel Reimbursement and Convention Reimbursement- {See Handout} Board Action approved 3.2 and 3.2.1. Also approved was 3.2.4. Seminar and Workshop.

Eastern Zone Meeting Reimbursement and Zone All-Star Travel 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 all approved.

#### **ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

See Middle Atlantic Swimming Elections -Handout

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Age Group: Jon Larson presented the Age Group Committee's proposed time standards for the 2003 Elite and Junior Olympic meets. These standards are based on the 2002 Elite meet [32<sup>nd</sup> place in each event] and the 2002 JO meet [48<sup>th</sup> place in each event] with no time being changed by more than 0.5 sec per 50. He stated that he used a conversion of 1.11 from sc yards for sc meters time. He also stated that in the case of some 200's, he still feels he's not quite there yet with place and time.

#### **OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Adjournment: 9:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Cecilia McCloskey, Secretary