

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MIDDLE ATLANTIC OFFICE
January 14, 2002

In attendance:

Mike Seip, General Chair
Tom Southmayd, Senior Chair
Cecilia McCloskey, Secretary
Dave Carson, Registration Coordinator
Dale Petranech, Treasurer
George Breen, At Large
Lee Champagne, Financial Chair
Cherita Gentilucci, MA Office
Doug Copper, Technical Planning
John Carroll, Coaches Rep.
Fred Killian, Admin Chair, At-Large
Al Berardocco, Site Selection Chair
Jon Larson, Age Group Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Mike Seip

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Ed Connell's mother passed away just after Christmas; a sympathy card was sent to the family from the Board of Directors and members of Middle Atlantic Swimming.
- 2) Cassie Connell of Team Delaware was involved in an automobile accident. A get-well card will be sent to her.
- 3) Mary Husty of Team Delaware was involved in a swimming accident. A card will be sent to her.
- 4) Pam Lowenthal (Illinois Swimming) conducted an electronic registration workshop at the MA office on January 9. Middle Atlantic would like to thank Pam for sharing her time and expertise with us.
- 5) USA Swimming will hold an Officials Training Clinic in Colorado Springs on May 10-12, 2002. Each LSC may send up to 3 people. Deadline for application submission is April 12. Cost is \$225 per person, excluding airfare and based on double occupancy at the Antlers Hotel.

Cherita has been invited to teach "Meet Recon 101" in Colorado Springs at the Registration Workshop in June. She has also been invited to participate in an LSC Staff focus group study for USA Swimming through Consensus Management Group in January.

John Carroll announced the 2001 Senior and Age Group Coach of the Year. They are Dick Shoulberg and Bruce Townsend, respectively. Cherita will check with Speedo regarding the support for these awards.

Jon Larson announced the Breakthrough Swimmer Awards for the Sept. to December 2001 period. The awards went to 10 year old Ian Keyser, OCCC and 10 year old Rachael Butler, FSSC. These winners will be announced on the website.

Al Berardocco reported on Western Regional (i.e, B/C) Championship. He stated that Lancaster and Five Star will be working on this and expect to host the Meet at FSSC and Millersville pools. Al also reported that the Senior Elite Meet is to be held at the new Suburban

pool, but at this time there is no water in the pool nor tile on the deck. This meet is to be held President's weekend. He will keep us posted.

Al wants to get Tech Planning and Site Planning together before the next HOD meeting so that they can approach the coaches for input. Doug would like to see this whole meet award process re-evaluated based on which Teams have successful meets and which Team have cancelled meets. Fred Killian brought up the issue of accepted meets, and sanctioned dual meets between clubs and how they impact on the scheduled meets. They may run in conflict with club-hosted or MA district meet. Fred is looking for some criteria for this process. Al, Doug and Fred agree that they need to work together on this issue.

Fred Killian announced that the Officials will have a Referee Recertification Clinic on January 20.

Alec Thomson has retired from Du Pont. He left Jan. 1, 2002 and is moving to Chattanooga. MA will miss him.

USA Swimming Yearbook - If interested, see copy in MA office.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for tonight's meeting was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the last meeting were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dale Petranech reported on the YR.-End Statement, Jan. 1-Dec.31,2001. Of note , that in a year of tremendous market downturn The funds invested in by MA not only did not lose money but had slight gains. The balance of \$399,481 is made up of Funds \$211,344 and Money Market \$188,137. Dale pointed out that the MA owes approx \$100M in registration fees to USAS which will be taken from the Money Market Fund.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dale reported on Open Water Policy [see handout]. It was rewritten into one document, nothing new. Dale also pointed out that Sid Cassidy is planning a big international meet on September 7, 2002. It has already been approved. Masters will also participate. Sid will have some expenses and asked permission to charge a \$70 entry fee. It is also an International qualifying meet. Dale is looking for a separate MA sanction for the Masters Sanction. Motion made and seconded to approve the \$70 entry fee; motion carried.

Lee Champagne reported that in addition to the Treasurers Report MA also has a CD of \$58,000 and \$41,000 in a checking account.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mike reported that the MA BOD is actually two members short since both AT-Large positions are effectively vacant. (Fred Killian now serving as Admin Chair and Alec Thomson moving away.) Bert German was suggested for one At Large position, although he may be ineligible due to By-Laws restrictions. According to the By-Laws, both positions should be elected in June, with one position being for a 1-year term.

NEW BUSINESS

Age Group Chair: Jon Larson reported that a few more swimmers were entered in the Elite Meet compared with last year, but with a few less total events. Next Age Group Meeting will be during the Elite Meet. Also, Asst Zone Coach Applications are due about 2 to 3 days after the Elite Meet.

Mike Seip commented on Zone Meet Selection to be sure it is reviewed with regard to the depth chart and possibly allowing more time before entries are announced. Further JO'S will be released within a week.

Sr. Committee: Tom Southmayd reported that the Sr Elite meet will be straight A times. 9AM Prelims, 3 heats back at night. The meet will run 4 days with the longer stroke events on the weekend.

Summer Schedule -D.Copper handed out a proposed summer schedule [see handout]. Some discussion ensued regarding the MA Open Water Championship date. Doug said he secured GCIT for summer JO's, but unfortunately it is again the same weekend as Sectionals.

Travel: John Carroll reported that there is a new National Junior Championship meet in Long Beach, California on March 26-March 30 being sponsored by a new coaches group. The meet will use US Open Time Standards, which are faster than sectionals. There are 50's of stroke. NCSA is asking for support. John proposed allocating Travel Funds for this Meet with funds taken from Sectionals and Nationals. Much discussion ensued the allocation would be the same no matter where the meet is located. It was noted to get National money you need to go Nationals, not a national cut deciding to go to JR. Nationals. Motion carried to allow budgeted money to include this new meet as on par with sectionals.

US Open -Tom Southmayd stated that 12 swimmers applied for the \$4000 allotment. Moved and seconded to award \$333 per swimmer to those who applied by the closeout date.

Budget Meeting to be held according to Lee Champagne before April, 2002

Website-Cherita Gentilucci. Cherita asked for approval of \$4800 to be budgeted for website expenses This increase Cherita feels is warranted given the work handled. Motion made, motion carried.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adjournment:8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cecilia McCloskey, Secretary