

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
Upper Main Line YMCA
May 12, 2003

In attendance:

George Breen, General Chair
Fred Killian, Administrative Vice Chair / Officials
Jon Larson, Age Group BCAT
Kip Hein, Coach Rep. EMAC
Ann Engle, Team Rep. FSSC
John Carroll, At Large / Jersey Wahoos Coach
Doug Copper, Tech Planning
Terry Peterson, Camps Chair / Coach CRSC
Sid Cassidy, Coach Rep./Team Rep ACAC
Robert White, Coach Rep DST
Ernie Steen, Team Rep. SPIRIT
Dave Carson, Reg. Coordinator
Marshall Nowak, Trident
Dan Sullivan, Coach Team Delaware
Mark Daum Coach FSSC
Kim Southmayd, MA Office Staff

- **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cecilia McCloskey resigned from her position as Secretary. George noted that we would add the position to next month's elections with a 1-yr term. Sid Cassidy agreed to be Acting-Secretary.

The June 9th meeting is an important voting meeting and George noted he intended to send out an announcement to all clubs by hard mail.

- **MINUTES APPROVED** Minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved.
- **AGENDA APPROVED** The agenda was approved with additions regarding: Long Course Junior Olympics-Larson; unpaid Elite and JO fines - Larson; Clarification on Open water Travel Policy-Carroll; Concept of clubs levying surcharges for meets-Daum; Summer Zones-Hein.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** The Treasurer's report was discussed and approved. Fred Killian noted that it would be beneficial if future reports could

be structured in dual columns - one for actual and one for budgeted - it was agreed that this should be done.

- **2003-04 SHORT COURSE MEETS** George explained that the bid meeting for short course meets was smooth and there appeared to be no problems. He asked that we approve the schedule at the June meeting when we should have greater attendance. A hard copy of the proposed schedule will be sent to all Clubs.
- **SENIOR LONG COURSE MEET** Kim Southmayd noted that Tom Southmayd had confirmed that Bucknell Univ pool is available for Middle Atlantic to use on July 17-20, 2003 for a 3-1/2 day LC Meet; fee would be \$5,500. Housing could be a problem with limited hotels in Lewisburg, but many more are within a 30-minute drive. There is no separate warm-down pool. Time standards would be the previous 15&Over JO standards. (Note: 15&O are not included in LC JOs beginning 2003.) Sid Cassidy offered to contact all coaches to request an approximate number of attending swimmers. Motion was made and adopted to hold the Senior LC Meet at Bucknell. After discussion, it was moved and adopted that the meet would be open to outside non-MA teams after MA teams had an early deadline to ensure entry.

John Carroll proposed that we allow the Senior Meet to be used as the only other alternative for Summer 2003 travel reimbursement, provided that all other requirements for travel allowance are met. Seconded and approved.

- **NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS** The names from Mike Seip and the Nominating Committee were presented. Ross Thomas, ACAC was added as a potential athlete rep. Further nominations may be brought forth from the floor at the June meeting. Nominations to fill the un-expired Secretary position will be sought.
- **BUDGET** George explained that the summer of 2004 would present travel opportunities for swimmers to both Olympic Trials and Summer Nationals. The proposed budget does not provide funds for both Meets. It was determined that more discussion with our budget advisors and treasurer was needed and the matter was tabled until the June meeting.
- **JUNIOR OLYMPIC FINES** Jon Larson explained that there are a number of teams still owing proof of performance and/or fines from the Spring JO's. After much discussion Dave Carson proposed that 1) the House of Delegates support the March 27 letter Jon wrote advising Teams/Swimmers of the policy; 2) we expect payment; and 3) Teams will be held responsible for their swimmer's entries and Teams will not be permitted to enter future MA meets until they have cleared all of their swimmers. Fred Killian asked that an amendment be added to give teams until the end of May to pay and/or prove

times then enact Dave's proposal. Unattached swimmers are the responsibility of the Teams if the entry was submitted with the Team entries. Amended motion Passed.

- **LONG COURSE JO'S** Jon Larson passed out a draft copy of projected format for the summer Junior Olympics and asked that any comments/suggestions be forwarded to him ASAP
- **OPEN WATER TRAVEL** John Carroll asked for clarification on the travel policy for sending swimmers to National Championships in Open Water. After brief discussion, George noted that he would clarify the policy.
- **ZONE CHAMPS** Kip Hein opened discussion on ways to improve the Summer Zone Team. It was proposed to offer a bus to Pittsburgh for our swimmers. After discussion it was decided that a \$0 budget trip would be explored and Kip will work with Kim Southmayd on the details. The trip will be available for all qualifying swimmers aged 13 and over on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- **CLUB MEET SURCHARGE** It was brought to the attention of the House that a MA club had included a swimmer surcharge for two meets on the LC scheduled. It was agreed that this was not consistent with MA accepted policy; however, since a Sanction had been granted for the Meets, there was nothing that could be done to rescind the fee. MA policy will be reviewed and updated to clarify that Clubs are not allowed to add a surcharge to their Meet entry fees unless approved by MA.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Sid Cassidy - Acting Secretary