

**Middle Atlantic
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 6, 2006
Upper Main Line YMCA**

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ATTENDEES:

George Breen – Genl Chair
Fred Frank – Operations/Development
John Carroll, Tech Planning
John McGinley - SSC
Mike Seip – At Large, EMAC
Cherita Gentilucci – Office staff
Peter Clark – TSC
John Gasparini – WSY
Ernie Steen – SPIR
Cecil Gordon – DST

Fred Killian – Admin, Officials
Dale Petranec - Treasurer
Brad Bowser – Coaches Rep
Terry Peterson – CRSC, Camps
Matt Sprang - GCIT
Gehret Folk – TSC
Jim Leigh – guest
Gary Carpenter – guest
Glenn Neufeld – UMLY

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:10 p.m. by Administrative Vice-Chair Fred Killian in the absence of the General Chair.

Announcements:

- ? Next meeting – Board of Directors – April 10, 2006 at 7:00 pm – Middle Atlantic Office
- ? Bids to host meets for the 2006-07 short course season will be due in the office April 1, 2006. Bidders meeting tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm on April 26, 2006, at location to be determined (probably Germantown Academy)

Agenda:

John Carroll asked that the elapsed Speedo contract be addressed during the discussion on RFP for sponsorship. The agenda was approved with the above stipulation.

Minutes:

Approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

- ? Financial audit has been completed and will be submitted to the Board for approval. Dale recommended that the audit be made available to the task force charged with the organizational audit.
- ? Motion to accept Treasurer's reports, as submitted. Motion passed.

Fred Killian turned the meeting over to General Chair George Breen

Unfinished Business:

None

Elections and Appointments:

- ? Nominating Committee – General Chair George Breen appointed three people to the nominating committee. Two more volunteers will be solicited. The nominating committee is charged with presenting a slate of nominees at the May 8 House of Delegates meeting.

Kathy Trabosh
Ruth Ann Joyce
Gehret Folk

- ? Program evaluation and development - This task force is charged with evaluating the MA technical program (competitions, schedules, formats) for implementation in the 2007-08 short course season.

John Carroll Mike Gobrecht
Glenn Neufeld Kip Hein
Peter Clark Cecil Gordon

- ? Public Relations, Advocacy, Liability & Risk Management – Dale Petranech recommended that these areas be combined into one task force and volunteered the following persons, who were subsequently appointed by the General Chair:

Dale Petranech	Fred Killian
Patric Mills	Tom Southmayd

New Business:

- ? Long Course Schedule – The long course schedule was approved as submitted with the following corrections and additions:
Summer Storm meet at TSC will be June 8-10 (not June 2-4)
Open Water Championships will be held at Ft. Myers, FL on May 30–June 3
- ? Short Course Schedule – With no time for a technical planning meeting, John Carroll assembled the 2006-07 short course schedule to mirror last season. Bidders will be asked to submit their bids based on this schedule with the understanding that a different format for a particular date will taken under consideration during the process. John also asked that clubs include closed invitationals, dual meets, etc. so that they can be put on the schedule. The schedule will be submitted to bidders and posted on the website. Complete bids are due in the office by April 1, 2006. A summary of the bids will be made available to the bidders. The bidder's meeting will be Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 pm, location TBA.
- ? Outstanding Volunteer of the Year – Award will be presented at the June HOD meeting. Nominations will be accepted in April.
- ? RFP for LSC sponsorship – The sponsorship agreement between MA and Speedo expired in September. Scott Morris of Speedo contacted John Carroll and expressed an interest in renewing the relationship. Mike Seip offered that in the interest of expediency, we should renew with Speedo now and prepare in advance to solicit offers for the next sponsorship period. Mike made a motion that Middle Atlantic contact Speedo with regard to extending the sponsorship contract for another three years. Motion was seconded and passed. John Carroll accepted George Breen's offer to contact Speedo. Fred Killian will assist with the contract language.
- ? Transfers between clubs – Cherita contacted Hy-tek to report the fact that making a swimmer unattached in an MM database does not flag any relays in which the swimmer is entered. Hy-tek will correct that problem in a coming update.
- ? Mission statement adoption – Fred Frank proposed that the HOD formally adopt the mission statement developed at the Strategic Planning and Leadership workshop. The motion was seconded and approved. The mission statement will be prominently featured on MA printed materials and the website. Task forces should be able to justify that recommendations are in conformity with the stated mission of the organization.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Equipment – Fred Frank reported that the new computer was used at the Elite meet with no issues. Ten new watches have been purchased so the watch inventory should be adequate for our meets. Head set issues will be addressed.
- Elite meet - Suggestions and comments from the floor
Look at the time standards with an eye to shortening the distance events and lengthening the 10 & under session
Finals sessions were lengthy, especially since the swimmers have school on Monday.
Senior records are new in the 400 relays – this explains why so many teams broke the record that existed from last year.
- Website – Mike Gobrecht assembled statistics for January 2006 in a written report. On the average, 2000 people per day visited the site, with each one spending about 4 ½ minutes online.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cherita Gentilucci
Acting Secretary

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