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**Middle Atlantic  
BOARD of DIRECTORS  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 10, 2006  
Middle Atlantic Office**

**ATTENDEES:**

Fred Frank – Operations/Development  
Burt German - Finance  
John Carroll, Tech Planning  
Patric Mills – Safety

Fred Killian – Operations/Devel, Officials  
Dale Petranech - Treasurer  
Matt Sprang – Age Group  
Cherita Gentilucci – Office

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:03 p.m. by Fred Frank in absence of the Genl Chair. Fred Killian appointed as Acting Secretary, with assistance by Cherita.

**Announcements:**

? The date of the GCIT Mini-meet was confirmed as Sunday, January 7.

**Agenda:**

Several items were added on the posted Agenda. Requests to add addition item on 'Equipment' under Old Business and a 'By-Laws' item under New Business. Motion to approve modified agenda; motion passed.

**Minutes:**

Change to the June, HoD meeting to correct '115' to '15', and to add clarification to the item from the EZ meeting regarding background checks – reference is to the USA-S Board of Directors (not the MA Board.) Motion to accept corrected minutes; motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

? Treasurer Report showing YTD income and expenses presented. Motion to accept report, as submitted; motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Fred Killian reviewed outstanding fines assessed on nine swimmers for not proving their entry times at Elite and JO meets. Twenty swimmers have paid fines for 'not swimming at Finals' or not proving entry times. The Board confirmed the policy that the swimmers with unpaid fines should be suspended from MA meets until the fine is paid. None are entered in the LC Senior Champs.
- 2) Fred Killian also reviewed unpaid fines assessed on (a) BCAT for exceeding the 4-hr session limit, and (b) JW for several late meet reports and exceeding the 4-hr session limit. Fred K asked that the Board determine further action regarding the fines. No-one was present from BCAT, although several e-mails had been sent to Board members contesting the fine. Further action was 'tabled' until the next Board meeting with the directive that BCAT be present to present the appeal; in lieu of withholding Sanction for their next meet, Fred Frank will propose that they pay the fine with the understanding that the fine will be returned if their appeal is upheld. JW asked for waiver of the fine for exceeding the 4-hr limit, as the fine was based on pre-meet information (no Activity Report has been submitted for the meet.) JW was granted five business days to submit the Report, after which the Board will consider an appeal of the fine.
- 3) Convention delegates – The following have been submitted to USA-S as 'at-large' delegates: George Breen, John Carroll, Fred Killian. Fred Frank cannot attend as Admin delegate; Stephanie Rozick has agreed to attend in his place.

- 4) Equipment – reconsideration of an earlier action to purchase a printer for use at MA hosted meets. Fred Killian requested authorization to purchase two new printers, which would avoid the need to take the HP1300 printer from the office. (The HP1300 is used by Cherita, and using it at meets was causing additional wear on the HP printer.) A Brothers laser printer with specs suitable for use at meets is available for \$200. Motion to purchase two printers; motion passed.

**Elections and Appointments:**

Position of Secretary and one Athlete Representative are unfilled. Suggestion made to try to recruit an Athlete Rep at the LC Senior Meet later this week. Fred Killian will see that this is done.

**New Business:**

- 1) Jersey Wahoos requested a change in the date of their A/BB/C meet from October 21-22 to October 28-29, in order to avoid a conflict with an Eastern Coaches clinic being held at the JW pool. Motion to approve – passed.
- 2) Although specific details were unavailable, the final session of the LAC Cloister Classic on July 9 (last evening) was delayed by weather and didn't finish until 11:00 pm. The session was for 12 and under swimmers, many of whom left before the end of the session. Since this was the last chance to qualify for JOs, a motion made to 'allow swimmers entered in events at the Sunday night session of the Cloister Classic to enter those events in JOs at the LC qualifying time, and to waive the proof-of-time requirement for those events, if later required; waiver will be granted regardless of whether the swimmer competed in the event at the Cloister Classic.' Motion passed.
- 3) Middle Atlantic Transfer policy was discussed with regard to swimmers that leave a club but are unable to obtain a Release Form due to the prior club's refusal to sign the release. Such swimmers should be advised to send notification to the MA Board of Review; the Board will conduct a hearing to determine whether the club has cause to refuse the transfer. Swimmers remain subject to the 120-day rule toward participation for another club, regardless of the reason for leaving the previous club.
- 4) Several revisions to the By-Laws were discussed to comply with current MA practices, including quorums at MA meetings. The proposed amendments will be prepared and presented at the next Board meeting, with intent to submit to the House of Delegates for approval in November.
- 5) Burt German brought up the need to consider a general liability insurance policy for MA Board members and officers. Burt will get further information for the next meeting.
- 6) Resolution - to approve signatory authorization on financial accounts (checking, money market, CDs) for the following officers: Mike Seip (Genl Chair), Fred Frank (Admin V-Chair), Burt German (Finance V-Chair), Dale Petranec (Treasurer), Fred Killian (Operations V-Chair). Motion to adopt the resolution passed.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

- 1) Zone Report (Matt Sprang) – a Financial Report showing income/expenses for the Spring meet was provided; the Board requested time to review the report and it will be considered at the next meeting. Matt requested clarification of 'stipends' available for coaches for the Summer LC meet. Motion to provide \$200 stipend to each coach (as approved in prior year) and to underwrite cost of a van (rental, gas, tolls) for use by coaches to travel to the meet in Buffalo; motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Killian, acting Sec