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**Middle Atlantic
HOUSE of DELEGATES
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2006
Upper Main Line Y**

ATTENDEES:

George Breen – Genl Chair
Fred Killian – Admin, Officials
Fred Frank – Operations/Development
John Carroll - Tech Planning
Patric Mills – Safety
Mike Seip – At Large, EMAC
Al Berardocco – Site Selection Comm
Elly Lawlor – GAAC
Matt Sprang – GCIT
Jim Leigh
Cherita Gentilucci – Office

Tom Southmayd - Finance
Kim Southmayd - Registration/Membership
Mike Gobrecht - Senior
Kip Hein – Age Group
Ruthann Joyce – Nominating Comm
Burt German - Rules
Glenn Neufeld - UMLY
Terry Peterson – Camps
Kent Steeves – DST
Deb McCarthy - Office

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:08 p.m. by George Breen, General Chair.

Announcements:

- ? Next meeting – House of Delegates, Upper Main Line Y – July 12, 2006 at 7:00
- ? Lifetime Memberships are due to USA-S by July 15; suggestions should be given to George Breen.
- ? An article on Jimmy Ellis and the movie under production based on his program has been on the USA Swimming website; everyone urged to read it.
- ? Kim Southmayd has resigned her office (registration) position to accept a full-time position elsewhere; Fred Killian presented Kim with a gift in recognition of her contributions to Middle Atlantic Swimming.

Agenda:

Kim Southmayd requested the Registration item be moved to beginning of the Agenda. Motion to accept Agenda, as modified - approved.

Minutes:

Minutes of the February Board meeting were approved, as submitted.

Registration: (Kim Southmayd)

As a continuation of the Registration discount program begun last year, Kim proposed that a single \$2.50 discount per Athlete be given for electronic registrations received prior to October 15. Motion to adopt – seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- ? There was no Financial report from the Treasurer; a statement of current accounts vs budget was available.
- ? **Budget** - Tom Southmayd presented the proposed Budget for 2006-07. A chart comparing proposed budget with last year's budget was reviewed. Budget is similar to last year; Registration fees will be same as last year, but MA will owe additional \$8.5M fees to USA-S. Slight increase in Senior LC entry fees and rebate from Speedo contract offset by higher office rent, personnel costs and higher seminar fees. Proposed budget shows \$6.8M deficit – which should be covered by projected excess in current year. Budget will be approved at next month's House meeting.

Unfinished Business:

? OME for Senior Meet: Senior Comm proposes to use Online Meet Entry procedure for the Senior LC meet; Mike Gobrecht reviewed process (see attachment) and answered questions. OME is available thru USA-S and directly accesses times in SWIMS database. Cost will be approx \$500, but will eliminate need for the MA office to process entries. Senior Committee will need to decide how/whether to reconcile times not in SWIMS or only ask for proof-of-time after the meet. Qualifying times for the meet have been adjusted to reduce number of entries by about 20%; bonus swims will be allowed. There are no QT for relays.

Elections and Appointments:

1. Nominating Committee – Ruthann Joyce presented Nominations for offices to be elected in June: Genl Chair – Mike Seip; Admin – Fred Frank; Finance – Burt German; Senior (co) – Mick Gobrecht and Stephanie Rozick; Age Group (1-yr term) – Matt Sprang; Oper/Devel (1-yr) – Fred Killian; Secretary – (none); Safety (co) – Patric Mills and Ruthann Joyce; At-Large – George Breen; Athlete (2) – Erin Fischer and (none); Board of Review (2) – Dale Petranech, Burt German; BofR Alternates (2) – Terry Peterson, Dave Carson. There was discussion on election of the Coach Representatives; By-Laws state that Coach Reps to be elected by coaches at Senior (short course) Championships, or at time specified by Board of Directors. Since the Senior LC meet is after elections, motion made to elect Coach Reps at the June House meeting; election will be by vote of coaches only. Coaches to elect two Reps – one each for 2-yr and 1-yr terms.

New Business:

- 1) Registration discount deadline – see above.
- 2) 2006-07 Short Course Bids. Al Berardocco presented SC schedule for next winter as agreed at the bidder's meeting held on April 26 at Germantown. With a few exceptions, the bids were consistent with the proposed meet schedule offered by Tech Planning – several additional Closed Invitational meets were added and an additional A/BB/C meet was added on Feb 16-18 weekend. After limited discussion, Al made motion to adopt the proposed SC schedule; motion passed.
- 3) Meet entry deadline – tabled until next meeting as Dan Sullivan was not present.
- 4) Out of LSC Teams in MA meets. Mike Gobrecht noted that there is a 'Guideline' in our Policy Manual relating to preferred entry deadline for MA teams at LC meets. He questioned why we have a 'guideline' that is not policy and that does not have to be followed. He felt that smaller teams, in particular, were often shutout of meets and would benefit if this condition were 'policy.' This is especially important now as there are fewer LC meets on the schedule. Burt German explained that the 'guideline' was intended to allow teams that wanted to give preference to MA teams to do so at LC meets; however, the intent was not to require clubs to exclude non-MA teams from their meets.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) Zones Financial report (Kip Hein) – a report was not presented, as the final financial information has not yet been received from the Zone Team Managers.
- 2) Website statistics – Mike Gobrecht reported that he has left with the office a report of 'hits' on the MA website in March and April. There are typically approx 1700 hits/day. The report also lists the source of the access (i.e., if from another website) and the basis of 'google' searches that lead to the MA website.
- 3) Admin activity – Fred Killian reported on recent fines that have been levied. Two clubs were fined for not submitting meet reports on time, and may also be subject to a fine for exceeding the 4-hour session length. One club has been fined for exceeding the 4-hour session duration. Fines have not been paid and will be referred to the Board of Directors if not paid. Twenty-five clubs have been sent notice asking for proof-of-entry-time for the Elite and JO meets – these times could not be reconciled via SWIMS. Two swimmers were fined for not reporting at the Elite Meet Finals and both fines were waived following appeal.

It was noted that this is the last meeting for Kip Hein as Age Group Chair, as he has accepted a new coaching position in the NJ LSC. The House thanked Kip for all of his past contributions and wished him well in his new position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, acting Sec