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**Middle Atlantic
HOUSE of DELEGATES
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 13, 2006
Integrated Health Campus (Allentown)**

ATTENDEES:

Mike Seip – General Chair	Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair
Fred Killian – Operations/Devel, Officials	Patric Mills – Safety
Burt German - Finance	Dale Petranech - Treasurer
John Carroll, Tech Planning	Erin Fischer – Athlete Rep (EMAC)
Chuck Kaylor – EMAC Coach	

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair. Fred Killian appointed as Acting Secretary.

Announcements:

- The Elite Meet dates of January 19-21, 2007 have been confirmed at F&M. The A/BB/C meet to be hosted by Central Bucks/Penn Charter that weekend has been moved to the following weekend. The date changes have been made in the SC schedule on the MA website. Elite Meet info is believed to be posted on the website.

Agenda:

Items added to the posted Agenda: new contract for printer/copier; Review Board items. Motion to approve modified agenda; motion passed.

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes of September Board of Directors meeting; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Income/expenses for current fiscal year are on target.
- Final report for 2005-06 fiscal year shows excess of \$45M with all currently known expenses recorded. Final report is ready for the auditor. Motion to accept Treasurer report; motion passed.

Old Business:

- 1) Travel (J.Carroll) – the entire travel budget for fiscal 2005-06 has been distributed; remaining funds from both pool and open water budgets were disbursed to clubs whose athletes did not originally receive the maximum allocation. The total amount of additional funds distributed was not reported. Athletes at National level received first shares, followed by Junior National and then Sectional athletes. A request for a full reporting by meet (initially made at the September meeting) was repeated; the Travel committee will provide such report at the next Board meeting.

The Travel Fund Committee was appointed as follows: John Carroll (Chair), Mike Gobrecht, Burt German, Chuck Kaylor and Erin Fischer.

- 2) Business continuity/Disaster recovery (P.Mills) – Patric reported ‘no feedback’ from the Business Continuity Plan presented at the Sept Board meeting. She requested comments, and will have a plan with timing for review/discussion at the next Board meeting. No action at this time. Suggested to consider distributing copies of Sue Anderson’s LSC Leadership Workshop presentation from convention to all Board members.

- 3) ByLaws Amendments (B.German) – the following amendments to the MA ByLaws (see attached) originally submitted at the September Board meeting were presented for adoption:
 - Article 602.1 and 604.1 relating to Club Members and Group Member Representative. As discussed in September, the proposal was revised to provide for designation of three Representatives from each Club Member – one each to be a Coach, non-Coach and Athlete. There is now one class of Club Membership.
 - Article 604.8 – revises composition of the Nominating Committee and quorum for such.
 - Articles 604.10 and 605.12 – revises quorum requirements for House of Delegates and Board of Directors meetings.
 - Article 616.2 – modifies Definitions for Club Member and USA Swimming.Motion to accept the Amendments to the ByLaws; motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Altitude Training Trip – no report. Mike Seip will contact Mike Gobrecht to review status and projected costs for the trip. Tentative arrangements were to travel to Colorado Springs the last week in December.
- 5) Printer/copier contract (F.Killian) – a new 4-year lease contract was signed with Corrigan-Manning for the office Printer/Copier. The new lease payment is \$~310 (vs \$307 for previous lease) and maintenance contract for 100M annual copies is \$950 (vs \$1281). There was no fee to terminate the previous lease.
- 6) Board of Review (B.German) – a potential Board of Review item concerns failure of a club to acknowledge and sign the release form for transferring athletes. Burt has not been able to contact the Club involved; if not resolved, a BofR hearing will be set. The group discussed the need for MA to acquire Legal counsel to assist in such matters.

Elections and Appointments – none. (Note – the Athlete Rep was appointed at the September Board meeting.)

New Business

- 1) Open Water Olympic qualifying race (D.Petranech) – Olympic qualifying for Open Water competitions will be very limited. The need for MA to continue to recognize and sanction the Atlantic City Bay Race was urged.
- 2) Policy Manual (F.Killian) – proposals to update the policies regarding suspension of athletes that have not paid fines to provide for a hearing before the MA Board of Directors or Review Board were referred for further consideration to include timing and agenda for such appeals.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) It was noted that a recent article in Swimming World recognized Middle Atlantic as the LSC with the most Olympic Trials qualifiers age 18 and under (as of August, '06). The information is highlighted on the MA website. MA should be proud of this accomplishment.
- 2) It was announced that tentative plans are to have Athletes attend future USA Swimming conventions on Thursday thru Saturday only.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, acting Sec