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**Middle Atlantic
HOUSE of DELEGATES
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2007
Upper Main Line YMCA, Berwyn, PA**

ATTENDEES:

Mike Seip – General Chair
Fred Killian – Operations/Devel, Officials
Dale Petranec – Treasurer
Elly Lawlor, GAAC Rep
Wendy Karopoulos – PAAC Rep
Chris Murphy – DST Rep

Burt German - Finance V-Chair
Glenn Neufeld – Coach Rep, UMLY Coach
John Carroll, Tech Planning
Jim Yeingst – TSC Coach
Barbara Poland – PAAC Rep
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:04 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair. Fred Killian appointed as Acting Secretary.

Announcements:

- The Bidders meeting will be Wednesday, April 15 at Germantown Academy.
- There will be a Finance/Budget meeting in early March; all committee Chairs should submit their budget request to the Finance Committee.
- Cherita and Deb McCarthy will attend a Registration Workshop in Phoenix in April; Mike Seip will attend a General Chair workshop in Omaha in May; Fred Killian noted there will be an Officials Chair workshop in San Antonio in June.
- Fred Killian noted that the Travel Assistance Policy has been revised to reflect the procedures adopted last year by the Board, and will be included in the MA Policy Manual on the website.

Agenda:

There were no additions; motion to adopt Agenda as published; motion passed.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Report of current revenue and expenses attached.
- Audit report all monies in place, as reported. Repeated recommendation that better procedures are needed for handling (cash) monies collected at the MA hosted meets.

Old Business:

- 1) Bus Continuity Plan – Dale Petranec reported that he, Fred Killian and Patric Mills held an initial meeting to begin development of a BCP. Initial emphasis will be on the 'functions' that need to be recovered.
- 2) Middle Atlantic did not follow through with a planned Training Trip to the USOC Training Center in Colorado Springs. There may be a cancellation fee due to USA-S; Mike Seip will follow-up on our obligation.

Elections and Appointments –

- 1) Mike appointed a Nominating Committee – Ruthann Joyce (Chair), Gehret Folk, Kent Steeves, Ned Yoskoski, Mike Ramone.

New Business

- 1) Mike asked for anyone interested in attending the Eastern Zone meeting in Portland, ME in May. John Carroll would like to attend to discuss the dates and cuts for the Sectional meets. Final designation of the delegates will be at the April Board meeting.
- 2) Due to reorganization of USA-S under the Governance Plan, Middle Atlantic may have fewer voting delegates at the 2007 convention. Also, the convention will be a day shorter than in previous years.
- 3) Mike suggested that the MA policy on per diem payment to delegates attending EZ or USA-S meetings, workshops and convention be reviewed. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee to discuss at their upcoming meeting.
- 4) Fred Killian reported that fines had been issued to MA swimmers at the Elite meet for failure to swim on the last night of Finals; one fine has been paid and another appealed. Several swimmers were asked to prove their entry time; those not proven by March 1 will be similarly fined. The House affirmed the MA policy that swimmers with unpaid fines will be suspended from JOs unless the swimmer has appealed to the MA Board.
- 5) Long Course schedule (J. Carroll) – attached is proposed schedule, with corrections to change dates of TSC meet to June 7-9; the MW Open Water Champs may be held in conjunction with the July 1 Bridge-to-Bridge meet in Atlantic City (would also be qualifier meet for Zone OW event); the MA Senior Champs at Bucknell will be a full 4-day format. Motion to accept modified LC schedule for summer 2007; motion passed.
- 6) proposed SC 2007-08 schedule (J. Carroll) – attached is proposed meet dates for bidders. Changes to: include two mini-meets in December; add a Senior SC Mids on March 20-22. Info will be sent to bidders by March 1; clubs must declare intent to hold a ‘Closed Invitational’ meet so it can be put on the schedule. (Such meets not declared will likely not receive a sanction.)
- 7) There was some discussion on the merits of continuing to hold four House of Delegates meetings each year (in lieu of additional Board meetings.) The Board will discuss the meeting dates at the next meeting, including modified Agenda for a more limited House meeting.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) Elite Meet (2007) was well attended and well run. Some bills are still outstanding. There was some concern about the large number of scratches for Sunday night Finals; also, the limit of 550 swimmers on deck at F&M. Matt will meet with F&M in April regarding possible dates for the 2008 Elite Meet.
- 2) The AG Committee met during the Elite Meet and established sub-committees on: Meets, Camps (Ryan Hahn), Open Water (Garr Kerr), Zones and Fundraising/Promotion. Matt will schedule another meeting during JOs.

The next meeting on April 9, 2007 will be a Board meeting to be held at the Integrated Health Campus in Allentown.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, acting Secr