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**Middle Atlantic
BOARD of DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 9, 2007
Middle Atlantic Swimming Office, New Castle, DE**

ATTENDEES:

Mike Seip – General Chair
Burt German - Finance V-Chair
Dan Sullivan – Operations
Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair
Dale Petranech – Treasurer
Matt Sprang – Age Group
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office
Patric Mills – Safety

ABSENT:

Mike Gobrecht – Sr Co-Chair
Ruth Ann Joyce - Safety
John Carroll – At-large
Brad Bowser – Technical Planning
Glenn Neufeld – Sr. Coach Rep
George Breen – At-large
Fred Killian – Secretary
Stephanie Rozick – Sr Co-Chair
Erin Fischer – Sr. Athlete Rep
Evan Reed – Jr. Athlete Rep

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:07 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair. In the absence of Secretary Fred Killian, Cherita Gentilucci served as Acting Secretary

Announcements:

The 2007 Middle Atlantic Swimming Outstanding Service Award was presented to Matt Sprang.

Agenda:

Motion to amend Agenda to include under New Business: (a) new lease agreement for office space (b) USA Swimming Risk Management workshop and (c) 2007 USAS Convention. Motion passed. Motion to adopt Agenda as amended passed.

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes of the June House of Delegates meeting as presented; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (D Petranech):

Report of current revenue and expenses attached. No unusual activity.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Travel Assistance Policy (B German) – proposed amendment (see attached) will adjust deadline for submitting requests for travel support for the December National Championship meet to December 20th. Motion to accept amendment as presented was seconded and passed.
- 2) By-Laws – Cherita prepared a notebook for each Board Member which contains (among other items) a copy of the current By-Laws. All By-law amendments are noted on the final page of the document.
- 3) Travel fund budget disposition – In the absence of John Carroll, Cherita presented the Proposed Middle Atlantic Travel Assistance Award breakdown of the 2007-08 funds allocated to Travel. This chart was based on recommendations from the June Travel meeting. See attached. Corrections were made to include the NCSA Junior meet and the Sectional travel meets at the same hierarchy level in the Spring and to prioritize USA Swimming Junior Championships higher than the Sectional meets for the Summer season. Motion to approve as amended passed.

Elections and Appointments:

In the absence of Coach Representative Glenn Neufeld, Matt Sprang has agreed to conduct the election of the Junior Coach Representative at the Senior Championship meet. Matt will announce the election at the General Meeting on Wednesday and accept nominations at that time. On Friday further nominations will be accepted and credentialed MA coaches will be asked to elect a representative. Ballots will be counted by BOD members Matt Sprang, Mike Gobrecht and Stephanie Rozick. Final results will be reported to the coaches and the ballots destroyed. Matt will ask Mike Gobrecht to include information on the election in a blast e-mail to the Senior meet participants and on the Middle Atlantic website.

New Business:

- 1) Middle Atlantic's lease on the current office space will end on August 31, 2007. Freestyles, Inc provided a new lease for consideration by the BOD. Burt German noted that the terms are quite favorable to Middle Atlantic and made a motion to approve the lease. Motion passed. The lease will be returned to Freestyles as soon as appropriate MA signatures are obtained.
- 2) Open Water (D. Petranec) – Based on discussion at the June Travel meeting, the \$1000 remaining in the Open Water Travel Assistance budget will be allocated to qualified swimmers who participate in the Open Water Grand Prix in Indianapolis. Swimmers who have already received OW travel funds for the summer of 2007 will not be eligible for further funding. Qualified swimmers who receive Travel Assistance funds for the USA National or Junior National meet in August of 2007 will receive a maximum of \$100 in assistance for the OW Grand Prix.

Open Water Olympic Trial Travel Assistance Funding – The entire 2007-08 OW Travel Assistance Budget (\$3000) will be allocated to fund Travel Assistance for the OW Olympic Trials in Ft. Myers Florida on October 20-21, 2007. No swimmer will receive more than \$400 in assistance for the OW meet.

- 3) Time Trial fees (C. Gentilucci) – Fees for Time Trial entries have not been adjusted in a number of years. Burt German proposed a fee of \$10 per individual event and \$20 per relay event for time trials. Motion passed. Burt reminded the BOD that we have a policy regarding eligibility for Time Trials that needs to be enforced and that the rebate fees for time trials will need to be adjusted accordingly.
- 4) Risk Management Workshop (M. Seip) – USA Swimming is offering a Risk Management workshop in August. Each LSC is asked to send a representative. Cherita will contact Ruth Ann Joyce to determine if she can attend or if she has a suggestion for a representative from the list of certified Safety Directors. Patric Mills is available to attend if the other options do not produce a candidate.

- 5) USAS Convention (M. Seip) – Mike is fairly confident that Middle Atlantic will receive the requested 6 votes for delegates to the convention in Anaheim. Erin Fischer, Senior Athlete Representative, will not be able to attend. Cherita will e-mail Glenn Neufeld regarding the attendance of Evan Reed, Junior Athlete Representative. Matt Sprang will ask for input from coaches at the Senior Championship meet.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) Senior LC Champs – In the absence of the Senior Co-Chairs, Cherita reported that the time line for the Senior meet was quite lengthy for the prelim sessions. Athletes can compete in up to 12 events for the meet. Fly-over starts and deck-seeding are already in place to maximize efficient use of time. Meet referee Jim Leigh will be proposing additional steps to shorten the sessions as much as possible.
- 2) LC Zones - Matt reported that Michelle Paules will assume the duties of the Zone Team Manager for the summer meet in Buffalo. Michelle will be assisted by a number of other volunteers. The equipment has been ordered and arrangements have been made to package and deliver it to Lancaster. Dave Wakeley will be the head zone coach for the summer. Assistant coaches are still needed. Matt will ask for volunteers at the Senior meet.

The next meeting is a Board of Directors meeting on October 8, 2007 at the Middle Atlantic office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cherita Gentilucci, Acting Secretary