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**Middle Atlantic
HOUSE of DELEGATES
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 11, 2007
Upper Main Line YMCA, Berwyn, PA**

ATTENDEES:

Mike Seip – General Chair	Dale Petranech - Treasurer
Burt German - Finance V-Chair	Patric Mills - Safety
Fred Killian – Operations/Devel, Officials	Glenn Neufeld – Coach Rep, UMLY Coach
George Breen – At-Large, past Genl Ch	John Carroll - Tech Planning
Dan Sullivan – TD	Dick Shoulberg – GAAC coach
Ellie Lawlor – GAAC Team Rep	Deb McCarthy – 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 MA Outstanding Service Award will be presented at the next meeting.
- Burt German was recently announced as winner of the NFHS Officials Assoc Citation Award, recognizing his contributions to high school athletics at the local and state level. Congratulations !!
- Middle Atlantic was represented at the NCSA Travel Meet in Hawaii by several swimmers and coaches. More information will be posted on the website.

Agenda:

Motion to amend Agenda to include: (a) meeting schedule for 2007-08. Motion passed.

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report (B German):

- Report of current revenue and expenses attached.
- Proposed budget for 2007-08 year was presented for adoption; budget items of note are: (a) individual registration fees increase by \$2, of which \$1 will be sent to USA Swimming; (b) additional funds are included to support Officials participation at MA meets and to outsource some admin tasks associated with MA meets; (c) will probably need additional travel support funds for Olympic Trials. To balance the budget, approximately \$26,000 will be taken from reserve funds.
- The Family non-Athlete registration fee for 2008 was adjusted to \$100, in order to have the retained LSC fee more consistent with the retained individual LSC fee (after sending the rebate to USA Swimming.)

Old Business:

- 1) D&O Insurance (B German) – Burt has not yet received information from USA Swimming on the exact coverage provided by the USA-S policy. Mike confirmed at a recent GC workshop that the USA-S policy does cover each LSC and members of each LSC Board. Burt will continue to try to get a copy of the USA-S policy.

- 2) Travel Assistance Policy (F.Killian) – proposed amendment (see attached) is to provide a common date to submit requests for travel support for all Winter and Summer meets, instead of the current '15 days after the last day of each meet'. Applications for WINTER meet support will be due by April 15, and for SUMMER meets by August 25. Any other meets will continue to be due 15 days after completion of the meet. Motion to adopt amended policy as posted; motion passed. Also, with adoption of the 2007-08 budget, Table 4.1 in the Policy Manual will be updated to include the new travel support amounts.
- 3) ByLaws – housekeeping items (B.German) – series of housekeeping items (see attached) to reflect recent changes at USA Swimming, including changing all 'USS' references to 'USA Swimming' and USA Swimming 'Legislation' committees to 'Rules and Regulations', replace references to 'OVC'. Motion to accept housekeeping changes; motion passed.

Fred Killian offered an additional housekeeping item to delete the reference to 'short course' in article 604.1.5 relating to election of the Coach Representatives to the MA Board. This would allow the election to occur at any MA Senior Championship meet, whichever is more timely relative to the annual elections. Motion to adopt; motion passed.

Elections and Appointments:

- 1) Nominating Committee – a slate of nominees for positions to be elected was presented from the Nominations committee (see attached); there is a single nominee for each position, and no nominee for the Athlete Rep to the Board and the Athlete representative on the Board of Review.
- 2) Election - There were no additional nominations from the floor. Motion to have the Secretary cast ballot for each of the nominees on the slate; motion passed. Following candidates were elected: Age Group V-Chair – Matt Sprang; Operations/Development V-Chair – Dan Sullivan; Secretary – Fred Killian; Treasurer – Dale Petranech; Registration/Membership Coordinator – Deb McCarthy; Technical Planning Chair – Brad Bowser; Safety Co-chairs – RuthAnn Joyce and Patric Mills; At-large (Board) – John Carroll; Board of Review (2) – Jamie Platt, Cecil Gordon. A Coach Representative will be elected at the Senior LC Champ meet in July. The Athlete positions as Board Rep and as alternates on the Board of Review are unfilled.

New Business:

- 1) Elly Lawlor (GAAC) expressed concern with recent Travel Support payments in which swimmers that attended the NCSA Junior meet (not a USA Swimming event) received almost full support whereas those that attended one of the EZ Sectional Meets only received the \$50 bonus amount. In past years, these meets were treated equally and swimmers received the same amount for either meet. Discussion mentioned that current policy was intended to recognize participation in a higher-level meet. Should the 'Bonus Award' be more reflective of the level of the meet? When approved, we did not anticipate that the Sectional swimmers would only receive the 'bonus' amount. The issue was referred to coaches to have further discussion at the Bucknell meet on the appropriate priority of support for these meets.
- 2) Alternate Senior meet for Travel Support – Dick Shoulberg noted that the USA Swimming Short Course Champs in December is the only 'senior' meet listed for support by MA. This meet is SC, whereas only LC qualifying times are accepted for Olympic Trials. Since swimmers trying to make OT cuts may choose to attend another 'senior' meet rather than the USA Swimming SC meet, he proposed that an alternative LC meet, such as a Grand Prix meet at Ohio State in April, be approved for support. Discussion developed around other possible alternative meets, and whether they need be LC to get support. Since qualifying times for the USA Swim SC meet are likely to be like the US Open (i.e., not as severe), it is possible that a larger number of swimmers could be applying for support on that basis; proposed that swimmers would have to have a USA Swimming 2007 LC Nationals cut to receive support at an alternate meet. The proposal was again deferred to the coaches to discuss and come up with a proposal at the LC Champs meet at Bucknell.
- 3) Open Water (D. Petranech) – Dale reported that four MA swimmers competed in the recent USA Swimming OW Champs in Ft.Myers, FL. John Kenny qualified for the Natl Team in the World Champs set for Spain in April/May, '08; Kenny, Andrew Gemmell, Josef Kinderwater and Leah Gingrich qualified for the Grand Prix Final in Indianapolis in August, '07 and the OW Olympic Trials in Ft.Myers in October, '07.

The MA OW Champs will take place in Atlantic City on June 30. Proposed that the 5K Senior event be the MA OW Champ and qualify for the Indianapolis meet. The Bridge-to-Bridge race is a Grand Prix qualifying event; top finishers will qualify for the OW 10K Grand Prix in Indianapolis; the top 15 swimmers there will qualify for Olympic Trials. The MA OW Champs will also be the qualifying meet for the MA team to compete in the EZ OW Championships.

Funding for OW swimmers needs to be determined. Proposal for the Travel Fund Committee to decide how funds budgeted for Open Water athletes shall be distributed. Will need to be decided at the July Board meeting.

- 4) Burt German presented a revised meeting schedule for 2007-08 (see attached). There will be only two House of Delegates meetings (November, June) and six Board meetings. The intent is to possibly move to only one Annual House meeting in subsequent years. Motion to adopt the schedule; motion passed. The Policy manual will be revised to reflect the new schedule.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) Senior LC Champs – Mike Gobrecht was not present. According to coaches that were present, entries to the meet are now being accepted using OME. It was indicated that there have been several inquiries from non-MA teams.

The next meeting is a Board of Directors meeting on July 9, 2007 at the Middle Atlantic office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, acting Sec