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**Middle Atlantic  
HOUSE of DELEGATES  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 14, 2007  
Upper Main Line YMCA, Berwyn, PA**

**ATTENDEES:**

Mike Seip – General Chair  
Burt German - Finance V-Chair  
Fred Killian – Operations/Devel, Officials  
George Breen – At-Large, past Genl Ch  
Ruthann Joyce – Safety, Nominating  
Dan Sullivan – TD  
Roberta Lichter - CBST  
Deb McCarthy – MA Office

Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair  
Matt Sprang – Age-Group Chair  
Glenn Neufeld – Coach Rep, UMLY Coach  
John Carroll - Tech Planning  
Al Berardocco – At-large HD  
Nancy Huber – CBST  
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:09 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair. Fred Killian appointed as Acting Secretary.

**Announcements:**

- ? Micky and Monique Termin have resigned at Zone Team managers.
- ? Mike Seip will attend the General Chairs workshop in Omaha this coming weekend.
- ? Fred Killian will attend an Officials Chair workshop in San Antonio in June.
- ? BCAT is in need of a Meet Referee for their June 29-July 1 meet; anyone interested should contact Stephanie Rozick.

**Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

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

**Treasurer's Report (B German):**

- ? Report of current revenue and expenses attached.
- ? Proposed budget for 2007-08 year was presented for review; the budget will be adopted at the June House of Delegates meeting.

**Old Business:**

- 1) SC Schedule and Bids (Al Berardocco) – The Bidders meeting was held as planned on April 28 at Germantown Academy, and agreed on the proposed SC schedule for 2007-08 (attached). Since the meeting, DST has requested addition of a Mini-meet to their March 1-2 'last chance' meet. There was some discussion as to whether there were more meets on the proposed schedule compared to last season, as this might alleviate some issues with over-crowding of meets and concerns with complying with the 4-hour rule. Motion to add the DST Mini-meet to the proposed schedule; motion passed. Motion to adopt the amended SC schedule; motion passed.
- 2) D&O Insurance (B German) – Burt obtained information on D&O Insurance from the USA Swimming insurer, but found that it was applicable only to member Clubs. He was further told that the USA Swimming policy provides D&O coverage to each LSC, but has not been gotten written confirmation of that coverage. If this cannot be obtained, he will pursue a policy with a local insurer.

- 3) Business continuity / Disaster Recovery - no report
- 4) Eastern Zone Meeting – attended by G.Breen, J.Carroll, P.Mills on May 11-12 in Portland, ME.  
Key items from the meeting:
  - EZ will continue with two Spring Sectionals and one Summer Super-Sectional.
  - Spring Sectional time standards will be up to each region.
  - there has been NO BID for the Spring 2008 SC All-Star meet.
  - dates for the Spring 2009 Sectional meets could be later since there is no USA Swimming National meet.
  - beginning in 2008, times achieved at the NCSA meet in the days just before the EZ entry deadline will not effect eligibility for the Spring EZ All-Star Championship meet.
  - USA Swimming will likely hold a workshop for Senior/Coaches in the near future.
  - EZ will entertain bids for the 2009 Sectional and Age-group meets at the September meeting at convention.
  - the next EZ May meeting will be hosted by Potomac Valley.

#### **Elections and Appointments –**

- 1) Nominating Committee (R Joyce) – presented the attached nominations for positions to be elected at the June meeting. Nominees are in place for: Age Group, Operations/Development, Treasurer, Registration/Membership, Tech Planning, At-Large, and Safety. Positions still without nomination include: Secretary (1-yr), Athlete Rep, two Board of Review positions, Athlete Board of Review, Athlete Board of Review Alternate.

The Coach Representative will be elected by the coaches at the Bucknell meet in July. Matt Sprang will co-ordinate the election.

- 2) Appointment of Secretary – none appointed.

#### **New Business**

- 1) Meet Entry fee – Motion to raise the entry fee to \$4 per individual event at SC meets beginning in 2007-08 season. Discussion was that an increase was needed to meet rising facility fees, and that the fee had not increased in several years. Current entry fee is \$3 per event. MA would continue to get 20% as the rebate. Motion passed. A second motion to raise the relay entry fee to \$8 (vs the current \$6) also passed.
- 2) Policy manual (F Killian) - proposed revision to the Athlete Travel Support policy was presented. The revision covers clarification of the participation requirement and time standard requirements to obtain support for athletes that attend the NCSA meet in Spring; these requirements were not covered in the revision from last fall and caused some eligible athletes not to apply for support. Motion to accept the proposed revisions; motion passed.
- 3) Over/Under starts (F Killian) – the Officials Committee is recommending adoption of ‘over/under’ starts for all MA age-group meets. This procedure should be more efficient and should allow more swims within the four-hour session restriction. The procedure is used effectively in other LSCs, and has been used at Sectional meets. The procedure would NOT be recommended for Mini-meets. Motion to adopt the procedure for all MA and club-hosted Senior and Age Group meets; motion passed. A description of the procedure has been sent to all Referees and Starters, and will be sent to clubs hosting sanctioned meets.

#### **Officer and Committee Reports:**

- 1) Junior Olympics (M Sprang) – Metro Swim Shop was vendor at recent JO meet, and was selling apparel with ‘Middle Atlantic’ and ‘Junior Olympics’ printing. They were notified that this as not approved and indicated that they thought they had approval based on an earlier 2005 understanding. They agreed to rebate 10% of sales to MA. There is no record to their paying the earlier rebate for 2005. We will continue to contact Metro to get the rebates owed to us. It also points out the need to have a contract with any vendor selling equipment at MA hosted meets. Use of the ‘Middle Atlantic’ or ‘Junior Olympic’ names must be properly licensed.
- 2) Zone Team (M Sprang) – with resignation of Termins as Team Managers, Matt is currently looking for replacements; it may be desirable to have several managers to handle different areas – e.g., hotels, equipment, database, etc. Hotel arrangements have been made for the summer LC meet; Matt is working with Cherita to arrange a summer equipment package.

- 3) Coach/Age Group/Senior/Tech Planning meeting – a successful meeting was held on April 28 at UMLY (minutes attached.) Among recommendations from the meeting are: (a) unanimous support for a Spring MA Senior Championships – qualifying times to be current 15-19 cuts for JOs; (b) have spring JOs be a 14 and under meet with tightened time standards. Sub-groups will look into developing opportunities for LSC level activities – e.g., camps (Ryan Hahn) and how to encourage more LC meets, possibly via a meet circuit (John Pierson.)
- 4) Senior LC Meet (G Neufeld) – Senior meet at Bucknell will be full 4-day meet (Wed to Sat); will use online meet entry (OME) process.

The next meeting is the annual House of Delegates meeting on June 11, 2007 at the Upper Main Line Y.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Killian, acting Secr

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Burt German – Finance

**Call to order:**

A special meeting of the Board occurred following the House meeting. The meeting was called to order @ 8:25 p.m. by Mike Seip, General Chair.

**Award** – ballots were distributed to Board members and asked to vote for the Outstanding Service Award for 2007.

**Travel Assistance** – several late requests and/or appeals were received following the Spring meets and presented to the Board by Burt German. In two cases, there was confusion and uncertainty regarding athletes that attended the NCSA Junior meet. The present Travel Assistance Policy (as revised in Sept, '06) did not clearly state the qualifying time standards and the qualifying time period for this meet. Since the confusion was caused by the omission in the policy, the Board agreed to award support to the athletes involved.

In the other cases, two clubs waited until after the NCSA Junior meet to submit their Travel Support Request and included athletes that had attended the Region 1 Sectional (Northern) meet. As the NCSA meet occurred approximately 2 weeks after the Region 2 meet, the application for the athletes that attended the Region 1 meet was late. As the deadline for submitting application is clearly stated in the Policy, the appeal to grant immediate support to those athletes was denied; the application will be re-considered at the end of the year after all other awards have been granted.

Eastern Zone – the Board was advised that Middle Atlantic may receive notice regarding an apparently ineligible athlete that competed and represented MA at the recent All Star Championships. The athlete in question is presumed to have swum a Junior National qualifying time (in an off-event) at the NCSA meet on the day before entries to the All Star meet were due. Under EZ policy, any 13 and older swimmer that achieves a USA Swimming Junior National qualifying time in any event is ineligible for participation in the SC All Star meet. The Board will wait for further notification by the EZ before deciding on any action.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Killian, acting Secr