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Middle Atlantic HOUSE of DELEGATES Meeting Minutes Monday, November 12, 2007 Integrated Health Campus, Allentown, PA

ATTENDEES:

Mike Seip - General Chair
Dale Petranech - Treasurer
Fred Killian – Secretary
Brad Bowser – Technical Planning
Matt Sprang - Age Group
John Carroll – At-large
Kristen McCandless – Sr. Athlete Rep
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:10 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

Announcements:

? Burt German indicated to Cherita that he was resigning as Chair of the Board of Review. (The need to have additional members appointed to the Board of Review was noted.)

Agenda:

Requests to add following items to the published Agenda: (a) resolution of the National Board of Review hearing; (b) use of conference calls for future meetings; (c) question regarding ‘fly-over’ starts. Motion to adopt Agenda as amended passed.

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes of the October Board meeting as published; motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report (D Petranech):

Audit of 2006-07 fiscal year has begun. No unusual activity in current report. Motion to accept Treasurer’s report – passed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Policy Manual (F Killian) – he and Burt German had agreed to review and propose revisions to the Financial Policy section of the Policy Manual. This was not done due to a recent death in Burt’s family; the revision was postponed to the next Board meeting.
- 2) By-Laws revision (F.Killian) - At convention, the USA Swimming House approved a mandatory revision to all LSC By-Laws stipulating that all local Review Board panels must contain athlete

representation of at least 20%. This does NOT require approval by the LSC. The required change to Article 610.3.2 of the By-Laws will be incorporated into the MA By-Laws.

- 3) East/West Regional venue and date – DST had previously reported that they have not obtained a pool to host the West Regional meet on the scheduled April 5-6 weekend; they can obtain a pool for the previous weekend (March 29-30). TD indicated that they would also request moving the East Regional meet to the earlier weekend if that was granted for the West meet. The Mini-Champs are also scheduled for the March weekend, and there is concern both as to whether there are sufficient officials to cover three meets at this level and available coaches from the clubs. It was proposed that MA re-open bidding for the West Regional meet to be held on the April 5-6 weekend. DST would still be granted the meet if they obtain a pool for that weekend. The office will send notice to all clubs and notice will be posted on the website.
- 4) A NBR hearing was held on October 24 regarding the eligibility of a MA swimmer to participate at the Spring EZ age-group meet. The NBR ruling was that the swimmer should lose the results of his 200 Back swim at the EZ meet (the event for which he had obtained a USA-S Junior Natl qualifying time prior to the meet), and that other swims at the meet should remain. The meet will be re-scored based on the 200 Back correction and MA will be required to pay for the re-awarding of medals for that event.

Elections and Appointments:

None.

New Business:

- 1) Cherita provided a revised conflict of interest statement based on a similar form used by Potomac Valley Swimming (see attached.) There was discussion regarding some points in the statement and its effect on current Board members. It was also noted that the signing of a ‘conflict’ statement was only part of a program to increase and improve the understanding and responsibilities associated with election and participation on the MA Board of Directors. Motion to approve the Statement of Principles was made and passed. Fred Killian was asked to review the By-Laws to determine whether signing the form could be a mandatory requirement for participation on the MA Board.
- 2) Meet Director – Job description (M.Sprang) – a proposed job description (see attached) for the Meet Director position at MA hosted age-group meets (i.e., Elite Meet and spring JOs) was discussed. There were no major revisions to the description. Compensation and method of payment will be determined separately by the Age Group committee, and will include providing a room at the meet. Motion to approve the proposed job description; passed.
- 3) Surcharges at SC meets. – there was no further actionable item to consider. Current MA policy does not allow surcharges at SC meets, other than by exception.
- 4) John Carroll commented that several recent meets were conducted with ‘fly over’ starts in a manner that was not consistent with the meet format – e.g., a dual meet where swimmers were required to remain in the water for up to 30 seconds; the meet pace was slow. Fred Killian explained that the policy was to allow exceptions for short meet sessions, including at dual meets, etc. Fred will send another notice to all MA referees and starters reviewing this policy and explaining the need for referees to use proper judgment with the policy at such meets.

Officer and Committee Reports:

None.

Mike announced that the next Board meeting would be a ‘conference call’ meeting. All reports and presentations for the meeting will be required to be sent to the office at least one week before the meeting so that they can be distributed and/or posted on the website.

The next meeting is a Board of Directors meeting on January 14, 2008 – to be conducted by Conference Call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, Secretary