



## MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING

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### Middle Atlantic BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes Monday, February 14, 2008

The meeting was held at the Middle Atlantic office; several Board members participated via conference call:

#### **PARTICIPANTS:**

Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair  
Dan Sullivan – Operations  
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Burt German - Finance V-Chair  
Fred Killian – Secretary  
Deb McCarthy – Registration

#### **Via Conference Call:**

Mike Seip – General Chair  
John Carroll – At-large  
Dale Petranec – Treasurer  
Matt Sprang – Age Group

Ruth Ann Joyce - Safety  
Brad Bowser – Technical Planning  
Stephanie Rozick – Senior Co-chair  
Patric Mills – Safety

#### **ABSENT:**

Steph Rozick – Senior Co-Chair  
Glenn Neufeld – Sr. Coach Rep  
Kristen McCandless – Athlete Rep

Greg Fastrecht – Coach Rep  
George Breen – At-large  
Mike Gobrecht – Senior Co-chair

#### **Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:03 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

#### **Announcements:**

None.

#### **Agenda:**

There were no additions to the Agends; motion to approve, as submitted. Motion passed.

#### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the January Board meeting were amended to reflect that Greg Fastrecht was absent. Motion to accept minutes, as amended. Motion passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report :**

Dale Petranec presented the attached report, with comments that there was no unusual activity during the month. Motion to accept report; motion passed.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Financial Policy update – B.German and F.Killian have not had a chance to revise the present policy. Item tabled until next meeting.

## **Elections and Appointments**

None

## **New Business**

- 1) Policy Manual – Registration (Deb McCarthy). Two proposals relating to MA Registration policy were proposed. These had been previously sent to all Board members.

(a) Club Registration – Increase the Club Registration fee to \$300 annual beginning with the next registration year (beginning Sept 1, '08) with discounted fees for registration prior to January 1:

Registration prior to November 1 of preceding year	\$100 fee
Registration between November 1 and December 31	150 fee
Registration after January 1	300 fee

Clubs registering for the first time, and college clubs consisting of only college swimmers, would continue to pay only the \$100 fee. Discussion – this year, seventeen clubs registered after January 1 and ten clubs (registered in 2007) have not yet registered for 2008. This causes considerable work, as all athletes previously registered to those clubs must be listed as UN until the club is registered. If adopted, information will be sent to all clubs in order for them to prepare for the change. Coach credentials will also need to be anticipated by clubs. Motion to approve (German); motion passed.

(b) Athlete on-site registration – proposal to increase the on-site registration fee at a meet by 2x. The purpose is to encourage all athletes to register via their clubs, thus insuring that the registration information is consistent between the club and USA Swimming. Unattached swimmers NOT affiliated with a club would not pay the additional fee. Discussion – whether any UN swimmers should be excepted from the additional fee; the on-site registration fee should be included in all meet information; does the policy also apply to Open-Water swimmers that frequently register at the event. Motion (German) to table the proposal until the next meeting; motion passed.

- 2) LC Schedule (summer, 2008) – Brad Bowser had previously distributed a proposed LC schedule for the summer (attached). The meet dates are primarily those proposed by the hosting clubs. Due to July 4 falling on a weekend, LAC proposed moving their A/BB/C meet back one week to June 27-29, the same dates as the A/BB/C meet at BCAT. BCAT expressed concern, but has no alternative date (there are already two LC meets the previous weekend.) Motion (Sullivan) to accept the LC schedule as presented; motion passed.
- 3) SC Schedule (2008-09 season) – Brad Bowser had previously distributed a proposed SC schedule to be sent to all clubs for bids (attached). There was discussion about possibly adding one A/BB/C meet the last weekend in February, which is the same weekend as the 'Last Chance' meets for JOs. Since BCAT anticipates bidding on an A/BB/C meet the previous weekend, it was decided not to add another meet to the proposed schedule. Motion (Bowser) to accept the proposed schedule as presented; motion passed. Cherita was directed to publish the proposed schedule to all clubs for bids. Bids are due to the office by April 1, and the Bidders Meeting is tentatively set for April 30.

## **Officer and Committee Reports:**

- 1) Cherita reported that signed 'Conflict of Interest' statements have been returned by all but two Board members.
- 2) Two MA By-Laws updates were presented by Fred Killian (attached). The first is essentially a housekeeping change to 604.8 relating to election of the Nominating Committee, and follows a change to the LSC By-Laws template approved at last year's convention. Motion to approve; passed. The second is a mandatory change to 610.3 of all LSC By-Laws approved by the 2007 USA-S House of Delegates. The change requires that all LSC Board of Reviews and BoR panels have at least 20% athlete representation and participation. No LSC action is required.

The next meeting is a Board of Directors meeting on April 14, 2008 at the Integrated Health Campus in Allentown.

## **Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Killian, Secretary