



MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING

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Middle Atlantic BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes Monday, January 14, 2008

Corrected

The meeting was conducted via conference call with the following members participating in the call:

PARTICIPANTS:

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

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
Kristen McCandless – Athlete Rep

ABSENT:

Steph Rozick – Senior Co-Chair

Greg Fastrecht – Coach Rep

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:02 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

Announcements:

- The Board expresses sympathy to the family of coach Terri Peterson, longtime member of Middle Atlantic Swimming and the MA Board.
- A clinic for new officials will be held in conjunction with the mini-meet this Sunday (January 20) at the Univ of Delaware pool beginning at 10:00 am.
- The application for Spring Zone Team Coaches is posted on the MA website under the Winter Zone section.
- Tech Planning is preparing the preliminary 2008 LC schedule; it will be sent to Board members later this week for review.

Agenda:

Motion to amend Agenda to include a late travel support request from the recent Short Course Champs. Approved. Amended Agenda approved.

Minutes:

Motion (D.Petranech) to accept minutes of the November Board of Directors meeting as presented; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report :

Burt German reviewed the Audit Report for two fiscal years ending August 31, 2007. Year-end accounts were approximately \$50K higher than the previous year. Among the seven control items listed in the report, five are from previous years and have been resolved. One ongoing problem relates to the handling of cash monies collected at MA hosted meets; this continues to be addressed. The other relates to the recommended length of CD investments, which was incorrectly stated; we are currently in compliance with the audit recommendations.

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.
- 2) West Regional Bid. There were no bids present to replace DST as host for the Western Regional meet scheduled for the April 4-6 weekend. An alternative proposal was presented by TD to expand their meet to a 3-day meet for all eligible swimmers. A proposed format was provided by Dan Sullivan, consisting of three sessions on each day – a 13&over, 11-12 and 9-10 . Based on entries at last year's meets, the younger ages could be easily accommodated; however, the older age sessions would probably last five hours. Since the JO cuts have been lowered in some older events, this could add even more swimmers to the Regional meet. Motion (B.German) to approve replacement of the separate East / West Regional Meets by a single 3-day Regional Championship meet to be hosted by Team Delaware on April 4-6; motion passed.

There was also discussion about a possible "overflow" meet in case the meet becomes too large. This would avoid leaving some swimmers with no place to swim a final season-culminating meet. TD will look into a possible additional meet held after April 6. Motion to allow an earlier entry deadline for the April 4-6 meet to allow planning an 'overflow' meet, if necessary; motion passed.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) Cherita reported that a signed 'Conflict of Interest' statement had been returned by most Board members.
- 2) The By-Laws have not yet been revised to reflect the mandated changes from convention; Fred Killian will do in the next few weeks.
- 3) The MA Board of Review received a phone call from the parent who was notified that the Board had determined not to review her letter of concern. She was advised that she could pursue further action by written notification to the MA Board of Directors.

The next meeting is a Board of Directors meeting on February 11, 2008 at the Middle Atlantic office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, Secretary