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Middle Atlantic BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes Monday, June 9, 2008

The meeting was held at the Upper Main Line Y:

ATTENDANTS:

Mike Seip – General Chair
Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair
Patric Mills – Safety Co-chair
Dan Sullivan – Operations
Dale Petranec – Treasurer
John Carroll – At-large
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Burt German - Finance V-Chair
Fred Killian – Secretary
Brad Bowser – Technical Planning
Glenn Neufeld - Coach

George Breen – At-large
Al Berardocco – Site Selection

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:13 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

Announcements:

- ? MA has received three At-large delegates to Convention on basis of being one of five largest LSCs. Mike is asking for three additional at-large delegates; letter will be sent to Jim Woods this week.
- ? The MA Outstanding Service Award was presented to Dale Petranec by Mike Seip. The recognition reads:

Dale Petranec has provided volunteer service to Middle Atlantic for over 25 years in a number of capacities. He has served as Treasurer and as Chair of the Open Water Committee, and on the Technical Planning and Finance Committees for many years. Dale created a training program for Middle Atlantic open water officials that has been adopted by a number of other LSCs, and has been used as a model for the national program. He mentored officials throughout the LSC, traveling at his own expense to all the open water events in order to help the meet hosts. In addition, he drafted portions of our policy manual. He was instrumental in bringing back the international marathon to Atlantic City. FINA has recognized his contributions to world marathon swimming and FINA gave him their Silver Medallion Award primarily in recognition of his having written the international rules for open water. In recognition of the many years of support for Middle Atlantic Swimming, I am proud to present the 2008 Outstanding Service Award to Dale Petranec.

- ? A Stroke & Turn clinic for new officials will be held at York YMCA on Thursday, June 26 beginning at 6:00 pm
- ? OME is now available for entries to the SuperSectional meet at PSU on July 17-20.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes of the May Board meeting, as issued. Motion passed. (In a later discussion, it was noted that LaSalle has not contracted to the \$3000 cost for the Fall Classic; that is only an estimate by Mike Gobrecht.)

Treasurer's Report:

- ? Burt German presented the proposed 2008-09 Budget, as approved by the Board at the May meeting. The budget reflects a \$58.2M deficit, to be taken from reserve funds. It was noted that an additional \$900 expense was added to the budget at the May meeting, which is not reflected in the proposed budget. This will be corrected. Motion (German) to accept the (modified) budget; motion passed.
- ? A copy of the current year revenue/expenses is attached.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) SC Schedule (Al Berardocco) – moved to adopt SC schedule as determined at the 'Bidders' meeting (attached.) Discussion followed as to the weekends when the number of meets bid is less than proposed, as discussed at the May Board meeting. Tech Planning will meet with intent to contact clubs about holding additional meets. It was suggested that MA should have a plan to deal with a shortage of meets, in order to avoid problems and conflicts if that happens. Mike Seip agreed to prepare a letter to be sent to all clubs urging clubs (including those not now hosting meets) to consider hosting a meet. Patric Mills agreed to prepare a notice for the website. One concern expressed by several clubs was a shortage of officials to staff additional meets. After further discussion, the motion to adopt the proposed meet schedule was passed.

In response to a question, no sites have yet been selected for the Elite Meet, JOs or the Senior MIDS Championships.

Elections and Appointments

- 1) Election – In the absence of Ruth Ann Joyce, Cherita Gentilucci presented the nominating slate to be elected. There are no nominees for Age-Group V-Chair, two of the three Athlete Rep positions and the Review Comm Athlete Alternate position. There is one nominee for each position with exception of Senior Committee with two nominees for Co-chair position. Floor was opened for additional nominations; as there were none, motion to close nominations was passed. German moved to have Secretary cast one vote for each nominee in lieu of a ballot election; motion passed. The following were elected: Genl Chair – Mike Seip; Admin V-Chair – Fred Frank; Senior Comm Co-chair – Mike Gobrecht, Stephanie Rozick; Secretary – Fred Killian; Finance V-Chair – Burt German; At-Large to BofD – George Breen; Athlete Rep – John McGinley (SSC); Review Committee (2) – Burt German, Dale Petranech; Review Comm Athlete – Matthew Belecanech (JW); Review Comm Alternates (2) – John McGinley Sr, Diane Belecanech. The following positions are vacant – Age Group V-Chair, Athlete Reps (2), Review Comm Athlete Alternate. (Note: one of the Athlete Rep positions is a one-year term.)
- 2) Committee Appointments:
Senior Committee - Mike Gobrecht (WSY), Stephanie Rozick (BCAT) Co-Chair, Brian Elko (SEA), Erik Posegay (PAAC).

Travel Fund Committee – John Carroll (JW) Chair, George Breen (JW), Burt German (JW), Mike Gobrecht (WSY), Fred Killian (UN), Marie Labosky (GAAC), Stephanie Rozick (BCAT), Matt Sprang (GCIT).

Committees to be appointed: Age Group. Cherita will post a list of committee members on the website.

New Business

- 1) Meeting schedule (B German) – Burt proposed a 2008-09 meeting schedule of six Board and two House meetings, similar to the current year. Also proposed that a single House of Delegates meeting be planned for 2010 with additional workshops, clinics, etc. Discussion ensued about how to draw more participation and representation by all clubs at the 'annual' House meeting. Several financial incentives were mentioned. Motion to adopt the proposed 2008-09 meeting schedule but with a single House of Delegates meeting in June, 2009. Fred Frank and Glen Neufeld agreed to begin planning for said meeting. Motion passed. (Cherita will issue a revised meeting schedule.)

- 2) Club Leadership/Business Management Seminar – C Gentilucci reported that Peter Clark was available to hold a CLBMS for MA clubs on Tuesday, July 15. MA may have to arrange for a location. Motion to approve up to \$1000 to cover the cost of a facility and possible refreshments for the seminar. Approximately 15 new MA clubs need to attend the seminar before they may register for 2009.
- 5) Travel Policy (J Carroll) – John Carroll reported that the Travel Fund Committee had met and allocated ‘travel funds’ for the 2008-09 year. In addition, modifications to the Travel Fund Policy were presented in ‘draft’ format – changes include clarification of the conditions under which swimmers may obtain support in both Winter and Spring seasons, restriction on swimmers obtaining support for a ‘juniors’ meet in Winter are not eligible for further support in Spring, reduction in support for swimmers attending meets in both Winter and Spring. The process for calculating the Destination Award was clarified and it is clearer that swimmers shall receive the Bonus Award regardless of the budgeted funds available. The policy was distributed and will be acted upon at a later Board meeting. Glen Neufeld will distribute and get comments from MA coaches.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) The proposed Open Water meet (Bridge-to-Bridge) in Atlantic City in July was discussed. Organization and planning for the meet is tentative. After some discussion, there was consensus that MA should not provide up-front financial support to insure that the event is held.

The next meeting is a Board of Directors meeting schedule for July 14, 2008 to be held at the Middle Atlantic office beginning at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, Secretary