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Middle Atlantic BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes Monday, May 12, 2008

The meeting was conducted via conference call:

PARTICIPANTS:

Mike Seip – General Chair
Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair
Stephanie Rozick – Senior Co-chair
Patric Mills – Safety Co-chair
Matt Sprang – Age Group
Greg Fastrecht – Coach
John Carroll – At-large
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Burt German - Finance V-Chair
Fred Killian – Secretary
Mike Gobrecht – Senior Co-chair
Brad Bowser – Technical Planning
Dan Sullivan – Operations
Glenn Neufeld - Coach
George Breen – At-large

NOT PARTICIPATING:

Dale Petranech – Treasurer

Ruth Ann Joyce – Safety Co-chair

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:04 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

Announcements:

- The MA Fall Classic is scheduled for LaSalle College on October 25-26; the pool has committed to those dates for \$3,000 fee plus payment of lifeguards.
- USA Swimming has notified that the 120-day rule will be waived with regard to Olympic Trials. Cherita pointed out that MA needs to review its Travel Assistance Policy regarding the requirement of MA registration at the time of the meet for (college) swimmers attending Trials; the Travel Fund committee will review the requirements and report at the June meeting. The committee is John Carroll (chr), Burt German, Stephanie Rozick and an athlete to be appointed.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes of the April Board meeting, as issued. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Burt German reported that MA expenditures are on schedule with the budget. The final outcome will depend greatly on our Travel support for Olympic Trials.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Policy Manual – Fred Killian reviewed the revised Financial Policy (Section 3), tabled at the last meeting. The policy covers receipt of funds and payment of invoices by the office, check writing policies of MA, and recent reporting requirements mandated by USA Swimming. There was no further discussion. Motion (B German) to adopt; motion passed.

A revised Membership/Registration (Section 2) was also presented for review. The section contains no new policies, but includes recently adopted policies regarding Club registration discounts, on-site registration policies and current requirements for Coach registrations. The current meeting schedule is also included. Motion to adopt; motion passed.

- 2) SC Schedule (B German) – there was a proposal from the Bidders meeting to move the Regional meets to the first weekend in March, in place of the first weekend in April. Dan Sullivan reported that TD, which had proposed the change, now prefers to stay with the April dates. TD was the only bidder on the meet(s), and would be able to again hold a (single) 3-day meet as they had done this past season. (There were 240 fewer swimmers than when two meets were held; all sessions were under four hours.) Motion to award TD as host for a single Regional meet in April; motion passed.

Elections and Appointments

- 1) Nominations - Cherita Gentilucci presented the Nominating Committee report in absence of R Joyce. Nominations are as distributed to the Board (attached), except that Matt Belecanech and Diane Belecanech have both accepted their respective nominations to the Review Board. Mike Seip will try to obtain an Athlete representative and will look for a former swimmer (within ten years of last competition.)
- 2) Member of the Technical Planning Committee are: John Carroll (coach), Casey Coble (swimmer), George Dunham (parent), Glenn Neufeld (coach), Stephanie Rozick (coach/parent), Larry Shoemaker (official), Bill Trussell (official), Chris Waggoner (coach), Bob Worrell (parent.)

Members of the Officials Committee are: Fred Killian (Chr), Barb Biedenbach (STRM), Dale Carmody (NRG), Gary Carpenter (JW), Burt German (JW), Cecil Gordon (DST), Nancy Hensell (JW), Jeff Hyde (GA), David Katz (JW), Jim Leigh (UN), Dennis Maurer (FSSC), John Sanbower (LAC), Larry Shoemaker (ATAC), Kent Steeves (DST), Steve Strauss (JW), Clyde Tinklepaugh (UN), Jim Wilson (UN).

- 3) Middle Atlantic received notification that we will have at least three additional delegates to the USAS Convention on the basis of being one of the five largest LSCs. Cherita will send a note to potential attendees at convention to determine their interest and availability. Convention dates are September 24-27 in Atlanta, GA. The At-large delegates must be designated to USA-S by June 1.

New Business

- 1) SC Bids. Bids submitted and agreed at the Bidders meeting on April 29 were presented. Several members noted that there are several weekends (primarily in Jan and Feb) where the number of bid meets is less than offered, and that this will likely contribute to a shortage of available slots for clubs wanting to attend meets on those weekends. Mike Seip directed Tech Planning to review the schedule, identify times when more meets are needed, and then try to find clubs willing to hold additional meets on those weekends. A report is needed by the June meeting.
- 2) Waive 4-hr rule – due to the limited number of LC meets, teams are again being shut-out of meets well in advance of the entry deadline. The Board discussed ways to provide more ‘splash’ opportunities, including waiving 4-hr rule, allowing 20% over-entry along with positive check-in for selected events, limiting breaks, etc. Motion (Killian) to waive the MA 4-hour rule for 13&Over sessions at 2008 LC meets; friendly amendment to replace with a 5-hour session limit; motion passed. (The 5-hr limit will not be exclusive of breaks.) In addition, Burt German and Fred Killian, with consultation with Steph Rozick, will prepare a list of recommended procedures to be implemented as soon as possible to get more swimmers into the LC meets and avoid or eliminate unused lanes at meets, etc.
- 3) Surcharge for JOs - LAC submitted letter requesting a \$3 surcharge per swimmer for 2008 LC JOs. A detailed financial report or budget did not accompany the request. Motion (F Frank) to deny the request; motion passed. M Sprang will discuss the issue with LAC.
- 4) MA meeting schedule (B German) – Burt proposed that the meeting schedule for 2008-09 be the same as current year (2 HofD meetings and 6 Board meetings), but that the Board seriously plan to move to one Annual House of Delegates meeting in the following year. The Annual meeting would

be in conjunction with committee workshops, clinics, etc. Motion to adopt; passed. A task force to begin planning for the Annual meeting will be appointed after the June meeting.

- 5) Club Leadership/Business Management Seminars – C Gentilucci noted that Peter Clark would like to arrange a CLMBS in MA to satisfy the need of new MA clubs for this program. Unfortunately, a date suitable to Peter is not available until October. Cherita was directed to work with USA-S to try to arrange for someone else to conduct the seminars before October.
- 6) LSC Evaluations – at direction of Chuck Wielgus, legislation will be introduced at 2008 convention requiring each LSC to be evaluated every quadrennium, encompassing business, volunteer development, coach development and athlete performance and development. Middle Atlantic will probably be one of the initial LSCs to be evaluated.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) Eastern Zone meeting (G Breen, J Carroll, M Gobrecht) – attended recent meeting in Reston, VA. Items covered at the meeting: (a) Mike Gobrecht has been nominated to be EZ Coach Director, election to be held at Convention; (b) currently still no bids for the Reg 2 Sectional meet in spring, 2009; (c) next meeting will be in Ft.Lauderdale, FL hosted by Potomac Valley; (d) at the Coach's session – there will be a USA-S Junior Nationals held immediately after the SC Nationals in December (beginning in 2008); also talk of a possible LC Senior Champs for EZ beginning in 2009. A proposal to establish time standards for the spring AG Champs meet was defeated; a proposal to allow each LSC three entries in the 12&U events at spring AG Champs was tabled. MA will need to review the Travel Fund Policy to accommodate the new Junior National meet in December – this was referred to the Travel Fund committee.
- 2) Conflict of Interest statements have been signed by all Board members with exception of Athlete reps. At Mike's direction, Cherita will send the statement to all appointed committee members.
- 3) Zone AG meet. Although the final financial report has not been submitted, Matt expects the meet to run a deficit due to unforeseen costs at the hotel. Middle Atlantic has a successful meet, and other arrangements went very well.
- 4) Pool certification – George Breen reported that a Task Force had developed revised rules regarding pool measurement when records are set. Henceforth, pools will only need be measured after each session in which an American or World record is set; pools where other records are set may have been previously measured and on file. MA has few pools certified, and we should make effort to get more pools certified. Dan Sullivan will look into acquiring a laser-device that can be shared among MA facilities to obtain accurate measurements.
- 5) Travel Assistance report – attached, after payment of support for SC Nationals, NCSA Junior meet and spring Sectionals. A balance of \$7200 remains in budget from those meets.

The next meeting is a House of Delegates meeting schedule for June 9, 2008 to be held at the Upper Main Line YMCA beginning at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, Secretary