



## MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING

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### Middle Atlantic HOUSE of DELEGATES Meeting Minutes Monday, November 10, 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  
Greg Fastrich – Coach Board Rep  
Eric Posegay – Age Group Co-Chair  
Ruth Ann Joyce – Safety Co-chair  
Stu Kukla – Coach Board Rep

Burt German - Finance V-Chair  
Fred Killian – Secretary  
Mike Gobrecht – Senior Co-chair  
Matt Sprang – Age Group Co-Chair  
Dale Petranech – Treasurer  
Brad Bowser – Tech Planning  
George Breen  
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

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

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

#### **Agenda:**

The following items were asked to be added to the Agenda:

- Contact from a financial group intending to build a pool (BGerman)
- Meets at LAC (MSeip)
- Bonus events at JOs (Age Group)

Motion to add above agenda items. Motion passed.

#### **Announcements:**

- Two clinics for new officials are scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2008 at LAC, and Sunday, November 23 at Friends Central Aquatics (F Killian).
- Yvonne Gordon has accepted appointment a Middle Atlantic Diversity Chair.

#### **Minutes:**

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

#### **Elections and Appointments**

- John Carroll added as member of the Senior Committee.

There was discussion regarding the need to recruit Athlete reps for the Board positions and include more athletes on MAS committees and offices; there was also discussion regarding general non-participation of Board members and the means by which they might be removed or replaced.

### **Officer and Committee Reports**

- Convention reports have been submitted by one additional attendee. Mike reminded all those that attended the convention that their report must be submitted to the office by December 15.
- Registration status (reported by Burt German) – we are presently about 10% ahead of last year, but this may be due in part to greater efficiency in the office.

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

- Burt German reviewed final FY2007-08 reports showing a surplus of approx \$60K (see attached). FK suggested that future reports show a comparison with the budget which will allow better analysis of the numbers.
- Dale Petranec reported that an audit of last year's finances is underway.
- Burt intends to present a proposal for establishing a Reserve Travel Assistance Fund at the next meeting.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- a) Fred Frank presented a new proposal for the (June) 2009 Annual HofD meeting (attached). Proposes concurrent morning sessions for Coaches and Meet Directors, followed by a 2-hr HofD meeting. Discussion centered on how to attract attendance. Date and location are to be determined. Plans need to be finalized at the January Board meeting.
- b) Senior SC Champs (S Rozick) – has a contract for the new York Y facility, but Senior Comm has not seen the facility. Contract contains unexpected additional costs; contract will be sent to Burt for review. York Y has Daktronic timing. Stephanie will arrange to visit the facility before committing to the facility. Alternatives could be the CBST pool. FKillian agreed to visit York Y with Stephanie.
- c) Surcharge for paper entries (B Bowser) – Tech Planning proposed allowing the use of TM-Lite to enter swimmers to club meets. Discussion around the need or purpose of this proposal – what is the problem? Recognize need to have entries come electronically from the clubs, not individual parents. Referred back to TP committee for further consideration.
- d) Fine for late submission of meet information (B Bowser) – Motion to change deadline for submitting meet info to August 1 with a definite fine to those clubs that do not meet this date; motion passed. This is included in the Meet Director's handbook. Fines will be proposed for late submission.
- e) Fee increase for Intrasquad meets (B Bowser) – proposal is to discourage clubs from holding intra-squad meets in lieu of attending a sanctioned age-group meet. MA presently gets a Sanction Fee from clubs that request and are granted a 'sanction' for an intra-squad meet, but no rebates if no entry fees are charged. It was noted that MA has no control of clubs that hold a non-sanctioned intra-squad meet. Discussion that MA should not sanction Intra-squad meets unless they have been announced at the bid meeting and are posted on the schedule; similarly, MA should not grant 'Accepted' status to those meets. Matter referred back to TP for further consideration.
- f) 2009 LC Schedule (B Bowser) – not yet completed; Brad is still contacting clubs that hosted a meet this past summer. TP recommending WSY not hold a meet on June 19-21 weekend; weekend of June 6-7 is open. JOs are planned for July 23-26, 2009.
- g) Policy manual – SC Zones (F Killian) – proposed changes to selection deadline for 15&over swimmers to SC meet when a MA Senior Champs follows JOs and entry deadline allows, and inclusion of the approved EZ policy to include three entries in each individual event for 11-12 and 10&under ages at the SC meet beginning in 2010; changes were distributed to Board members. Motion to accept; passed.
- h) Board Retreat/LEAP (M Seip) – MA will be part of the May,'09 evaluations. MA Retreat will be planned for April 8; location possibly at the Integrated Health Campus in Allentown

### **New Business (additional Agenda items)**

- a) Burt reported that he had been contacted by a group interested in building a 50-m competition pool in Chester, and which wants to meet with MA. Burt got agreement to set up a meeting.
- b) Bonus events at JOs – since MM does not confirm 'bonus' event entry times, there is concern on how to manage this. The AG committee recommended the use of Online Meet Entry (OME) system for Junior Olympics. OME system can be set up to distinguish between regular and bonus events and the appropriate qualifying times for each. No action required.
- c) Age-group has approved policy of allowing swimmers to enter a distance event at the qualifying standard (rather than with their best time) if they have another individual event on the distance event day; this allows them to swim in an early heat and not be forced to swim at night. Recommendation that Senior Comm also adopt this policy for Senior Champs. Agreed. F Killian will write a policy.

The next meeting is a Board of Directors meeting scheduled for January 12, 2009.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Killian, Secretary