



## MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING

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### Middle Atlantic Swimming HOUSE of DELEGATES Meeting Minutes Monday, June 8, 2009

The meeting was held at the Upper Main Line Y, Berwyn, PA:

#### **ATTENDEES:**

The meeting was attended by approximately sixty representatives from at least 35 clubs, not counting members of the MA Board. (Attendance sheets are recorded with the minutes.)

**Workshops:** Prior to the general meeting, two separate Workshops for Meet Directors and Coaches were held beginning at 6:00 pm. Separate reports will be issued regarding both workshops.

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

The meeting was called to order @ 7:10 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair. Mike introduced Board members in attendance. Board members were: Seip, Frank, German, Petranech, Killian, Bowser, Mills, Joyce, Rozick, Posegay, Breen, Carroll, Fastrich, Kukla.

#### **Agenda:**

Deb Bernstein (CHEL) asked for an agenda item to discuss clubs being shut out of meets. There were no further additions to the Agenda; motion to approve, as modified. Motion passed.

#### **Announcements:**

- Cherita noted that USA Swimming is looking for nominations for the Adolf Kiefer Award. This award is related to Safety and is presented at Convention
- Patric Mills noted that the effort to raise funds in Phila for a Rec Center pool has achieved approx \$22.5M of the \$30M goal. The effort is supported by the Ray Kroc Foundation. The pool is projected to be the home pool for PDR. Mike Seip mentioned that MA and USA-S have also met with a group looking into development of an aquatic center to be located with the new soccer stadium in Chester.

#### **Minutes:**

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

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

- Treasurer report (attached) showing YTD income and expenses was submitted. Motion to approve; passed.
- Burt German presented the proposed 2009-10 Budget, as approved by the Board at the May meeting. Registration fees are the same as this year, and MAS will absorb the \$1 increase in dues to USA

Swimming. The budget reflects a \$51.6K deficit, to be taken from reserve funds. Motion (German) to accept the budget; motion passed.

### **Elections and Appointments**

- 1) Election – Ruth Ann Joyce, Nominating Comm Chair, presented the nominating slate. There is no nominee for Operations V-Chair. There is one nominee for each position with exception of Age Group Vice-Chair and Safety Comm Chair – each of which have two nominees with intent to elect two for those positions. The floor was opened for additional nominations - Fred Killian was nominated for the Operations V-Chair position. There were no additional nominations and a motion to close nominations was passed. Burt German moved to have the Secretary cast one vote for each nominee in lieu of a ballot election; motion passed. The following were elected: Age Group V-Chair – Eric Posegay / Stu Kukla; Operations V-Chair – Fred Killian; Treasurer – Dale Petranec; Technical Planning – Brad Bowser; Safety Co-chair – Ruth Ann Joyce / Patric Mills; At-Large (Board) – John Carroll; Athlete Reps to Board (3) – Corrie Clark, Ian Clark, Clifton Gordon; Membership/Registration Coordinator – Deb McCarthy; Board of Review Committee (2) – Cecil Gordon, Jamie Platt; Review Comm Alternate, Athlete – Emily Creran. The Coach Rep to the board will be elected at the Senior LC Champs in July. (Note: one of the Athlete Rep positions is a one-year term.)
- 2) Committee Appointments:  
There were no additional committee appointments.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1) SC Schedule (Brad Bowser) – the SC schedule as determined at the ‘Bidders’ meeting with some changes (attached) was presented. CBST agreed to move their A/BB/C meet from Nov 7-8 to the previous weekend. The Regional Champ meet on the March 26-28 weekend will be 1 or 2 meets, to be decided by the MA Board. Bids have not been approved for that meet. SC JOs will be a 14&Under meet. Meets bid in April and May (by RAC and GAAC) are not on the attached schedule, but will be offered as bid and as shown on the MA website. After further discussion, the motion to adopt the proposed amended meet schedule was passed.
- 2) The MA Outstanding Service Award was presented to Stephanie Rozick by Matt Sprang. The recognition reads:

Stephanie Rozick has served as a meet director for Middle Atlantic for many years, serving both at the club and the LSC level. She is a tireless advocate for swimmers and coaches throughout our area and much of the success of the 2008 SuperSectional meet can be attributed directly to her. Stephanie has been a member of the Board of Directors of Middle Atlantic for the past three years. As co-Chair of the Senior Committee, she often travels four hours each way to attend Board and Committee meetings. Stephanie is a member of the Technical Planning and Travel Fund Committees. She has represented Middle Atlantic at the last three USA-S conventions and at the Eastern Zone meetings.

### **New Business**

- A) Meeting schedule (B German) – Burt proposed a 2009-10 meeting schedule of seven Board and one House meetings, similar to the current year. Mike Seip noted that some of the Board meetings will be via conference call, as was done this year – on an as-needed basis. It was suggested that this be noted on the website so that anyone wanting to attend a board meeting would know of those arrangements. Motion to approve the meeting schedule; passed. Board meetings are scheduled for July 13, October 12, November 9, January 11, February 8, April 12 and May 10. The June House meeting will be similar to the format of the present meeting with final date to be announced; a Saturday date will be considered.
- B) ByLaw changes (B German/F Killian) – several ByLaw amendment proposals were presented:
  - (1) At 2007 and 2008 conventions, USA Swimming approved several mandated changes to LSC ByLaws which (a) remove most Board of Review procedures from the LSC ByLaws to the USA Swimming Rulebook, and (b) require at least 20% athlete participation in LSC House of Delegates, most LSC committees and the LSC Board of Review. As USA Swimming mandated these changes, they will be incorporated into the Middle Atlantic ByLaws without further discussion or action. A copy of the actual changes is attached (I and II).
  - (2) Several housekeeping amendments are proposed to correct missing or wrong wording in earlier amendments, and/or correct changed references to ByLaws sections (see attached changes III.) A motion to forego present ByLaw amendment procedure and allow these changes to be

approved was made and passed. Motion to make proposed 'housekeeping' amendments to the ByLaw; passed.

- (3) A proposed amendment to Article 611.3 of the ByLaws which will allow subsequent amendments to be proposed and approved at a single House of Delegates meeting was presented, to be voted upon at the next House meeting per the present procedure. It was noted that the revised procedure is consistent with the recommended USA Swimming template, and that the present MAS amendment procedure was adopted when MA held several House meetings each year.

**611.3 AMENDMENTS** - Any provision of these Bylaws not mandated by USA Swimming may be amended at any meeting of the House of Delegates by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting ~~provided that any such Amendment prior to being voted on must have been introduced in its entirety at the immediate preceding meeting of the House of Delegates. If any changes, other than correction of errors, are made to any such introduced Amendment, voting on such altered Amendment must be deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the House of Delegates.~~ Amendments so approved shall not take effect until reviewed and approved by the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee. These Bylaws shall be deemed amended ninety (90) days after the conclusion of any annual meeting of USA Swimming at which the corresponding provisions of Part Six of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations are amended (or such later effective date established in the amending USA Swimming legislation) to the extent that such amendment affects a provision required to be included herein or is itself required to be included herein, unless MA shall have requested permission of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee not to have such amendment take effect with respect to these Bylaws.

- C) Fred Killian (Officials Chair) reviewed several recent rules adopted by USA Swimming regarding swimsuit attire to be worn at USA Swimming competitions. The swimsuit restrictions for 12 & Under Age-Group competition went into effect on May 15 and will be enforced at MA meets. The recent adoption of the 'single swimsuit' rule and the issuance of technical suits approved by FINA will be followed judiciously at MA meets until further clarification and guidance is received from USA Swimming.
- D) The CHEL rep expressed concern that their older swimmers were being closed out of meets and requested consideration that 'Senior' events be limited to 15 and older swimmers in order to open more slots. Another possibility is that sessions for older swimmers be allowed to run up to five hours. The issue affects SC as well as LC meets. The matter will be considered by the Board for further action.

#### **Officer and Committee Reports:**

- A) Current athlete registration in MAS has exceeded 9000 for the first time (see attached report.)
- B) Safety statistics (R Joyce) – see attached report.
- C) LEAP program – MA is participating as a pilot LSC in the LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program. The Board held a retreat in April and reviewed our status. We appear to be compliant for Level 1 status in all but one category; Burt German and Fred Killian are reviewing our Incorporation status and compliance with state regulations.
- D) Travel Policy (J Carroll) – A revised Travel Fund Policy has been approved by the board and will be implemented beginning with 2009-10 season. Awards will be granted based on the level of the athlete's times rather than the specific meet. Awards will be given in Winter, Spring and Summer seasons. Eligibility requirements are simplified. The new policy will be posted on the website. There was a suggestion to include all Grand Prix meets rather than those meets needing approval by the Board.
- E) Winter Zone report – see attached.

Mike Seip thanked Fred Frank for coordinating plans for this meeting, and Ruth Ann Joyce for arranging the hospitality.

The next meeting is a Board of Directors meeting scheduled for July 13, 2009 to be held at the Middle Atlantic office beginning at 7:00 pm.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Killian, Secretary