

MA Travel Fund Committee meeting
MA Office – Tues, October 27, 2009 – 11:00 am

Attending: John Carroll (Chr), George Breen, Burt German, Fred Killian, Marie Labosky, and Cherita Gentilucci. Matt Sprang and Mike Gobrecht participated via phone conference.

1. Reviewed the recently revised Policy to confirm that the meets, time standards and support amounts are as intended. Winter and Spring have the same time standards and are the qualifying times for the USA SC National Champs (Level 1) and USA SC Junior Champs (Level 2). Approved Winter meets are the USA SC National and USA SC Junior Championships. Approved Spring meets are either of the EZ Speedo Sectionals and the NCSA Junior Champs.

Summer time standards are the qualifying times for: Summer LC Nationals (Level 1), Summer LC Junior Champs (Level 2) and the bonus times for Summer LC Juniors (Level 3). Approved meets are the USA LC Nationals, the USA LC Juniors, and the EZ Speedo SuperSectional meet.

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| Support levels are: | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> |
| Winter / Spring | \$ 550 | \$ 450 | |
| Summer | \$ 600 | \$ 450 | \$ 300 |

This information will be posted on the MA website for easy reference by coaches, swimmers and parents. Links to the appropriate time standards will be provided.

These time standards are tighter than comparable standards in the old policy. To gauge what the effect might be on applications for support, Cherita will ask Larry Herr to provide data on how many MA swimmers would have qualified for 2009 Spring meet support with each of the 2008 SC Junior meet standards and the 'old' 2000 Junior Natls standards.

2. Budget – current budget for 2009-10 is \$85K; \$98K was distributed last year after supplemental funding. Committee will request MA Board to increase the Budget by \$10K to \$95. If granted, the funds will be allocated \$10K Winter, \$40K Spring and \$45K Summer.
3. The committee has received requests to approve Grand Prix meets in Austin (March 4-6, 2010) and Columbus, OH (April 2-4, 2010) for Spring support. The committee agreed to request approval from the MA Board on the basis that both meets contain a Long Course venue that is not otherwise available in the Spring.
4. A proposal to provide support to MA coaches attending a Summer meet was presented; the support level will be tied to the Club Recognition Program, with support ranging from \$300 to \$600 depending on the Club Recognition level of achievement. A club could receive only one award; available only for summer LC meets. A supplement budget of \$10K will be requested to support the program. Fred will prepare a draft proposal for Board consideration in November.
5. Open Water funding – Discussion on establishing a policy to support swimmer travel to Open Water events. (a) any athlete can receive up to three support awards in any combination of pool / OW meets. An OW event at same location/time as a pool event will receive \$100 additional and counts as one event; (b) OW swimmer must have achieved at least one current summer LC National Time Standard (Level 1) with no limit on qualifying period; (c) approved meets are any USA-S Natl OW Champs or Trials meet and FINA World Cup meets. Other meets must be submitted to the TFC for approval. The committee will request a supplement budget of \$5K for 2010; max award to any athlete is \$500. OW support will require the same registration and representation criteria as for pool support.