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Middle Atlantic - BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2009
Conducted via Conference Call

PARTICIPATING via Conference:

Mike Seip – General Chair
Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair
Matt Sprang – Age-Group Co-chair
George Breen – At-Large
Mike Gobrecht – Senior Co-chair
Stephanie Rozick – Senior Co-chair
Dan Sullivan – Operations
Patric Mills – Safety Co-chair

Burt German - Finance V-Chair
Fred Killian – Secretary
John Carroll – At-Large
Brad Bowser – Tech Planning
Ruth Ann Joyce – Safety Co-chair
Dale Petranech – Treasurer
Stu Kukla - Coach
Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:03 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

Agenda:

Burt German asked that a Budget item be added to the Agenda. Motion to accept amended Agenda – passed.

Announcements:

USA Swimming has passed a regulation concerning ‘certification of racing starts’ which is believed to be directed at the Club level. More specifics will be passed on when received.

Burt asked that budget requests for the 2009-10 fiscal year be sent to him by March 1. Cherita will contact appropriate committee chairs to provide the information.

Minutes:

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

Elections and Appointments

Nominating – Ruthann Joyce has accepted position as Chair of the committee. Mike would like to have additional members. Brad Bowser volunteered to be on the committee; Mike will seek additional members.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- 1) A registration report as of January 31 is attached. Current athlete registrations are about 12% ahead of last year at the same time, and are about 100 less than total 2008 registration. We should expect between 500-1000 additional registrations before the end of the LC season.

- 2) House of Delegates Annual Mtg (F Frank) – Fred has been conversing with UMLY on arrangements for the meeting. The Board approved June 8, 2009 as the date for the meeting. Fred will send a preliminary email to all clubs, and follow with email notices approximately every three weeks to elicit participation at the meeting.
- 3) LEAP/Board retreat – planned for April 8 at the Integrated Health Center in Allentown. Mike will review Board responses and set the time for the meeting.
- 4) Travel Fund Committee (J Carroll) – the committee met on January 30; minutes are attached. The committee asked for action on the following:
 - motion (German/Petranech) to move \$5800 from funding of SPRING meets to the WINTER meets; this will allow payment of a full Award to athletes attending both the SC National Champs in Atlanta and the Junior Nationals in Austin. Motion passed.
 - motion (Killian/German) to add the Missouri Grand Prix (Feb) and the Texas Grand Prix (March) as approved Travel funded meets for the SPRING, to be awarded at the NCSA support level. Motion passed.
 - requested approval of amendments to the Travel Fund Policy (see attached) relating to (a) allowing swimmers that attend a ‘Juniors’ meet in WINTER to also attend a SPRING meet and receive max 50% of the award for the SPRING meet (as now allowed for ‘Nationals’ swimmers); and (b) provide that additional meets approved for funding be awarded at a level to be determined by the Board when approved. Motion (Petranech/German) to adopt – passed.
 - John noted that the committee has begun to revise the overall policy to simplify several areas, as noted in the committee minutes. The TFC hopes to have a new policy ready for consideration for next year.
 - the TFC brought forth a proposal for additional funding to support ‘clubs’ attending national meets and asked that a committee be appointed to consider this. Mike appointed the following: Matt Sprang (chair), John Carroll, Burt German, Marie Labosky, a ‘parent’, and an ‘athlete’.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Dale reported that the audit is completed and the report has been forwarded to the Finance V-Chair. The IRS 990 report will be filed this week.
- Burt commented that six of the eight items noted in the Audit report had already been acted on. The remaining items will be reviewed. He also stated that a separate account would be established using excess funds generated the previous two years; the account will be the initial fund for a ‘Travel Fund Endowment’, which will be further defined later.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) LC schedule. Matt Sprang provided draft of an RFP (attached) requesting bids for the summer LC JO meet. Fred Killian asked that a sentence be added regarding responsibilities of the meet referee. The RFP will be sent to all clubs with responses due ten days after being issued. Approval of the meet host by the Board will be via email. BCAT has already expressed interest in hosting the meet.
- 2) LC schedule – ‘Last Chance’ for LAC meet. LAC has requested that their July 10-12 meet be treated as a ‘Last Chance’ meet for JOs one week later. An initial motion was withdrawn. The new motion (Killian/German) provided that “The LAC meet shall be tentatively designated as a Last Chance meet subject to the agreement of the ‘to be designated host’ of the JO meet being agreeable to working out satisfactory entry arrangements with LAC.” Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Employee review (M Seip) – no action. Fred Frank agreed to follow-up on this item.
- 4) SC schedule (B Bowser). There are no changes to the proposed schedule distributed at the January Board meeting. Motion to approve (German/Carroll) – motion passed.
- 5) Outstanding Service Award. Matt Sprang noted that he had received three nominations. Mike assigned Burt, Dale, Patric and FredK (as former recipients of the award) to review and decide on the recipient. Motion (German/Petranech) to close nomination – motion passed.
- 6) MA Policy – Sanctioned Dual Meets. Brad Bowser reported that Tech Planning was still reviewing a proposed policy that would be similar to the recent ‘intra-squad’ policy.

New Business

- 1) MA Policy – SCM entries at JOs. After discussion with the Age Group Chairs, Fred Killian presented a revised MA policy (see 6.4.6.5 attached) to rescind the practice of converting SCM entry times at the Spring JO meet and seeding them with SCY entries. There is no apparent current need for this policy and it creates much additional work when processing entries. Non-conforming entries are seeded according to USA Swim rules. Motion to repeal the policy – motion passed.
- 2) Additional meet requests – has been covered under Travel Fund Committee report.
- 3) Mike Seip reported that he had contacted John McIlhargy at USA Swimming and that he is willing to meet along with Middle Atlantic with the parties interested in the Chester pool.
- 4) Mike Seip noted that we will need to decide who will attend the May Eastern Zone meeting (to be held in Ft. Lauderdale) at the next Board meeting.
- 5) Plans for the Senior SC Champ meet to be held at the YorkY were discussed. Reports from several officials at the York IMX meet this past weekend indicated that the facility and YorkY operated well. Fred Killian noted that they have an ‘alphanumeric scoreboard’ and that MA would need to add the HyTek scoreboard option to its MM program in order to interact with the scoreboard. Motion to purchase/add the scoreboard option to our license – expected cost is \$495. Motion passed.

The next meeting is the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for April 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Integrated Health Center in Allentown.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, Secretary