



## MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING

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### Middle Atlantic - BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 12, 2009  
Middle Atlantic Office, New Castle, DE

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Mike Seip – General Chair  
George Breen – At-Large  
Burt German – Finance V-Chair  
Clifton Gordon - Athlete  
Stu Kukla - Age-Group  
Eric Posegay – Age-Group Co-chair

Dale Petranech – Treasurer  
Fred Killian – Operations V-Chair/Secretary  
Jon Larson – At-Large  
Stephanie Rozick – Senior Chair  
Brad Bowser – Tech Planning

#### **Not Present:**

Ruth Ann Joyce – Safety Co-chair  
Patric Mills – Safety Co-chair  
Corrie Clark - Athlete

Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair Co-chair

Ian Clark - Athlete

#### **Also Attending:**

Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair.

#### **Announcements:**

- Cherita acknowledged the thank you note from the Seip family for condolences and the contribution to the Sacred Heart Hospice.
- Cherita thanked the Board for her lifetime membership.
- Cherita will attend the Diversity Workshop in Colorado Springs next month.
- Cherita reminded the Board of the Duty of Care obligations and distributed a notice from the Club Leadership Development presentation.

#### **Agenda:**

- Fred Killian asked to present a modification to the new Travel Fund Assistance policy; Brad Bowser asked to consider two additional submitted meet formats. Motion to accept modified Agenda – passed.

#### **Minutes:**

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

## **Financial:**

- Current report for last fiscal 2008-09 shows approx \$95K surplus, but will be reduced by some additional expenses and proposed additional Travel Support (see below.) Surplus attributed primarily to increase in athlete registration and splash fees.
- Reserve / Endowment Fund – Motion (German) to set up an endowment/reserve fund to include the principle and interest from the present five CDs held by Middle Atlantic, for the purpose of funding future athlete and committee/delegate travel. The policy and administration of the fund(s) will be established later. Motion passed.
- Travel Fund requests. The MA Board had previously approved 2008-09 Travel support payments of \$84.4K (vs original \$78K budget). The TF Comm recommended that additional support be granted by the Board for the following:
  - Spring Sectional (19) athletes received no support, and Summer Sectional (30) athletes received \$145 each. A total of \$14K would bring both groups to the full award of \$350 per athlete. Motion to approve additional support to bring those athletes to the \$350 award level; motion passed.
  - Late requests from one athlete attending Winter Juniors and five athletes attending Summer Sectionals were received. Motion to support those athletes at no bonus/80% of destination award; motion passed. Total is \$1480.
  - MA had budgeted only \$500 for Open Water travel support. Five MA athletes attended the OW Trials for World Champs. The TFC felt the budget for OW was inadequate, and recommended that the athletes be funded at the \$500 level, comparable to pool swimmers attending a National level meet. Motion to provide funds to support the OW athletes at the \$500 level (one of the athletes applied late, and will be funded at 80%.); motion approved. Total additional is \$1900.

The TFC recognized that a qualifying period for achieving a Time Standard had not been established in the new Policy; this would allow an athlete to receive a Level 1 support, for example, based on a time they had done in prior seasons. The TFC recommended the following qualifying periods be added to the policy – which are approximately 12-15 months prior to each season:

Winter	after September 1 of the previous year
Spring	after January 1 of the previous year
Summer	after June 1 of the previous year.

Fred Killian provided text to be added as 4.1.D.3 of the policy, and moved to adopt; motion passed. (see attached)

- Eastern Zone AG Champs – Burt reported that MA made an apparent profit of close to \$20K (see attached) from the meet. He commended Stephanie Rozick for a well run meet. Others mentioned the very favorable comments they had heard from others that had attended the meet.

## **Elections and Appointments**

- Jon Larson has been appointed to fill the Board At-Large position vacated by the resignation of John Carroll.
- Mitchel Zachowski is appointed to the Senior Committee.
- There is a vacant Coach Rep position on the Board due to resignation of Stu Kukla. Mike would welcome suggestions for appointments to this position.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- Incorporation status (F.Killian/B.German) – Signatures approving the Board resolution to change the MAS Incorporation agent in Penna to an office of Archer & Greiner, PC were obtained and returned to Archer-Greiner. They will file the Penna resolution and also file certificates allowing MAS to conduct business in Delaware and New Jersey. The MA office is the agent address in Delaware. Filing fees totaling \$440 have been paid. Attorney fees thus far total \$556.
- Board of Review action – the action to recover unpaid fees from Team Delaware has not been initiated pending a formal letter. Mike will provide the letter to the MA Board of Review.
- Proposed ‘5-hr rule’ – Tech Plannig (B.Bowser) proposed an exemption to MA Policy which would allow any ‘Long Course meet session which did not include any age group events for 12 and under swimmers to be conducted with a 5-hour session time limit. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

- There was discussion as to whether MA should approve meet formats with mini swimmers participating in the same sessions as age-group swimmers. MA requires a separate sanction for Mini events. Prior policy has been to require that mini-swimmers be in a separate session unless waived by the Board. Tech Planning has several requests for the coming season for combined formats. The Board confirmed its policy that separate sessions are required. Brad will contact the clubs and advise them that they would need to request individual waiver from the Board.
- USA Swimming has requested individual LSCs to provide funding at the \$750 level to members of the National Youth Team to attend certain meets; such funding is presently the responsibility of the athletes. MA presently has four swimmers on the Youth Team. Burt moved that MA provide the \$750 to support those athletes at meets where such funding is requested by USA Swimming; motion passed.
- MA had budgeted \$12K in 2008-09 to support the Spring Zone team. Final accounting showed a profit of about \$6K from the Team without any of the MA subsidy. This was attributed primarily to a significant increase in the fees charged each swimmer on the team (\$200 for 10/U swimmers vs \$175 in previous year, and \$650 for older swimmers vs \$475 previously.) The MA Board felt that it was inappropriate to have profited from the team, and approved a motion to rebate \$50 to each 10 & Under swimmer on the team and \$100 to each 11 and older swimmer. As this is a refund of fees paid, the rebate will be sent directly to each swimmer's family.

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

- MA athlete registration for 2009 is 9359, an increase of about 900 (11%) over previous year.
- All convention delegates have submitted a report. Copies are attached and available from the office.
- MA has completed the requirements for Level 1 status in LEAP. The Board committed to begin to seek Level 2 status; a workshop similar to last years will be scheduled in the spring.
- Stephanie Rozick reported on successful summer JOs meet (held at PSU) and the summer LC Senior Champs (held at Bucknell.) Some suggestions for improving the meet formats were made, and to help maintain costs at the Senior Champs. The Senior Champs ran a deficit of about \$1700, which the Board felt was reasonable for this meet.

The next meeting is a Board of Directors meeting scheduled for November 9, 2009 at the Integrated Health Campus in Allentown.

### **Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Killian, Secretary