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Middle Atlantic - BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 8, 2010
Conducted via Conference Call

PARTICIPATING via Conference:

Mike Seip – General Chair
Fred Killian – Oper V-Ch, Secr
Brad Bowser – Tech Planning
Glen Neufeld – Coach
Stephanie Rozick – Senior Chair
Ruthann Joyce – Safety Co-chair

Burt German - Finance V-Chair
Dale Petranech – Treasurer
George Breen – At-Large
Jon Larson – At-Large
Patric Mills – Safety Co-chair

Also participating:

Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Nancy Houck (LAC)

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:02 pm by Mike Seip, General Chair. The meeting was originally scheduled for the MA Office, but was held via Conference due to the recent snowfall.

Announcements:

- The Official's Comm will hold a clinic for new officials on Saturday, February 27 in the Williamsport area. Interested persons should contact Fred for more info.
- The Workshop for LEAP 2 is scheduled for April 12 at the Integrated Health Center in Allentown.

Agenda:

- Brad requested addition of a LC Schedule addition to Unfinished Business, and request to consider a LC meet surcharge under New Business. Motion to approve Agenda, as amended; passed.

Minutes:

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

Financial Reports:

- (Dale) Ana Schwartz has not completed the Audit/990 Report. The 990 report filing is overdue, but Ana has filed for an extension.
- (Burt) As of January 31, the current Financial is running about \$50K less than last year.

Elections and Appointments

- Ruthann Joyce (Nominating Comm) is continuing to seek nominees for positions to be elected this year – Genl Chair, Admin, Finance, Senior.

- Committee appts: Officials – Bob Binz (JW), Julie Pepper (PAAC). Senior – Ryan Kafer (PCAC).

Unfinished Business:

- OW Travel policy (F Killian) – Motion to adopt the revised and expanded policy for support of Open Water athletes as presented at last month’s meeting. There was no further discussion; motion passed.
- SC Schedule (B Bowser) – a proposed SC meet schedule was presented for discussion. Dates for the March championship meets were set by TP, and need to be confirmed by Age Group and Senior committees. The Elite meet dates are tentative as AG may move the meet to Sat-thru-Mon of MLK weekend. As the proposed schedule needs to be sent to Clubs for ‘bidding’, motion to adopt the tentative schedule as presented; motion passed.
- Funding Club Travel Assistance (B German) – Suggestions are needed from the Coaches committee on how to implement and finance the program. Thus far, there has been no proposal from the coaches.
- LC Schedule adjustments (Tech Planning) –
 - (a) Central York Aquatics has asked a SC-meter age-group meet on the May 22-23 weekend. The only other meet that weekend is a LC meet at GCIT. Motion to accept the proposal; motion carried.
 - (b) The UnivDel club[CDG1] asked to add a LC meet at their outdoor pool in May. Limited information was available on the request. Fred Killian will talk with John Hayman to get more information, including water depth for starts. No action.

New Business

- a. Exemption for selected meets/4-hr rule (B Bowser) – requested that the 4-hour restriction discussed at last month’s meeting not be enforced on meets scheduled for specific June weekends. Upon discussion, it was determined that there was no action taken at the January meeting to restrict meets on those weekends, and thus any further action was un-necessary. The meets in question will be allowed the same 5-hour limit (for events 13 and over) as other LC meets.
- b. Request for meet surcharge, LAC – Nancy Houck of LAC presented a request for a \$5 surcharge for their July LC meet. In separate actions, WSY and JW had submitted written requests today for similar surcharges for their LC meets this summer. There was considerable discussion on these requests as they were made for varying reasons and did not support that the funds were needed for ‘unusual’ expenses. The requests were deferred until additional information could be gathered – including the original basis on which MA approved consideration of a surcharge at club hosted LC meets. Fred Killian will look into this, and information will be sent via email to Board members for consideration over the next two weeks and allow a decision prior to when meet information needs to be posted.
- c. Meet cancellation and rebate fees (B Bowser) – Brad raised an issue as to whether MA should support clubs which have had to cancel or postpone and re-locate meets resulting in less financial benefit for the clubs. The consensus of the Board discussion seemed to be that these issues were not the responsibility of MA and should not be considered.
- d. Pursuant to a request discussed at the January meeting, the Somerset Y of New Jersey accepted the condition we set on their sanction request for a meet at GCIT in July. The meet will be ‘closed’ to MA swimmers until the LAC meet on the same weekend is closed to further entries.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- a. Registration status – approximately 250 above the same time last year.
- b. Zone Team (S.Kukla) – no report. Cherita indicated that she had reminded Stu of the urgency to have all contracts reviewed by the Finance Chair. Applications for the team are being accepted.
- c. Elite Meet (E Posegay) - no report.
- d. Senior (S.Rozick) – the committee held a meeting during the Elite meet and discussed a 1-day training session to be held somewhere in MA. MA will also pursue holding Senior Circuit meets with METRO and NJ LSCs – but probably not before the 2011 LC season.
- d. Travel Fund Committee – due to more applications than anticipated by the budget, the \$10K budget was awarded to 30 athletes with a Level 1 standard, each receiving up to \$380 (vs \$550 for a full award.) No awards were granted to 14 athletes with a Level 2 standard.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2010 at the Integrated Health Center in Allentown.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, Secretary