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Middle Atlantic - BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2010
Conducted via Conference Call

PARTICIPATING via Conference:

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

Fred Frank – Admin V-Chair
Dale Petranech – Treasurer
Stu Kukla - Age-Group Co-chair
George Breen – At-Large
Matt Sprang - Coach
Patric Mills – Safety Co-chair

Also participating:

Cherita Gentilucci – MA Office

Nancy Houck (LAC)

Call to order:

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

Announcements:

- Cherita reminded Board members of their ‘Duty of Obedience’
 - compliance with all regulatory and reporting requirements
 - awareness of all documents governing the organization and its operation, including by-laws and policies.
 - making decisions within the scope of the organization’s mission and governing policies.
- Fred Killian reported that the Attorneys had completed the update of our Incorporation status and filed the necessary papers in Penna, NJ and Delaware. Attorney fees totaled about \$1400 and filing fees were about \$500. Fred will provide a detailed summary at the next meeting.
- The Official’s Comm will hold a Referee clinic during the Elite meet; officials interested in the clinic who have not been notified should contact Fred.
- DST has had to move and split their ABC/Mini meet this weekend due to conflict with a college meet and a large entry. FredK reviewed the revised format for Tech Planning. All clubs have been notified and notice will be on the DST and MA websites.

Agenda:

Two items were added under New Business – a request for Official’s support and office copy machine.
Motion to approve Agenda, as amended; passed.

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes of the November Board meeting, as issued. Motion passed. Fred thanked Cherita for preparing the minutes in his absence.

Financial Reports:

Current Financial reports are attached. Dale reported that the annual audit is progressing and the report should be available in several days.

Elections and Appointments

- a. Mike appointed Matt Sprang to fill the vacant Coach rep position (replace Stu Kukla who resigned on being elected as Age-Group co-chair.)
- b. Ruthann Joyce (Nominating Comm) is seeking nominees for positions to be elected this year – Genl Chair, Admin, Finance, Senior. Several current holders of the positions cannot be re-elected.

Unfinished Business:

- a. OW Travel policy (F Killian) – a revised and expanded policy for support of Open Water athletes was distributed. As the Board did not have adequate time to review the policy, the proposal was tabled for review and action at the next Board meeting. Copy of the proposal is attached.
- b. Club Assistance proposal (F Killian) – the proposal to provide travel support to clubs sending a coach and athlete to a national long course meet each summer was distributed to Board member in November. The level of support is tied to a club's level in the USA Swim Club Recognition program. Motion to adopt the policy; passed. The Coach's reps were given responsibility to publicize and promote the program via email, website and notices at MA meets.
- c. LC Schedule (S Rozick for Tech Planning) – a proposed LC schedule for 2010 (draft-4) was distributed for review. Items under discussion were (a) move of JOs to last weekend in July; (b) three LC meets over last two weekends in June; (c) proposed new LC meet at Bucknell the week before the Senior Champs.

Motion (Petranech/Killian) to hold JOs on July 30-Aug 1 weekend, as proposed. Discussion – Tech Planning felt this weekend better met MA objectives for development of swimmers and provided a longer LC training; concern was that this weekend conflicts with some summer league champs and could affect participation. Motion passed, 8-2 w/2 abstaining.

Discussion that having a second meet at Bucknell on the prior week would effect participation at the MA Senior Champs. Motion (Petranech/Killian) to have Tech Planning contact WSY to have the meet be a sub-QT meet versus the Senior Champ meet; motion amended to leave the weekend 'open' on the schedule until this is resolved. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt the 2010 LC schedule as proposed, with exception of the July 15-18 weekend; motion passed. Stephanie mentioned that the Senior Comm is considering adding a Senior Circuit meet to the schedule; this will be reviewed with Tech Planning before presenting it for approval.

Somerset Valley Y (NJ LSC) has again requested a sanction for a meet to be held at GCIT on the July 9-11 weekend; this is same weekend as the LAC meet. Last year the meet was sanctioned but was closed to MA swimmers. Motion (Killian/Petranech) to grant a sanction to Somerset Valley with the meet again closed to MA swimmers, with the understanding that if the LAC meet closes due to excess entries, the Somerset meet would then be opened to MA swimmers excluded from the LAC meet. MA will work with LAC to decide when the LAC meet is 'closed.' Motion passed.

- d. SC schedule (B.Bowser) – a proposed 2010-11 SC schedule was distributed. Cherita suggested that AG and Senior commit to the MA meets and obtain pool commitments before the schedule is sent to clubs for bid. Since bid request is usually sent on March 1, adoption of the schedule was tabled until the February meeting.

New Business

- a. Zone Team (S.Kukla) – AG committee is recommending that a third swimmer be added to the Zone team in each 11/12 and 10 & under event as now allowed by the EZ; the same qualifying procedure can be used to select the additional team members. There was some discussion on whether the number of additional swimmers should be limited based on the cost – primarily for the 11/12 swimmers; no action was taken. Motion to use the current procedure for adding the third swimmer; motion passed.

- b. Officials committee was asked to request the Board to approve funding for officials that attend and work at a national meet. The request will be presented to the Budget and Officials committees for consideration in next year's budget.
- c. Fred Killian (Operations) reported that MA has a proposal from Corrigan-Manning to replace the present copier with a new faster machine with additional features. The cost would be comparable to the present lease. MA might be able to keep the present machine with no lease, but would need to purchase a service contract; the Board felt that this should not be pursued as we would eventually have to dispose of the machine. Fred will continue to negotiate and decide on the new machine.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- a. Registration status - Cherita reported that Athlete registration is 8080 as of January 1, and is expected to be about the same as last year.
- b. Age Group (S.Kukla) – see attached report. Committee met and agreed on (a) standard logo for Zone shirts; (b) program to educate new coaches and meet directors on meet entry procedures; (c) request to tighten qualifying times at the TYR meet; (d) ask for extension on entry for Senior swimmers at Zone meet; (e) add an IM Xtrem Challenge meet to the MA schedule.
- c. Senior (S.Rozick) – reported that the Fall Classic made an apparent profit of \$2475. New time standards are proposed for Senior Champs beginning with 2010 LC meet; standards are different for SC vs LC (see attached.) Motion to approve the new standards – motion passed.

The Senior Comm will have meeting during the Elite meet to discuss: (a) possible Senior Circuit meet this summer with METRO and NJ LSCs; and (b) a Senior Training trip in 2011 either at Colorado Springs or in Florida.

- d. Travel Fund Committee – the committee will meet on Jan 14 to review travel requests that have been received for the Winter meets. The comm. will also review the OW policy.

Cherita mentioned that MA has the application for the USA Service Award; present Board members that have previously received the award will be asked to decide on a 2010 nominee.

It was noted that the primary scoreboard at GCIT is not functioning correctly; Mike will send a letter to the GCIT Superintendent asking that the scoreboard be fixed prior to the Elite Meet in compliance with our contract with GCIT.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2010 at the Middle Atlantic office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Killian, Secretary