

Middle Atlantic Swimming House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2003
Upper Main Line YMCA

George Breen, Chairman
Fred Killian, Administrative/Officials Chair
Tom Southmayd, Senior Chair
Dave Carson, Registration
Jon Larson, Age Group Chair
Doug Copper, Tech Planing
Dale Petranech, Treasurer
Patric Close Mills, Safety
Sid Cassidy, Coaches Rep

Michael Seip, At large
Mike Jacobs, EMAC
Kip Hein, EMAC
Robert White, DST
Marshall Nowak, Trident
Glenn Neufeld, UMLY
Carl Raup, PSU
John Gasparini, WSY
Cherita Gentilucci, MA Office

Meeting was called to order by General Chairman George Breen at 7:07PM

Announcements from the office:

- Contract with Marriott for Eastern Zone Meeting in May
- Clubs registered in 2003 will be grand-fathered, and all new clubs will be subject to new USA Swimming regulations
- Cherita Gentilucci has been named to oversee registration desk at summer nationals in Maryland
- Entries will be due for JO's immediately after Last Chance meets
- Coaches home and/or cell phone number must be included on all meet entries and any emergency meet format changes should be confirmed verbally
- Breakthrough Swimmer nominations have not been plentiful - all are welcome
- Chris Simendinger hospitalized after JOs. Get well wishes to him.

Additions to the Agenda were noted and approved

Minutes of the last meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report - Dale Petranech -

Anna Schwartz has completed the audit and it will be presented in a written report (after tax season) - no major problems

Travel funds - George noted that a request had been made by John Carroll to move excess travel funds from US Open into overall travel assistance budget. He indicated that this should occur on a case-by-case basis

Unfinished Business

Bob White acknowledged that we offer a generous travel assistance program in our LSC and that disbursements for 2003 had been discussed at the recent Senior Committee meeting. Significant discussion ensued following a request for clarification on meets accepted as season ending meets for this program.

Tom Southmayd made the following motion:

For the Spring of 2003, travel assistance shall be provided to any Middle Atlantic qualifying athlete who attends one of the following competitions: The Speedo Sectional Meet in Sewell, NJ; The National Club Championships in Orlando, FL; The All American Meet in Austin, TX; and the YMCA National Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, provided that the meet is conducted as a USA Swimming sanctioned event.

Seconded and Approved

Dale Petranech noted how the plan for travel awards might affect Middle Atlantic Open Water swimmers and after a short discussion he proposed that:

For 2003, a qualifying Middle Atlantic swimmer may receive travel assistance for a maximum of three events, provided at least one of those events is conducted in the pool and/or in open water, exclusive of the US Open exception.

Seconded and Approved

Summer Meet Schedule - Doug Copper presented the summer schedule for approval
Passed

OW Clinics - Patric Mills said that an open water officials clinic would be conducted in the Atlantic City area on May 17, 2003 - site TBA. She also noted that a swimmers clinic would be welcomed and that the date and details will be discussed by the OW committee and announced later.

Seasonal Memberships - George Breen said that he is in the process of appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the implications of adopting a seasonal membership registration

New Business

The item of unregistered athletes competing in our competitions was tabled and will be addressed at the next BOD meeting by Kim Southmayd.

Doug Copper presented a preliminary short course schedule to serve as a guideline for meet hosts. Many ideas surfaced when discussing how best to distribute and regulate meets. Following lengthy consideration, Patric Mills proposed that:

Middle Atlantic Swimming shall establish fixed weekends for all LSC-run meets and then solicit bids from all potential meet hosts for additional meets. Bidders must provide a summary of meet information, including meet format to the office no later than April 1, 2003. The site selection committee in turn would compile all meet bids as requests to be considered at the bidders meeting to be held no later than April 30, 2003.

Seconded and Approved

Kip Hein expressed concern regarding Zone Qualifiers, particularly senior level swimmers who do not apply. He asked for assistance in dealing with this problem.

George Breen adjourned the meeting at 9:39PM

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. "Sid" Cassidy, Acting Secretary