

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
MIDDLE ATLANTIC OFFICE
June 10, 2002 7:00pm

In attendance:

Fred Killian, Administrative Chair
Cherita Gentilucci, MA office
Kim Southmayd, MA office
Leon Champagne, Finance
Cherita Gentilucci, MA Office
Michael Seip, General Chair
Terry Peterson, CRSC
Douglas Copper, Technical Planning
John Carroll, Coaches Rep.
George Breen, Exofficio, GCIT
Dave Carson, Registration
Sid Cassidy, APEX

Ann Engle, FSSC
Elly Lawlor, GAAC
Burt German, Rules
Ann Engle, FSSC
Mark Daum, FSSC
Jamie Platt, EMAC
Dave LaRussa, EMAC
Jim Williams, PAC
Ernie Stein, SPIR
Dan Sullivan, TD
Dottie Meade, SSC
Glenn Neufeld, UMLY

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Seip called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lifetime memberships to USA Swimming are available through the MA office for \$750. Dave Carson reported on the May Zone meeting. Middle Atlantic will host the next Eastern Zone meeting in Philadelphia, May 2003. Preparations for this endeavor should begin soon.

Sid Cassidy invited the Board of Directors and staff of Middle Atlantic Swimming to attend the World Cup event scheduled for Atlantic City on September 7, 2002. Info available on the MA Website.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Outstanding Service Award
- Converted times in long course meets
- Travel money for "Junior" meet
- Request for club transfer to NJ LSC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May House of Delegates meeting were approved at the conclusion of the current meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lee Champagne reported that the amount of our investments in Growth funds is lessening because he is moving operating capital out of these funds, rather than out of the money market funds. When replaced, funds are being put into the Money Market fund. Dave Carson pointed out a negative interest number in the financial report for one of the

investment funds. This is believed to be an accounting mistake and should represent a decrease in the value of the fund.

Dale presented the profit and loss (through May 31) statement, which was approved. An audit was not done this year; the next audit should be scheduled for next fiscal year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

March Schedule: Cherita Gentilucci reported for Al Berardocco. Jersey Wahoos will host Mini Champs at GCIT on March 1-2. Delaware Swim Team will host West Regionals at Swarthmore College on March 29-30. Team Delaware will host East Regionals at GCIT on April 4-5. The meet announcement for the Regionals meets should include the expectation that a swimmer will attend only one meet (either East or West.) Mini champs will conflict with 4 last chance meets already on the schedule. Sid Cassidy volunteered to be part of an ad hoc committee that will investigate holding an event (relay carnival, etc.) for mini swimmers in mid-April

ACTION: Motion to approve the dates and locations for Mini Champs and East/West Regionals was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Converted times in long course meets: Fred Killian and Burt German are revising the 'non-conforming time' policy to clarify the intent to have short course meter and short course yard times treated equally for all meets. Teams must enter swimmers' times in the course in which they were achieved. With the exception of championship level meets, meet hosts will be allowed to convert times to the meet course and seed them within the meet rather than in the slowest heats. This policy will be in place by September.

ACTION: None taken

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Nominating Committee: Jamie Platt offered the following slate of nominees:

General Chair - George Breen	Admin Vice-Chair – Fred Killian
Senior Vice Chair – Tom Southmayd	Finance Vice Chair – Leon Champagne
Safety Vice Co-Chairs – Patric Mills and Michael Ramone	
Secretary – Cecilia McCloskey	Sr. Coach Rep – Sid Cassidy
Athlete Representative – Scott Champagne	At Large (BOD) - Mike Seip (2 years)
At Large (BOD) – John Carroll (1 year)	

Review Committee – Dale Petranach, Rob Herb, Ann Engle, Terry Peterson

Review Alternates – Ed Connell, Burt German

Nominations were accepted from the floor as follows:

Coach Representative – Jamie Platt

Athlete Representative – TJ Southmayd

No positions were contested.

ACTION: Burt German proposed that the Secretary cast a single ballot in favor of all nominees. Motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Club transfer to NJ LSC: Cherita received a request from Scott Heilman of Ocean County, NJ to allow his new team to be a part of the NJ LSC, rather than Middle Atlantic. Even though the club will be located within the boundaries of our LSC, Scott's team is much closer to meets that are held within the NJ LSC. Concern that this is occurring

more often than appropriate was raised. It was noted that MA should record such requests to ensure that we have adequate information on which to base future decisions.

ACTION: Motion to allow the new club to join the NJ LSC was made, seconded and approved.

Request for 15& Over age group in Junior Olympics: Ernie Steen of Spirit Swimming requested that the Age Group committee allow swimmers 20 years and older to participate in LC Junior Olympics. These swimmers have no senior meets within the LSC. Many are college students who may not be able to attend the earlier meets. In addition to providing a racing venue for these athletes, JO participation would give them an additional opportunity to fulfill the requirements for travel assistance to Senior Nationals. Cherita presented Jon Larson's position. He has no major objection, but requests that the Senior committee provide for the needs of these swimmers in the future. Jon proposed that the 20+ swimmer be allowed to participate in prelims, but not finals.
ACTION: Motion to allow swimmers 20 and over to participate in Junior Olympics (both trials and finals) was seconded and approved. The 15-19 age group in JOs will be changed to 15 & over.

Travel budget: John Carroll requested that the travel budget for 2002-03 be tabled until after the committee meets. Kim Southmayd, on behalf of the Senior chair, requested that travel funds allocated for Sectionals be available to swimmers attending the ASCA Junior meet in Boca Raton, Florida this summer. Swimmers who compete at the Junior meet would be eligible to receive the same funding as swimmers who attend the Sectional meet – but not both. A swimmer may receive travel assistance for only one meet. Time standards for the Junior meet are faster than those for which Sectional swimmers receive travel assistance. Doug Copper requested that John Carroll address this inconsistency at the next Travel committee meeting.

ACTION: Travel budget tabled. Motion to allow swimmers who compete at the 2002 summer ASCA Junior meet to be eligible for the same travel assistance as those attending 2002 summer sectionals was made, seconded and approved.

Outstanding Service Award: Fred Killian presented the USA Swimming Outstanding Service Award to Kim Southmayd. Kim has been involved with Middle Atlantic Swimming for about 10 years. She has served on the Age Group committee, as a Meet Director for both club and district meets, as the Zone Team Manager, Secretary for the LSC and Administrative Vice-Chair. Congratulations and thanks to Kim from the Board and members of the MA LSC.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cherita Gentilucci, Acting Secretary