

Middle Atlantic Swimming Board of Directors Meeting  
January 10, 2005 – Middle Atlantic Office

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Breen at 7:03pm. Attending were: George Breen, Fred Killian, Kip Hein, Mike Seip, Patric Close Mills, Fred Frank, John Carroll, Stephanie Rozick, Jon Larson, Brad Bowser, Dale Petranech, Sid Cassidy and Cherita Gentilucci. The chair appointed Sid Cassidy to take minutes in the absence of our secretary.

It was announced that our next House of Delegates meeting has been confirmed for 7:00pm on Monday February 7, 2005 at the Carriage House at Upper Main Line YMCA. Several additions to the Agenda were presented and accepted. Minutes from the previous meeting were not provided for approval.

Budget – Dale Petranech noted that the audit report would be available later in the week. The Treasurer's report was approved, seconded and accepted.

Unfinished Business –

- It was confirmed that our Travel Assistance discussion had been completed at the last meeting.
- Discussion followed that Middle Atlantic teams be granted early entry into all MA meets before teams from other LSC's be allowed to enter. George reminded everyone of the history of this issue and following discussion no action was taken.

New Business –

- Fred Killian led an in-depth discussion regarding the different types of meets that Middle Atlantic sanctions, observes, approves and accepts. Each category was explained and questions relating to the difference between Observed, Approved and Accepted status were discussed. Cherita noted that she needs the names of registered swimmers who compete in an Observed meet (such as High School State Championships) and Fred Killian volunteered to oversee that process in regard to the High School Championship meets. Approved meets generally follow the same process and times from those competitions will continue to be universally accepted. Accepted meet status is a Middle Atlantic classification that originally was designed to encourage league swimmers from non-affiliated groups to join USA/MA Swimming. Times from these meets are recognized for entry into other LSC meets, including our Junior Olympics, but are not recognized outside of our LSC. Fred Killian moved that Accepted meet status should require hosts to use electronic timing. Seconded and approved.
- Significant discussion took place in regard to the 4-hour rule. Several ideas were suggested to ensure that all clubs comply. Among the ideas mentioned were: over/under starts; fines; all entry fees reverting to MA Swimming for events taking place after four hours in any given session; refusal to allow clubs who break this rule to host the same event the following year; earlier entry deadlines and submission of timelines; and required seminars for clubs that do not comply with the rule. The Chair announced that he would create a task force to take on this problem and at the meeting selected Fred Killian and Stephanie Rozick as the first two members.
- Cherita indicated that the Office planned to conduct a seminar for all clubs, perhaps in conjunction with this year's bid meeting, to go over new methods registration, documentation, etc...
- A situation regarding a non-registered coach allegedly coaching at numerous Middle Atlantic sanctioned meets will be addressed in writing by the Chair. He will personally follow up and ensure that the problem is resolved.
- Fred Frank brought forth the computer update proposal and it was unanimously endorsed. It is our goal to have the new system in place prior to the spring Junior Olympics.
- Big Cat brought forth a fee waiver proposal for a May senior meet. Seconded and approved.
- Kip Hein, in his role as Age Group Chair, announced that the Junior Olympic meet information would be posted and that it was basically unchanged. The deadline for entries will be the Monday following the "last chance" weekend and there would be a \$3.00 surcharge to help off-set costs. The plan is to have that information posted before the Elite Meet. Kip also asked that we add "B" finals. Seconded and approved.
- Ruth Ann Joyce was named as Safety Officer for the 2005 Eastern Zone Meet at GCIT this April.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. A. Cassidy  
Acting Secretary