

MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING, INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
UPPER MAIL LINE YMCA
February 11, 2002

In attendance:

Mike Seip, General Chair	Elly Lawlor, GAAC – Club rep
Jon Larson, Age Group Chair	Jim Mangino, MSA
Leon Champagne, Financial Chair	Walt Johnson, PAAC – Club rep
Doug Copper, Technical Planning	Sue Lefebure, GRA – Club rep
John Carroll, Coaches Rep.	Jim Williams, PAC – Coach rep
Fred Killian, Admin Chair, Officials Chair	David LaRussa, PAC – Club rep
Dale Petranech, Treasurer	Jamie Platt, EMAC – Coach rep
Dave Carson, Registration Coordinator	Ruthann Joyce, Safety Chair
Terry Peterson, Camp coordinator	Richard Shoulberg, GAAC – Coach rep
Ernie Steen, SPIR – Club rep	Chris Waggoner, JW
Peter Clark, TSC – Coach rep	Cherita Gentilucci, MA Office

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Seip called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sue Meade , wife of Chuck Meade (both Middle Atlantic officials), passed away in January. A sympathy card was sent. The office received a note of thanks from the family.

Elite meet awards were distributed to teams present at the meeting.

Ashley Cowan will be featured on "Ripley's Believe It Or Not" on Wednesday, February 20, 2002. Ashley is a 15-year-old quadruple amputee who swam across Lake Erie on September 7, 2001. The 20-kilometer swim took her 14 hours, 20 minutes. She is the youngest person, and the first with a disability, to traverse this lake.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION - Agenda approved with no additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION - The Minutes from the last meeting were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dale Petranech reported a net income of approximately \$123,000 to date. Pool rentals and registration fees to USA Swimming are among the expenses that remain outstanding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Long Course schedule – Doug Copper presented the summer LC schedule, previously submitted to the Board of Directors, for approval. (See attachment)

ACTION – Approved

Short course schedule – Doug also presented the proposed winter SC schedule for comments and questions. This schedule basically mirrors the current SC schedule, with adjusted dates. (See attached.)

ACTION – None required

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mike Seip appointed Jamie Platt as chair of the Nominating Committee. Jamie will be gathering a committee to devise a slate of nominees for the June election. Volunteers for this committee would be appreciated. Contact Jamie at 610/965-5800.

NEW BUSINESS

Breakthrough Swimmer Award – The two swimmers receiving this award for Sept-Dec, 2001, Rachel Butler and Ian Keyser, are featured on the Middle Atlantic website. Plaques will be sent to both.

Junior Olympics – Jon Larson presented the Age Group committee proposals for Middle Atlantic's Junior Olympics, to take effect starting with the Long Course 2002 meet. Qualifying period will be limited to times achieved on or after the first day of the previous year's JOs. (This proposal to apply to both Long course and Short course Junior Olympics.) Time standards for the 2002 LC meet will be determined by the 48th place from the 2001 LC JOs, with no time being adjusted more than 0.5 seconds per 50 meters. Standards for events with fewer than 48 swimmers will remain the same. There will be no distance events for 12 and under swimmers in the summer meet. Ten and under swimmers will compete with the 11-12 swimmers in the afternoon sessions (LC). Ten and under events will be timed finals. All other age groups will come back for an A and B final heat (LC).

ACTION – Qualifying period proposal pulled for discussion. Remaining items approved.

Junior Olympic qualifying period – Richard Shoulberg proposed that the qualifying period be the 18 months previous to JO starting date. Fred Killian offered May 1 of the previous year for LC JOs and September first of the 2nd previous year for SC JOs. Discussion produced the following proposal: The qualifying period for Middle Atlantic Junior Olympics shall be 18 months previous to the first day of the Junior Olympic meet. The exact dates of the qualifying period shall be specified in the Junior Olympic meet information.

ACTION – 18-month proposal approved.

Note: All three courses will be accepted as qualifying times for LC JOs 2002.

Travel assistance policy amendment – Fred Killian and John Carroll presented the attached policy amendment, relating to a "Junior Championship" meet for 2002 only, which was previously approved by the Board of Directors.

ACTION – None required.

Non-conforming times – Current policy states that all club run meets must accept times in all courses. Times from a course other than the meet course are treated as non-conforming and seeded last. Sid Cassidy would like an opportunity to revisit the issue. His team, which swims mostly short course meters, is running a meet in which most of the entries from other clubs will be short course yards. This, in effect, segregates the swimmers within heats.

ACTION – Topic to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

10 K for the USA – On Saturday, September 7, 2002, APEX Seacats in conjunction with USA Swimming will host a 10 kilometer international open water race that will serve as the only American stop on the FINA World Cup Marathon Tour. The event is open to any registered USA swimmer and foreign swimmers with appropriate travel credentials. There will also be a masters division. The race will take place in the back bay waters of Atlantic City and Ventnor. The top two American swimmers will advance to the FINA World Championship. A minimum of \$10,000 cash prizes will be distributed.

Leading up to Saturday's race, the MA Open Water committee will host a 1 mile Ocean swim on Friday. Still in the development stages are plans for a "kid's swim" of a quarter mile on Thursday evening, and a 100 meter fun swim for novice swimmers. The Boardwalk Hilton is the host hotel for this event and more information is available at [Apex Swimming-Home of the Seacats](http://www.apexswim.com) (www.apexswim.com) Mark your calendars for a fun day or two at the beach!

Budget – Leon Champagne will be accepting budget requests from committee chairs over the next few weeks. Please watch the website for notification of the date and time of the budget meeting. The 2002-03 budget will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval in April.

Starter's pistols – Richard Shoulberg reported that many states are banning starter's pistols from public buildings, schools, etc. Mike Seip reported that this is true of Pennsylvania high schools. Bells or compressed air horns are used instead of the starter's pistol. Delaware does not have these regulations. Information on New Jersey was not known.

Terry Peterson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS - Written

Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cherita Gentilucci, Acting Secretary