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**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2004 - 7:00 p.m.
Middle Atlantic Office**

ATTENDEES:

Kip Hein	Age Group Vice chair		
George Breen	–		– At Large
	– Treas	Patric Close Mills	Safety Vice Chair
Fred Killian	Administrative & Officials Chair	Tom Southmayd	Senior Vice-
Fred Frank	–		– Staff
John Carroll	Tech Planning	Mike Ramone	Co-
Pam Dogger	- ry		– Sr. Coach Rep

Call to Order:

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- 1) Request for names for the Middle Atlantic Outstanding Service Award.
 - 2) A Plaque will be placed in the office with names of all the past General Chairs.
 - 3)

Moved, seconded and approved.

Minutes:

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- 1) 990 Tax Return has been mailed.
On this year's return, there is a deficit of approximately \$19,000 that is reflected in both the 990 and
- 3) No major problems with the audit. Needs to be reviewed by the Finance Committee and then

Recommendations:

- 1.
2. Should have an inventory of what is in the office. Dale will work on that.
- 3.

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- 1) USA Swimming defers to each LSC to establish its scratch policy; MA policy was last revised in 1998. es were recently implemented by USA Swimming: At Finals, a declared false start or deliberate delay of meet false start is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete which means the swimmer will be out of the rest of the meet. Attached scratch policy. For clarification, other actions which the Referee deems to be an intent not to compete will be regarded as a 'failure to compete.'

- a swimmer cannot declare false start at finals if he/she wants to swim any further in the meet.
- empty lanes will be filled, provided the next slower heat hasn't been swum.

Motion made to approve amended scratch policy as presented; seconded and approved.

2) Proposal that for a failure to compete at last night of Finals, swimmer would incur a \$50.00 fine. Any swimmer that is initially announced as an alternate, there is no penalty. \$50 fine must be paid before swimmer competes again in another MA-hosted meet.

- fine would also apply to swimmers in distance event when fastest heat swims at Finals – only applies to the original top 8 seeded swimmers

- fine to be assessed on swimmer, via their Club. There is no direct penalty on the Club.

Motion is made to amend the Scratch rule to include the \$50 fine, including penalty that swimmer is not permitted to swim in any further Middle Atlantic-hosted meet until fine is paid.

Motion seconded and approved.

By-Laws – Membership Chair/Safety Coordinator

Items were presented as amendments to the By-laws at the last House meeting. They need to be approved at the next House meeting. No Board action required.

Airport parking reimbursement:

This was follow-up to an earlier Board discussion regarding reimbursement of 'airport parking' when traveling for MA purposes. Discussion included comment that 'parking' is a tax deductible item; if anyone needs a letter from the Treasurer, Dale will be happy to provide it.

Motion to reimburse for airport parking at the economy rate, not to exceed \$10 per day and \$50 per trip. Moved, seconded and approved.

Elections & Appointments:

None offered

New Business:

Age Group (Kip Hein)

Elite Meet – has been in contact with Speedo, and expect to have an athlete attend the meet.

Mike Gobrecht will try to have real time results on-line. May have minor expenses.

Fred K. has spoken with GCIT and expressed concerns about equipment.

JO's (Fred Killian) – Construction work at GCIT causing limited parking. Only access to the school is through the back door by the deep end of the pool. As a result, GCIT is requiring the following changes for Friday of the JO meet:

- 1) Cannot park on site when school is in session that day.
- 2) Cannot park during starting and ending sessions when school is coming in or dismissing. Busses will arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. They do not want any swimmers arriving during that time.
- 3) Parking for the morning session will be at the adjacent Gloucester community College; GCIT arranging for a shuttle bus for morning session.
- 4) Parents can drop off up until 7:30 a.m.
- 5) GCIT would like us to postpone the afternoon session entirely until after they dismiss school.
- 6) There will be limited parking at GCIT for a designated workers - Meet Director, Officials.
- 7) Will work with Age Group to adjust starting times – e.g., Friday morning 6:30 to 8:00. Finals starting at 5:30 warm-up. Saturday will go back to 7:00 a.m. warm-up.

Zone Head Coach – application for Micky Termin as Head Coach accepted. Have received four applicants for assistants. Need about two more.

Long Course JO: Kip will look into possible locations for this summer's long course JOs.

JO Time standards – Discussion followed regarding the change in time standards for the 2004 JO meets, and the timing of the issuance of such standards.

- (1) **Motion – JO time standards for the following year must be issued by Age Group Committee by October 1st or be unchanged from the previous year. Moved, Seconded and Approved.**
- (2) **Motion – to maintain the 2002/03 time standards for 2004 JOs. Motion seconded, Defeated.**
- (3) **Motion – to maintain the 2002/03 time standards for the 10 & U and 11/12 age groups. Motion Seconded and Approved.**

Proposed 2004 Summer Schedule – see attached.

Suggested addition of Charlotte Ultra Swim Grand Prix meet on June 11.

Motion to adopt the Summer Schedule made, Seconded, Approved.

Addition to agenda - Travel Appeal (Tom Southmayd):

- 1) Senior Committee has received appeals for late requests regarding 2003 US Open. Total budgeted amount has been distributed; would need a budget variance of approx \$1000 to reimburse the late requests. Discussion that this could be done at the end of fiscal year, if travel money is left over?

Motion to approve budget variance for late appeals,. Moved, Seconded, Defeated.

- 2) There is an apparent ambiguity in the Travel Policy regarding Meet Participation. It reads: College students must participate in a minimum of 3 MA sanctioned individual events in the approximate 12 month period preceding the meet.
 - There are two athletes who were denied reimbursement for the Open based on the fact that they had completed their college eligibility for swimming. They are still college students - no longer swimming, but attending college in our LSC; they have not met the general requirement of participation in six meets. Their request was denied on the basis that they were not swimming under college eligibility, and should have to meet the same requirements as other 'general' athletes.
 - Was the intent of the policy to address "college swimmers" as those swimming under college eligibility – or simply someone who is attending college?
 - Does Policy wording need to be changed?
 - (Fred K.) – The Board can adopt a clarification of the Policy if the intent of that policy is to apply to those students who are in college, swimming under college eligibility. The exact wording can be developed later. May have to go back and award money now, based on the ambiguity.
 - (George B.) – If we vote to give them money, then a note should be included noting that the award was given based on the uncertain wording, but that a similar award might not be available for this Spring's National meet.
 - Suggested that a grace period following the end of college eligibility may be in order – i.e., until August 31st after college eligibility has ended. Or, in the year that they complete eligibility in March, they have a grace period if they go to Nationals, but after that there is no grace period.
 - (Tom S.) – For the two college students, if they do not comply within the next four weeks, they don't get money for Seniors – assuming their college eligibility ended last March.

Motion to approve a budget variance to cover reimbursement for the two mentioned college swimmers, with a caveat that they are only receiving reimbursement based on the letter of the policy. Moved, Seconded, Approved.

J. Carroll – Long Course Meet Fees:

- JW is facing a significant increase in rental fees at GCIT for the summer LC meets. Contract increase for the Summer Solstice an additional \$3,500 for the meet, bringing the cost to almost \$5,000 a day. This is after a large increase last year. Summer Solstice last year had about 600 swimmers and 3000 splashes.
- Would like permission to raise the entry fee from \$4.00 to \$5.00, and a surcharge of up to \$6.00 a swimmer, if rates cannot be negotiated down.
- The same fees for the Spring Fling, at \$5.00 per event; \$6.00 surcharge.
- Middle Atlantic would receive 20% of entry fee as rebate.

Motion to approve entry fee and surcharge, not to exceed \$6.00, for Summer Solstice and Spring Fling. Moved, seconded and approved.

Office & Committee Reports:

None reported

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Dogger, Secretary