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**Middle Atlantic  
BOARD of DIRECTORS  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 26, 2005  
Middle Atlantic Office**

**ATTENDEES:**

George Breen – Genl Chair  
Fred Frank – Operations/Development  
John Carroll, Tech Planning  
Patric Mills – Safety  
Cherita Gentilucci – Office

Fred Killian – Admin, Officials  
Dale Petranec - Treasurer  
Kip Hein – Age Group  
Tom Southmayd - Finance

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 p.m.

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting – House of Delegates, UMLY – November 7, 2005 at 7:00
- Officials Comm has scheduled clinics for new S&T officials on Oct 1, Oct 9, Oct 15 and Oct 16. Separate clinics for Starters and Referees will be on Nov 13. A Referee re-certification clinic is scheduled for October 2.
- Fred Killian reviewed the reasons and decisions regarding the office move from Naaman's Rd to the Delaware Swim & Fitness Center. Notice was given on Aug 6 that the previous lease would not be renewed. The decision to move to DSFC was made to avoid disruption in the office due to the imminent start of the short course season and the registration period.

**Agenda:**

Items added to Agenda include: (a) change of a meet date; (b) costs for Spring EZ meet; and (c) Athlete travel support budget. Moved/seconded to approve amended agenda. Motion passed.

**Minutes:**

Moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the July 11 Board meeting, as submitted. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- An initial 'final' report for 2004-05 year was presented; moved/seconded to accept report (attached); Motion passed.
- Motion to have Treasurer contact Anna Schwartz to conduct audit for previous year. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Uncollected funds. Cherita indicated that several clubs and/or individuals have unpaid fees and asked that these be referred to Finance Comm for action. F Killian agreed to send letters to delinquent parties indicating possible consequences for non-payment.
- 2) 8-yrs at A/BB/C meets. Current MA policy allows 8-yr old swimmer to participate in certain A/BB/C meets. The policy was effective thru the 2005 LC season, and was to be reviewed by the Board at that time. After discussion, there was no action taken to extend the policy. The Policy Manual will be revised to reflect that this exception is no longer in place.
- 3) LC times at winter JOs. Current MA policy is that LC times are not acceptable to qualify for Spring JO meet (but have been generally accepted in past several years.) Motion made and seconded to accept LC times for Spring JOs; motion passed. LC times will be treated as non-conforming; SCM times will be converted and seeded as conforming with SCY times.
- 4) Fall Classic. The meet will be at the University of Delaware on October 29-30. There will be one session in late afternoon Saturday, and two sessions on Sunday. Meet info is posted on website.
- 5) Age Group meets. The Elite Meet will be at GCIT on original scheduled January 27-29 weekend; Kip is waiting for a contract from GCIT. The JO meet has been moved one week earlier to March 9-12, and will be held at F&M. Discussion on how to add the 400IM for 11-12 ages to the meet; motion to include event as last event at Sunday afternoon Prelims, with top eight swimmers to

swim at Finals. Motion seconded and passed. Also discussed that 'late entries' only from the 'Last Chance' meets on previous weekend will be accepted; Kip will look into alternative ways to print the meet program due to the short interval.

- 6) (new) Expenses for the Spring EZ All-Star meet will be higher than usual due to the meet location at the Long Island pool. The Zone Manager has obtained bids for a hotel that will meet the needs of the team. After discussion, the Board agreed in principle to underwrite additional expenses for this meet only in order not to have a prohibitive meet cost to the parents.

**Elections and Appointments:**

None. G.Breen appointed Michael LaRosa as the Athlete representative to the Board.

**New Business:**

- 1) Convention report. A convention report was distributed and is attached.
- 2) FINA Rule changes. F Killian reviewed new FINA technical stroke rules for Backstroke and Breaststroke adopted by USA-S. Rules will be discussed at a Referee clinic on October 2; consideration will be given to posting a rules interpretation on the website.
- 3) Metro Swim Shop has submitted a proposal to market apparel with the Middle Atlantic logo; the Board took no action as this proposal was viewed as less desirable than our current sales of T-shirts, etc at MA hosted meets. There was additional discussion regarding the need for MA to issue 'cease and desist' letters to vendors at certain meet locations regarding sale of items containing the Middle Atlantic name.
- 4) LSC retreat. Discussion on a proposal to have Sue Anderson come to MA and give the LSC Leadership presentation she made at Convention. The Board agreed that a 2-day retreat was appropriate, and the weekend of January 21-22 was accepted. Cherita will contact Sue regarding that weekend, and begin to make arrangements.
- 5) Athlete Travel Fund payments: (1) due to mis-interpretation on the application, Trident SC was reimbursed for two swimmers attending Sectionals that actually attended USA Nationals and the Junior Natl meets. T Southmayd moved that the payment be adjusted to the correct amounts for those meets; motion passed. (2) Due to a greater number of MA swimmers attending the US Open and the summer National Champs, each athlete received less than the max award; an additional \$3300 for Open and \$3150 for summer Natls is needed to bring the award up to the standard. A total of \$2640 was not distributed for other meets based on the budget. T Southmayd moved that an additional approximately \$4000 be allocated along with the \$2640 to bring the support for the Open and summer National athletes up to the standard; motion seconded and passed.

Athletes that did not receive support due to late applications include five swimmers from GCIT for Spring Sectionals and three swimmers from BYNS for Summer Juniors. Motion by F Killian to reimburse these swimmers at 80% of the standard award, consistent with policy adopted previously by the Board. Motion seconded and passed.

- 6) (new) Travel Support Budget. John Carroll reviewed the awards for this year; Meet Amounts were included in the 2005-06 budget, but not a Max Award. John moved that a \$350 max award be set for the US Open; seconded and passed. John will present Max awards for the remaining meets at the next meeting. John also moved that the NCSA Junior meet next Spring be again allowed as an alternative to the Sectional award; seconded and passed.
- 7) (new) Friends Central has requested MA to allow the dates for their 400IM/1650 Distance meet to be changed from January 14-15 to the following weekend January 21-22; motion passed.
- 8) (new) George Breen announced that the current Middle Atlantic contract with Speedo has expired. MA will pursue payment of the final stipends for past two years from Speedo. George indicated that he intends to issue an RFP to major suit/apparel manufacturers to determine their interest in negotiating a sponsorship with Middle Atlantic.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

None

**Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Killian, acting Secr