

**Middle Atlantic Swimming**  
Age Group Committee Meeting  
Monday, October 7, 2002  
MA Office, Wilmington, DE – 10:30am

In Attendance: Jon Larson, Fred Killian, Kathy Drysdale, Bob White, George Breen, Veronica Rosa, Tammy Ault, John Carroll, Terry Petersen

**ELITE MEET**

The committee agreed on the following changes for the 2003 Elite Meet:

- Separate the 11/12 distance events from the 13/14 events. Without them separated, the genders can not be seeded in different courses and it creates an unbalanced time-line.
- Allow the 11/12 swimmers to enter the distance events (200 Bk-200 Br-200 Fly-400 IM), if they have the 100 (or 200 IM) qualifying time. 11/12's entering the distance events using the shorter distance as a qualifying time would enter the distance event at the time standard.
- Move all 11/12 and 13/14 relays to the beginning of the prelims. 10/under relays remain at the end of their session.
- The top 8 13/14 swimmers that check in for the 1650 and the 1000 will swim at night. Top 8 swimmers will not have an option of swimming in the prelim session. 11/12 swimmers will swim during the prelim session.
- Relay only swimmers MUST be entered in the meet along with the all other entries before deadline. (i.e. no names will be added to database after the deadline)
- Saturday, Order of Events: 200 Med Rel, 200 Free, 100 Br, 100 Fly, 200 Back (50 Back), 100 Free, 1000 Free
- Sunday, Order of Events: 200 Fr Rel, 200 Fly (50 Fly), 50 Fr, 200 Br (50 Br), 100 Bk, 200 IM (100 IM), 1650 Fr
- Finals all the same, but no relays.
- Implement a \$2 surcharge for all swimmers entered in meet (including relay only) to help off-set increasing pool rent. Also raise relay entry from \$6 to \$8.

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS**

The following items were adopted by the committee regarding the 2003 SC Junior Olympics:

- Distance events would be added back for 11-12 swimmers. Qualifying time would be the National "A" time.

- 800 Free Relays moved to Thursday night and swum after the individual events. Plan on using both pools for Thursday night events. 800 Free Relay no longer “Senior” but rather 13/14 and 15/19 and scored separately.
- Top 8 relays after morning check-in to swim at finals.
- Move the 400 Free Relay on Sunday to Friday.
- Relay only swimmers MUST be entered in the meet along with the all other entries before deadline. (i.e. no names will be added to database after the deadline)
- Scoring on relays will be limited to two relays from each team.
- Top 8 1650 swimmers (that check-in) must swim at finals. There will be no option to swim after the prelim session.
- Move starting times to 8:30am (13 and over prelims), 1:30pm (12 and under prelims) and 6:00pm for finals on Fri, Sat Sun. This represents ½ later than last year. Keep Thursday and Sunday finals at 5:30pm.
- Implement a \$2 surcharge for all swimmers entered in meet (including relay only) to help off-set increasing pool rent. Also raise relay entry from \$6 to \$8.

### **Breakthrough Age Group Award**

Awarded to Shiloh Paige from Twin Rivers Aquatic Club (TRAC) (May thru August 2002)

Shiloh is 13 and had an outstanding LC JO's by dropping all her times significantly qualifying for the first time for consol and finals. She has also entered several open water swims and has several top 10 finishes. Her work ethic in the pool and the weight room has been at the very highest level.

### **CAMPS**

After taking a year off from camps we feel it is time to seriously look into offering them once again. Two main factors were discussed in what we felt motivated the kids to sign up for camps.

#1. - A selection process which makes the swimmer feel invited because of their performance.

#2 – An overnight camp which allows swimmers to be with other swimmers. It seems the best time of year seems to be mid to late May. It was mentioned to use the Zone data base as a source in which to base invitations on and that the ideal age range is 10-14.

It was mentioned that Open Water plans on initiating a camp, and also that the MA Athlete Reps are interested in helping with camps.