

Maryland Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

**January 5, 2010
Loyola Blakefield**

Meeting was called to order by Raymond at 7:05 PM.

Directors Present: Raymond Brown, Tom Slear, Tim Pierce, Pat Underwood, Bill Kirkner, Tom Yetter, Rahim Booth, Pat Kaplan, Lori James, Don Smith, Fred Manning, Peggy McKissick, Peter LaGow, Annette Stang

Others Present: Steve Roth, Linda Sue Lottes

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting – The November 3, 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved.

General Chair:

Raymond reports that the Awards Chair, Chris Rice, has stepped down due to personal reasons.

Administrative Vice Chairman:

Tom reports that the National Meet reimbursement amounts need to be corrected in the Rules and Regulations on the MD Swimming website. This information will be sent to the Webmaster.

There was a discussion regarding recent changes in Meet formats after the Meet Schedule was approved.

Senior Vice Chair: No Report

Age Group Vice Chair: No Report

Treasurer: No Report

Secretary: No Report

Senior Athlete Rep: No Report

Senior Coaches Rep: No Report

Registration:

Pat reports that Registration is down 200 Swimmers year to date. This may be due to some teams doing more instructional based programs (swim lessons) rather than competitive based.

Club Development:

2009 Grant Program closed as of today. The 2010 Grant Program will be posted within the next couple of days. Maryland Swimming still has the highest % of clubs in the country that has

completed Level 1 of the Grant Program. Pat will be following up with clubs that have not yet completed Level 1.

Technical Planning: No Report

Records/National Times Coordinator:

Fred submitted a written report and a copy is attached.

Safety:

Annette provided a 2009 Accident Summary to the Board that outlined the reported incidents through September 30, 2009. Annette also discussed the need to ensure that the only Parents on the pool deck at swim meets are Meet volunteers.

Officials Chair:

Peter reports that 3 Starters and 9 Stroke and Turn Officials have been certified year to date. Six Officials have attended National meets. The LSC is offering 5 upcoming clinics which are posted on the website. The LSC is once again requesting that the State meet be a National Qualifying meet. There are two upcoming National Qualifying meets...the Sectional meets in Rockville and Buffalo.

Equipment Chair:

Don reports that the equipment is in good condition. Don requests that equipment requests be submitted to him at least 30 days prior to the meet. There was a discussion about the need to send 10 radios to meets that requests radios rather than the current 8 radios.

Disability Chair: No Report

Diversity Chair: No Report

Awards Chair: No Report

Hall of Fame: No Report

Old Business:

Peter noted that the Dual Meet notices have not been posted to the website. There was a discussion about meet notices that are posted on the website missing information (ex. Sanction numbers) or being incorrect. The decision was made that Pat Underwood will be copied on the correspondence from the Technical Planning Chair to the Host Team. Pat will also be copied on the email from the host team to the Webmaster (asking that the meet notice be posted to the website) to ensure that all required information is on the meet notice.

New Business:

Peter requested that MSI Executive Board Meetings Draft Minutes be provided prior to Full Board Meetings.

Chris Kaplan (Maryland Swimming Webmaster) will start attending MSI board meetings.

Bill Kirkner (JCC) offered that if a team needs a Safety Training for Swim Coaches class to contact him.

LEAP Program –

Raymond reports that Pat is well under way to completing LEAP 2.

Pat reports that Maryland Swimming is one of nine LSC's in the country that has completed LEAP 1. Pat also reports that 57% of our registered swimmers are competing in meets. MD Swimming still has the largest % of clubs completing the Grant Program. We need to send Athlete Reps to Convention. An Athlete Rep has not been able to attend the Convention in the last couple of years due to School conflicts.

Pat requested that Board Members asked to submit information to her for the LEAP program do so in a Word document format.

Swimposium –

Peter handed out a report to the board on discussion points of the Swimposium. Peter discussed the evolution of the Swimposium for the fall of 2010 including what USA Swimming will provide for the Swimposium and the LEAP Requirements for the Swimposium.

Bill Kirkner did a presentation at the December MSI Executive Board meeting about the National program he runs at the JCC. Bill is proposing to use his facilities to host the Swimposium for MD Swimming.

There was discussion to partner with JCC in May to do an LSC workshop to focus on Coaches Seminars to include Safety Training for Swim Coaches. The LSC workshop in May would also include the Club Leadership and Business Workshop and a Stroke and Turn Clinic.

There was also discussion to do a Swimposium in September which will focus on Officials Seminars, Athlete Workshops to include Diversity and Disability, Parent Education and a Club Board Member Workshop. The tentative date for this workshop is September 26, 2010.

More details to come on both the May and September events...

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Lori James

