

Maryland Swimming Board of Directors Executive Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2009  
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**Executive Committee Directors Present:** Elena Donald, Tim Pierce, Tom Slear, Jeff Scrivener, Raymond Brown, Tom Yetter, Pat Kaplan and Lori James

Meeting was called to order by Raymond Brown at 7:04 PM.

**General Business:**

**Leap Program (LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program):**

Pat Kaplan reports that participation in this LSC program will be required by USA Swimming. Maryland Swimming will complete Level I in the LEAP program by October 10, 2009. In order to achieve full compliance of the LEAP program there are some recommended changes that Maryland Swimming could make. There are also some areas of change that are strongly recommended but not required. Pat Kaplan is currently reviewing the Policies and Procedures and Bylaws to eliminate duplicity in these documents. There are required templates that are being used for this purpose. Also, Tom Yetter is reviewing the Rules and Regulations and Meet Procedures to eliminate any duplicity in these two documents.

Pat discussed the number of members on the Executive Board and that USA Swimming requires that twenty percent of the Board be comprised of Athlete Reps. The Executive Board consists of:

- a. General Chair
- b. Administrative Vice Chair
- c. Senior Vice Chair
- d. Age Group Vice Chair
- e. Senior Coaches Rep
- f. Senior Athlete Rep
- g. Treasurer
- h. Secretary
- i. Registration

The Athlete Reps for 2009-2010 are: Senior Athlete rep: Elena Donald, RAC and Junior Athlete rep: Joanna Baird, EST

Another suggestion to be in compliance with the LEAP program is to reduce the number of Board members on the Full Board. In order to do this it will be necessary to make an amendment to the Maryland Swimming Bylaws.

**General Chair:**

Raymond went through each Executive Board position and clarified responsibilities.

Discussion about the need for a local “Bookkeeper” to do deposits and disbursements for the Treasurer, Jamie Cahn.

There was discussion among the Board about the Maryland Swimming Meet schedule and whether there are enough meets offered. Jeff Scrivener will poll the Coaches and ask for suggestions.

**Tom’s Idea:**

Tom and Elena talked about “team building” ideas for the Athlete Rep meetings. Some ideas were Swim practices with the Athlete Reps, Shadowland and Rock Climbing. Elena is going to explore these ideas.

**Registration:**

Maryland Swimming was recognized as #1 in the country for the % of clubs in the LSC that have achieved at least a Level 1 certification.

Rahim Booth’s club AquaJets is now AquaEagles and is located at Coppin State University.

There is a new club application from Baltimore MetroAquatic Club.

Coaches have to provide Bonus updates for Pat for the Grant Program.

USA Swimming wants the Athletes to receive their Athlete cards.

Athlete cards will be sent to the Athlete Team Reps for each team.

Pat reports for the MD Swimming webmaster that there is a need for someone to take pictures for the website using the correct format. This is necessary to ensure good quality picture for the site. There was some discussion on this topic and Tom Slear is going to ask a parent from NAAC to forward some pictures to the webmaster.

**USA Swimming Initiatives:**

Bill Kirkner, JCC At Large Board Member, is going to represent MD Swimming at the USA Swimming Diversity Clinic for the “Make A Splash” program.

Tom Slear opened a discussion on promoting Open Water Swimming in the LSC. Tom discussed the Bay Ridge Beach Open Water Swim (18 & Under) and encouraging teams to participate in this event next September.

**Old Business:**

Maryland State Championship Meet Jackets – The first place swimmer in each event will be awarded a Championship Meet Jacket. Only one jacket will be awarded per swimmer. If the winner of an event has received a jacket in another event there will be no jacket awarded in that event.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori James