

MARYLAND SWIMMING
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
June 19, 2004

I. General Items

1. Roll Call:

Teams Present: ASC, BAAC, CAA, CBAC, EST, GBSA, GTAC, HARY, KCO, LBA, MAC, MSC, NAAC, NBAC, RAC, RAID, SPY, TAC, TUS

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Sheryl Lepisto, Michael Brooks, Jamie Cahn, Tom Himes, Pat Kaplan, Chris Gibeau, Jeff Taegel, Chris Kaplan, David Collins, Chris Pulley, Don Smith, Debbie Sakell, Kim Easterday, Chuck Jacobs, Linda Sue Lottes, Pete LaGow, Brendan McElroy, Scott Ward and Gerry Lindner. Meeting called to order by John Ferrari.

2. Adoption of Minutes:

Motion: *To accept minutes from June 2003 House of Delegates Meeting.*
(PASSED)

II. Officer Reports

General Chairman:

Eastern Zone Meeting Report – Maine

Sectionals:

- Meet restrictions adopted similar to previous restrictions for Junior qualifiers: 12 & Under are permitted to compete in both Sectionals and Zones; 13 + with Sectional qualifying times cannot swim at Zones.
- Buffalo won award for Short Course Zones 2006, however bid was canceled and new award has not been made.
- Qualifying times are being adjusted to even out the meet.
- Both regional sectional meets will now have the same order of events and time standards.

Eastern Zone Rep: Sue Anderson will no longer be the EZ rep to take on other USA Swimming responsibilities. New rep will be Ira Klein.

Administrative Vice-chairman:

1. Focus over past year has been on Bylaw review and update and revising Rules & Regulations.
2. Review and discussion of Legislation Committee proposed Bylaw revisions and amendments:

Motion: *To accept Legislation Committee Bylaw proposal, as amended.*

(PASSED) See attached approved proposal

3. Phase 2 of the Bylaw review will focus on Board voting rights, committees and Athlete representation elections. Any additional suggestions for review, please contact Sheryl Lepisto.

Senior Vice-chairman: No report

Age Group Vice-chairman: Best practices have been sent to coaches, please provide Michael with feedback on program.

Treasurer:

1. Pending issue with the IRS from the mid 90s is still open.
2. Board members need to identify the purpose and specific budget account to be charged for all purchases and/or reimbursements. This can be accomplished by either using purchase orders or letting the Treasurer know (by note or email).
3. Meet income is down.
4. Short term operating funds have been placed in 2 reserve accounts, each for \$100K.
5. Proposed budget was reviewed and discussed.

Motion: *To accept proposed 2004 – 2005 budget as amended. (PASSED)* See attached revised budget.

Technical Planning/Sanctions:

1. Coaches' meeting held in April to develop proposed schedule.
2. Coaches unanimously decided to NOT attend short course Eastern Zones again in 2005. While Eastern Zone adopted some changes, they were not the issues critical to MSI.

Motion: *MSI will not attend the Short Course Eastern Zone meet for 2005.*

(PASSED)

3. Issue regarding MSI clubs hosting meets but do not attend other meets in the LSC. The coaches proposed a rule which requires clubs hosting meets to meet certain entry requirements in MSI. The entry requirements would include entries into the host club's own meets. Co-hosted meets would be credited as each club holding the meet. There was discussion on how this requirement can be monitored and if the entry requirements are appropriate. As a result, the motion was limited to June 2004 – May 2005.

Motion: *All teams hosting meets will be required to have entries totaling \$2,500 in Maryland sanctioned meets, for the period June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005, for each meet hosted. A team hosting 4 meets would be required to have a minimum of \$10,000 in entries, 3 meets - \$7,500 in entries, 2 meets - \$5,000 and 1 meet - \$2,500 in entries. If a host team does not meet those requirements, they will lose their right of first refusal to host a meet during the next year. A Team Manager entry Meet Fee Report must be sent to Technical Planning as part of the end of meet requirements. (PASSED)*

4. The issue was raised regarding permitting host clubs to allow their 8 & under swimmers to compete in 9-10 events for their meets only if there is time available to do so.

Motion: *Host clubs are permitted to enter their 8&U swimmers, who meet the qualifying times, in 9-10 events, as long as the time line of the sessions permit.*

(PASSED)

5. Since the two previously approved motions will need to be included in the Rules and/or Meet Procedures, a motion was made to permit these changes, as appropriate.

***Motion:** To permit revisions to the wording of passed legislation to properly incorporate such into the Rules and/or Meet Procedures to reflect this change.*

(PASSED)

6. Proposed Meet Schedule was discussed, corrected and revised.

***Motion:** To approve the 2004 – 2005 Meet Schedule, as revised. (PASSED)*

7. Open Water event issues were discussed and the need for separate Rules and Meet Procedures to cover the unique issues involved in open water swimming. Proposed Rules and Meet Procedure revisions were submitted and discussed.

***Motion:** To approve the proposed Rules and Meet Procedures, as amended, dealing with Open Water Events. (PASSED)*

Membership/Registration:

1. See attached report
2. Welcome packets are being sent to all new swimmers
3. USS will be introducing fairly extensive changes to the registration procedures in 2005. As a result, the mandatory registration clinic to be held this fall cannot be scheduled until after the new procedures have been rolled out at this September's convention.
4. Tom Vetter is helping to prepare the registration training manual from the club's point of view, while the Membership/Registration Coordinator will work on the issues from the registration view.

Coaches' Rep:

1. C. Gibeau will be stepping down as Senior Rep due to time restraints
2. Meet notice for long course zones is available
3. MSI has reserved a block of rooms for the LC Zone Meet, details are available on the website.
4. Working on plans for a pre-meet "social" and distribution of caps and tee-shirts for MSI swimmers at the hotel.

Athlete's Rep:

1. No junior representative was elected due to lack of nominations.
2. Planning to work on bylaw proposal for changes on how athlete representatives are elected.

III. Committee Reports

Officials Chair: See attached report

Records: Proposed revisions to Records section to the Rules was reviewed and discussed.

***Motion:** To approve the proposed Records section to the MSI Rules. (PASSED)*

Top 16/MSI 5 Tabulator – No report

Safety:

1. See attached report.
2. Coaches are reminded to complete Incident Reports for any and all accidents that occur during practices, not just at meets.
3. There has been concern regarding the overcrowding of warm-up lanes in open warm-ups. This overcrowding is a safety issue and has resulted in a higher number of injuries.

***Motion:** Delete the work “open” in the warm-up requirement in 13 & over warm-up sessions. (PASSED)*

Open Water/Distance/Camps:

1. Expecting 75 swimmers for distance camp, double from last year
2. Wants to build open water swimming and considering a proposal to develop an Open Water All-Star meet with NC, VA, MD and SC.
3. Bidding to host an Open Water camp at St. Mary's next year.

Adaptive:

1. Jessica Long and Travis Mohr have been selected for the Paralympics in Athens.
2. Jessica broke several American and PanAm records this year, including several at the NAAC meet last weekend.
3. CBAC has been approached about adding a couple of disabled swimmers.
4. The Board approved funding for both coach and officials, interested in learning more about disabled swimming, to attend the Disability Championship.
5. Members of the Adaptive Swimming Committee are:
Linda Sue Lottes – Co-Chair and Official
Travis Mohr - Co Chair and athlete
Susan Marshburn - Official
Andrew Barranco - Coach
Doretta Davies - Parent and Coach.

Equipment:

1. Several Safety vest were lost over the past year and will be replaced.
2. The following equipment was purchased:
30 new buttons
15 gutter strips
2 radios
4 Long touchpads – which will be sent directly to Meadowbrook for their July meet

Outreach:

Working on planning an Outreach meet for the weekend of July 31, 2005, at UMBC. This will be a no time standards meet with a prelims/finals format.

Swim-a-thon – No report

Zone Coach/Manager - No report

Awards – No report

Webmaster – No report

Hall-of-Fame :

1. Theresa Andrews has moved to Atlanta and will not be able to continue as Coordinator.
2. Chris Gibeau has volunteered to serve as Chair
3. Considering changes to how awards are determined, timing of banquet, and other issues.

IV. Nominating Committee, Board Vacancies:

1. Need to appoint a Nominating Committee to work on current vacancies and upcoming 2005 elections. Need at least 3 non-Board members to be on the Committee.
2. Would like to have all current vacancies filled by mid-August.
3. Current vacancies include: Jr. Athlete Rep, Club Development, Marketing (recently approved by Board to promote year-round swimming) and possible Secretary opening.

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business:

1. Discussion regarding the amount of funding provided to swimmers and coaches was reviewed with consideration to increase the 2004 Olympic Trial budget to \$20,000. Rather than setting a specific budget amount, it was proposed that a stipend be set.

***Motion:** That MSI reimburses athletes and coaches up to \$1,000 for attending and competing in Olympic Trials. (PASSED)*

2. With the passing of the proposed Bylaw amendments, the House of Delegates is now permitted to elect At-Large Board members. Gerry Lindner, acting At-Large Board member was nominated.

***Motion:** To elect Gerry Lindner as At-Large Board member. (PASSED)*

Adjourned 4:15pm