

MARYLAND SWIMMING
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
June 18, 2005
APPROVED

I. General Items

1. Roll Call:

Teams present: ASC, BAAC, BCSC, CAA, CBAC, EST, GBSA, GMAC, GTAC, HARY, LBA, MAC, MSC, MST, NAAC, NBAC, RAC, SPRC, SPY, TAC.

Directors present: John Ferrari, Sheryl Lepisto, Jamie Cahn, Debbie Sakell, Pat Kaplan, Tom Himes, Chris Kaplan, Jeff Taegel, Linda Sue Lottes, Chuck Jacobs, Brendan McElroy, Liz Brabson, Peter LaGow, Donna Considine, Scott Ward, Chris Gibeau, John Burke, Chris Pulley & Don Smith.

2. Adoption of Minutes:

Motion: To accept minutes from June 2004 House of Delegates Meeting.
(PASSED)

II. Officer Reports:

General Chairman:

1. John would like to see a Finance committee formed this year to develop our finance philosophy as well as reviewing budget line items and proper allocation of our resources.

Administrative Vice-chairman:

1. Several Bylaw proposals were presented for review, discussion and voting. (see attached approved proposal)
2. A review of Motions passed by the Board this year was provided. (see attached)

Senior Vice-chairman: No report

Age Group Vice-chairman:

1. John B. reported that at the Eastern Zone meeting much discussion was held regarding changes to the Zone meet. The consensus of the MD coaches is that unless substantial changes are made in the qualifying process and/or format, the MD LSC swimmers will not be participating again this year.

Treasurer:

1. Jamie reminded everyone that our budget is a cost basis budget
2. There was some discussion regarding our cash position and what we should do with the funds.
3. The 2005-2006 budget was presented, reviewed and discussed.

Motion: To accept proposed 2005-2006 budget as presented. **(PASSED)** see attached budget.

Secretary: No report

Technical Planning/Sanctions:

1. Tom reports that the Coaches meeting was held in May and the schedule for 2005-2006 was developed. This schedule was presented to the membership with two options. There was considerable discussion regarding the two options as well as a motion to adopt an option 3(FAILED) The coaches consensus is that they would like to see Option 2, which puts the State Championship Meet at the beginning of March. This would then allow the LSC Sr. Swimmers to attend the Speedo Championship Series meet later in the month. This will also allow for better representation in the older age groups at the State meet. A vote was taken on each option with Option 2 carrying.
2. In a continuing discussion regarding the schedule, it was noted that there were 2 meets open for bids due to 2 teams not meeting their meet fee obligations last year. One Oct 22-23 and 1 Nov 12-13. There are 2 bids (CBAC & MSC) currently for the Oct meet and 1 bid (HARY) for the Nov dates. There was discussion on whether to do away with these meets and/or change their formats. Since they are open for bids, those bidding can opt to change the format. There was considerable discussion regarding this option and how changing the format could conflict with meets already on the schedule.

Motion: *To keep the format for the October meet the same as it has been and award the meet to CBAC. (PASSED)*

Motion: *To award the Nov meet to HARY (PASSED)*

3. There was discussion regarding last years rule change that required all teams hosting meets to meet certain entry fee requirements. This rule was instituted last year on a trial basis and now needs to be re-approved. There was some discussion and there is a proposal on the table that teams hosting Open Water meets are expected to meet the same requirements as other host clubs under Section I.F. of the Meet Procedures.

Motion: *To revise Section I.F of the Meet Procedures to read: "All teams hosting meets (including open water meets) will be required to have entries totaling \$2,500 in Maryland sanctioned meets, for the period June 1, 2005 – May 31, 2006, for each meet hosted. A team hosting 4 meets is 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 Meet entry fee report must be sent to Technical Planning as part of the end of meet reporting requirements."*

(PASSED)

4. After the above discussions and votes, the proposed schedule as amended for 2005-2006 was put to the membership.

Motion: *To approve the 2005-2006 Meet schedule as revised per Option 2 (PASSED)*

5. The coaches have requested that the 1.5 hour warm-up requirement for 13 & over meets as currently required in Section V.C. of the Meet Procedures be deleted. They feel that this should be at the discretion of the meet host.

Motion: *To delete the following sentence in Section V.C. of the Meet Procedures-“There should be a mandatory open warm-up for 13 & over swimmers with the recommendation that 1.5 hours be allotted for warm-ups”*
(PASSED)

Membership/Registration:

1. See attached report. Highlights: Registrations were up only slightly in 2005. There will be a new club fee for 2006. 2006 packets are ordered.

Coaches Rep:

1. The coach's clinic that was being planned for Sept conflicts with the ASCA clinic so it will have to be rescheduled. They do really want to have the clinic and they have a speaker lined up (Michelle Brunell)?

Athletes Rep: No report

Officials:

1. We are in a deficit situation, year over year, as far as officials are concerned. This is not only in our LSC but nationally. There has been lots of discussion regionally/nationally on the issue.
2. Chris reports that in our LSC we do not currently have uniform coverage at meets. Currently once a club meets the minimum requirement for officials necessary to host a meet; they feel they are no longer obligated to host any clinics.
3. Chris presented a proposal that would require teams in the LSC to hold at least one officials clinic annually. He suggests a fine and possible loss of right of first refusal for hosted meets for teams not fulfilling this requirement. There was a tremendous amount of discussion on this issue. The general feeling of the group seemed to not be in favor of penalties and that the onus for recruiting officials really falls on the individual clubs. It became apparent that this issue needs further exploration therefore, Chris withdrew his proposal for the time being. The issue will be re-visited at a future Board meeting.

Records: No report

Top 16/MD Top 5: No report

Safety:

1. In response to an incident that occurred at the State Championship meet, Kim provided an update to the members regarding the Swim Meet Injury Protocol. This update was provided by the USA Swimming Safety Committee. (see attached)

Open Water/Distance Camps:

1. Chuck reports that the Open Water Dual meet with N. Carolina did not materialize. But considerable planning is under way and they are better organized and there will be an Open Water All Star Meet next year in Pinehurst, NC (or with Pinehurst??)
2. The Open Water Committee met and reviewed the Open Water Expense form and found it to be confusing and open to interpretation. The committee recommends repealing the new form and returning to the standard expense form for all meets.

Motion: *To repeal the separate Open Water expense form approved at the June 2004 HOD meeting. (PASSED)*

3. Chuck continues working on bringing/holding a distance or open water camp in the LSC.

Adaptive:

1. Linda Sue reports that USA Swimming and the USOC Paralympic Committee could not reach agreement for the hosting of a Disability Championship. USA Swimming will no longer host a USA Disability Championship. The Adaptive committee of USA Swimming still is an integral part of USA Swimming. Many of the athletes training for the USOC Paralympics train with USA Swimming Clubs.

Equipment:

1. We are looking at purchasing new radios for next year.
2. We are selling old scoreboards for parts
3. We have replaced/added buttons, starters, Velcro strips and pads this year.

Outreach:

1. Brendan gave a brief description of the upcoming Unity Meet at UMBC. The original intention was for this to be a minority program builder but it has been opened up to any and all USA registered swimmers with the hope that it will grow in the coming years.

Zone Team Coach/Manager:

1. Donna reports that information regarding the LC Zone meet in Buffalo will be posted on the website. There are plans underway to have a team dinner and there is a team hotel.

Awards: No report

Webmaster: No report

Hall of Fame: No report

III. Nominating Committee, Board Vacancies:

1. The nominating committee feels that it would be in the best interests of the LSC to revise the Bylaws to modify the make-up of the Board and has prepared recommended revisions for submission to the House of Delegates.
2. Attached are the Bylaw Proposals as amended and approved by the House of Delegates and approved by the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee. (see attached)
3. The nominating committee presented their slate of candidates for the Board. (see attached)

Motion: *To accept and approve the nominating committee's slate of candidates for the 2005-2006 year. (PASSED)*

IV. **Old Business:** None

V. **New Business:**

1. John asked if there was a need for developmental coaches training in our LSC and his inquiry was met with a resounding "yes". He would like to see MSI fund coaches training. There could/should be a budget line item for coaches training and for the LSC to hold an in house clinic. He would like to see a committee formed to review this issue.

Adjourned 4:05pm