

**MARYLAND SWIMMING, INC.**  
**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**Loyola Blakefield Dining Hall**

**June 19, 2010**

**GENERAL ITEMS**

*Roll Call* – Completed by having each team and MSI Board Member sign in prior to the start of the meeting. Based on sign-in sheets, a quorum was present at the start of the meeting. Raymond Brown called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

***Teams present included: ACA, BAAC, BCSC, BMAC, CAA, CAST, CATS, CATY, CBAC, CGA, EST, GBSA, GMAC, HUUU, LBA, MAC, MAS, MSC, NAAC, RAC, RAID, SPY***

*Adoption of Minutes* – The draft minutes from the June 29, 2009 HOD meeting were circulated and discussed. A motion was made to accept and approve the draft minutes from the June 29, 2009 House of Delegates Meeting.

*(Passed)*

**1. OFFICER REPORTS**

- A. *Chairman*** - Raymond Brown briefly introduced the Maryland Swimming Board of Directors. Raymond reported that the MSI Board has worked this past year on cleaning up and reformatting MSI documents to meet USA Swimming approval. Special thanks to Pat Kaplan and Tom Yetter for their hard work in this process. Raymond also reports that the Maryland State Championship meet was very successful.
- B. *Administrative Vice Chairman*** – No Report
- C. *Senior Vice Chairman*** – The Maryland Swimming Athlete Representatives for the upcoming year are:
  - a. Senior Athlete Rep: Oliver Bennett, LBA
  - b. Junior Athlete Rep: Cody Edwards, ASC
- D. *Age Group Vice Chairman*** – No Report
- E. *Treasurer*** – Jamie Cahn reported that a number of teams have not submitted required end of meet accounting forms and/or fees to be submitted to him as Treasurer. These clubs will be contacted. Jamie reminded everyone that these forms must be submitted to the Treasurer and that next year clubs will be subject to the appropriate fines if the forms are

not submitted within the specified time frame. Jamie also reminded everyone that the Sanction fee is \$30 and must be submitted with the Meet Accounting form.

F. **Secretary** – No Report

## 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Senior Athlete Rep** – No Report

B. **Senior Coaches Rep** – No Report

C. **Registration** – Pat Kaplan submitted a registration report for all attendees.

D. **Club Development** - In addition to the key points on the Registration report, Pat also reported the following with regard to Club Development: There is a new coach for RAID. The clubs that were Grandfathered in for the Club Leadership program must now take the course. Coaches must submit their team achievements to Pat to receive credit toward the Grant Program. Level 1 of the Grant Program is only valid for four years. Any Level 1 club that has not reached Level 2 within four years must repeat Level 1 of the Grant program. MSI is hoping to become Level 2 in the LSC Leap Program after the HOD meeting.

E. **Technical Planning** – Patrick submitted a report electronically and a copy is on file.

F. **Records** - Fred Manning distributed the records and times report for the 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009 to Present seasons. Fred also submitted the report electronically and a copy is on file. Everything is up to date. Fred reminded Coaches to email him if when attending out of LSC meets.

G. **Safety** – No Report

H. **Officials Chair** – Peter LaGow reported that the following new officials have been certified; 27 Stroke and Turn, 60 Starters and 5 Referees. In addition to attending June National meets, MD Swimming Officials have attended the following meets: Pan Pacs, Sectionals, LC Zones and the National Open Water Meet. Suit and Butterfly Recovery Interpretation.

I. **Open Water** – Chris Swensen submitted the report electronically and a copy is on file.

J. **National Times Coordinator** – (see Item F. Records above)

K. **Equipment Chair** – Don Smith distributed the Equipment Report for all attendees and submitted the report electronically. A copy of the report is on file.

L. **Review Section** – No Report

**M. Adapted Swimming Chair** – No Report

**N. Outreach** – No Report

**O. Awards** – Jennifer Frediani reported that the following Outgoing Board Members are being recognized for their service on the MSI Board of Directors: Liz Brabson, Tom Himes, Ellen Frketic, Vinnee Porter and Annette Stang. Kyle was also recognized for his role as photographer at the MD State Championship meet. Jennifer handed out All Maryland Team certificates to any teams that submitted applications. Jennifer will be accepting applications for the All Maryland certificates throughout the summer for the 2009/2010 season.

**P. Hall of Fame** – No Report

**Q. Diversity** – No Report

**3. Presentation & Approval of Annual Budget** - Jamie Cahn presented the proposed budget for 2010-2011 and explained the changes from previous years. Jamie also submitted the report electronically and a copy is on file. Jamie reported that the MSI Board will be looking to invest money in different ways over the next few months. There was a request to add a line item in the Budget for the Swimposium in September. Motion was made to approve the budget as presented.

**A. (Passed)**

**4. Old Business** – Board of Directors Motions (from 9/1/2009 – 5/04/2010)

“Housekeeping changes” mandated by USA Swimming; a Proposed new format for the **Maryland Swimming Bylaws.**

**Motion:** A motion was made to approve the 2010 “Proposed” new format of the Maryland Swimming Bylaws as mandated by USA Swimming and approved by the MSI Board of Directors. In addition, on page 27 Section 607.2C, MA should be changed to MSI. **(Passed)**

A Motion was made to approve the 2010 Proposed **Maryland Swimming Rules and Regulations** as recommended by the MSI Board of Directors. In addition the following changes will be made:

Add the word "participation" to the first sentence in Section 2.3.1

Delete the sentence "Qualifiers for Open Water Championships reimbursement must have a minimum of a US Open cut time in a freestyle event that is 400 meters/500 yards or longer." from Section 10.1

Change the word "minimum" to "maximum" in Section 10.2.2

In the Reimbursement Section at the end:

Change the word "minimum" to "maximum" and \$900 to \$1,000 for Olympic Trials.

Change \$600 to \$300 for US Open.

Added two additional reimbursements:

MSI will reimburse all outreach swimmers entry fees for the MD LSC Championship Meet.

Coach Reimbursement for Registration Fees for Coaching Clinics

MSI will reimburse MSI clubs up to \$500 annually for registration fees for clinics attended by their coaches. Eligible clubs are those which are year round clubs with an age group program (12&U swimmers). Seasonal clubs are not eligible. Eligible coaches must have passed the fundamentals of coaching or old ASCA level 1 test. The annual period for reimbursement is from September 1 – August 31. A copy of the published registration fee and a listing of the coaches who attended must be submitted to the Treasurer. *(Passed)*

A Motion was made to approve the 2010 Proposed **Policies and Procedures** as recommended by the MSI Board of Directors. All Changes made to the Rules and Regulations will be reflected in the Policies and Procedures. *(Passed)*

5. **Elections** – Pat Underwood will complete the Technical Planning Chair term. Matt McDonough will be on the Technical Planning Committee.

6. **New Business** – Motions

A. Open Water Nationals Reimbursement

**Motion** – “I am asking that LBA be granted the \$300.00 per swimmer/coach reimbursement for the 5K Open Water Nationals held on June 6, 2010 in Long Beach California. LBA will have three swimmers attending the swim (Tanja Kylliainen, Oliver Bennett, Alex Porter) and one coach (Keith Schertle). All swimmers have met the qualifying times but do not have US Open times in 400 meter/500 free or longer.”

“I am asking that Article 10 Travel Reimbursement be re-written to remove the sentence Qualifiers for Open Water Championships reimbursement must have a minimum of US Open cut time in freestyle event that is 400 meter/500 yards or longer. This was written into article 10 before there were qualifying times for Open Water Nationals. Now that there are qualifying times those times should be used for the basis of reimbursement.” *(Passed with the changes Approved in the 2010 Policies and Procedures)*

**Motion** – To change the travel reimbursement policy for swimmers qualifying for the **Open Water Nationals** to read, “Maryland Swimming swimmers who make the qualifying time for Open Water Nationals and participate in the meet shall be reimbursed at the Senior National rate. *(Motion Denied)*

**Motion** – To create an **Assistant Treasurer** position to be appointed this year and then become an elected position in 2011. *(Passed)*

**Motion - Presentation & Approval of 2010-2011 Meet Schedule** – Tom Yetter presented the 2010-2011 Meet Schedule and noted changes. The GTAC Long Course meet was put up for bid and ASC/RAC will bid on the meet. *(Passed)*

**Motion** – A motion was made that MSI will reimburse all eligible outreach swimmers entry fees for the Maryland LSC Championship Meet. (*Passed*)

**Motion #1** – “All officials must complete a background check effective September 2010. (Passed) Approval is recommended by Maryland Swimming Board of Directors – Meeting April 13, 2010. (*Motion is Withdrawn*)

**Motion #2** – “To reimburse MSI clubs up to \$500 annually for reimbursements for registration fees for clinics attended by their coaches. Eligible clubs are those which are year round clubs with an age group program (12 and under swimmers). Seasonal clubs are not eligible. Eligible coaches must have passed the fundamentals of coaching or Old ASCA Level 1 test. The annual period for reimbursement is from September 1 – August 31. A copy of the published registration fee and a listing of the coaches who attended must be submitted to the Treasurer.” (Passed) January 5, 2006 Approval is recommended by Maryland Swimming Board of Directors Meeting. This is a “housekeeping” item to formally include into the reimbursement sections. (*Passed*)

**Motion #3** – Athletes Motion to the Coaches (Outcome Pending): “Athlete representatives at their own meeting wanted coaches to address their concerns regarding Open Events at the Maryland State Championship Meet allowing athletes to compete who are older than 19, and taking finals opportunities away from 19 and under athletes at their State Championships. Suggestions are: do not allow swimmers over 19 to compete in the meet; have bonus heats to allow more swimmers to make finals or do not let over 19 year old swimmers swim in finals. Coaches will bring recommendations to the House of Delegates from the Spring Scheduling Meeting” (that was held at UMBC via Technical Planning). May 4, 2010 – Pat Kaplan minutes (**Motion Tabled**)

\*After much discussion on Motion #3 the HOD may consider changing the format of the Maryland Swimming Championship meet for all of our athletes to compete...including 20 and over athletes.

The HOD meeting will be scheduled the weekend of June 18 and 19 next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori James

