

Maryland Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

April 13, 2010
Loyola Blakefield

Meeting was called to order by Raymond at 7:09 PM.

Directors Present: Raymond Brown, Tom Slear, Tim Pierce, Patrick Underwood, Bill Kirkner, Pat Kaplan, Lori James, Don Smith, Fred Manning, Peggy McKissick, Jo Baird, Jeff Scrivener, Jenifer Frediani, Elena Donald

Others Present: Brendan McElroy, Ryan McDonald, Steve Roth and Scott Ward

Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting – The December 1, 2009, January 10, 2010 and February 2, 2010 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Registration:

Pat reports that the LSC is down 74 Year round registrations. Two clubs are doing mostly lessons only and TCY only registered three swimmers this year. In addition there is a club that may divide with ½ joining Virginia Swimming and one other club losing their only coach and unable to find someone to replace them.

Expect Summer/Seasonal Registrations to increase – Summer league had added two more teams.

Two more groups have asked for new club packets – have not received either one back yet.

Registration for Officials site must be changed before next September – will work with Peter – it is way too complicated and created way too many problems.

Club Development Report:

Peter Clark held a “mandatory to maintain your Club status” Leadership Class for four teams this past month at Loyola. Many in attendance were surprised that we held our meetings at Loyola and that they were encouraged to attend at any time.

Clubs that were grandfathered in when the Club development program began need to prepare to take the Club Leadership class in the near future as the 5 year threshold has been reached – clubs were emailed.

Survey was sent out to MD clubs who have not achieved Level 1 – feedback will be sent to Peter Clark – what can we do to help these clubs achieve this goal?

Survey was sent to all clubs who achieved Level 1 to see if they plan on moving forward to Level 2 and above – if not- why not – or when do they hope to move up?

Received some excellent responses from all groups.

LEAP is in limbo until after SWIMPOSIUM – Pat still contemplates sending it in for the first round of examination by June 1. Pat sees no reason why we would not be able to start the 2011 Registration process as a LEAP 2 LSC.

Administrative Vice Chair: No Report

Awards:

Jennifer reports that MD Swimming water bottles were given to participants at the NBAC 10 and Under Champs Meet. Jennifer is looking into a participant award for the May mini meet. (Championship Meet Awards report included in the State Meet Director Report)

State Meet Director:

Peggy submitted a written report and a copy is attached. The report includes items to discuss for the meet next year.

Tom Slear apologized for the last minute change in the Apparel and Concession set up at the State meet. Tom also thanked those that secured the store for Metro to use for the meet.

Coaches Rep:

Jeff will look into the date of the Coaches meeting and will communicate to the Coaches.

Athlete Reps:

Elena reported on the Athlete Reps feedback after the State Championship Meet. The Athlete Representative Suggestions were:

1. Take swimmers over the age of 18 out of the Maryland State Championship Swim Meet
2. Create more incentives for the younger swimmers.
 - a. A/AA/AAA caps
 - b. Water Bottles or MD Towel for achieving AAAA times
3. Keep the MD State Champ Jackets
 - a. Have a smaller reward for the All Maryland Team
 - b. Recognize Scholastic All Americans in Maryland Swimming
 - c. Have a design contest for the logo

Technical Planning: No Report

National Times:

48 new Short Course state records

13 new State Relay records

Equipment:

Don submitted a written report and a copy is attached.

Disability Chair: No Report**Diversity Chair: No Report****Webmaster:**

Chris was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a report which is attached.

Old Business:

Hall of Fame - Murray Stephens will be inducted in the International Hall of Fame on May 8. Tim Pierce will be attending the Eastern Zone meeting and will also be attending the International Hall of Fame as the MD Swimming representative.

There was a discussion regarding the Maryland Swimming Hall of Fame. Tom Slear will contact John Cadigan to discuss when the Hall of Fame will be held and suggest the possibility of holding it this Fall.

Far Eastern Meet – Currently there is not a venue for the Far Eastern Meet. The meet will be removed from the website. Jeff will send an email to the Coaches.

Zone Qualifying and Super Sectional times should be posted to the Maryland Swimming website. They have been posted on the Potomac Valley website for two weeks.

New Business:

- a. USA Swimming recent emphasis on conduct. Law Enforcement must be called immediately in the event something occurs. Secondly, the General Chair of Maryland Swimming should be notified and he will contact USA Swimming.
- b. Maryland Swimming Board Positions – Please notify Raymond of your intentions to stay on the Board if your term is complete.
- c. Publicity of Swim Across America to fight Cancer and Swim Network. Information given out to attending Coaches and Team Reps and to be posted on the website.
- d. Swimposium – Coaches clinic information is available on the website.

e. The following proposals were made by Pat after conversations with Peter Clark, Mary Jo Swalley and Sue Anderson (all Board Members of USA Swimming):

1. Pat should be covered by T-1 insurance from the LSC – available through USA Swimming. Raymond is going to look into whether this is similar to D & O Insurance and if MSI currently has this insurance.
2. Officials should be required to have background checks – Pat would like our HOD to require this at the start of the 2011 registration year (September 2010).

Motion - All officials must complete a background check effective September 2010.
(Passed)

Motion – A motion was made for MSI to make a \$200 contribution to Loyola Blakefield in appreciation for the use of the facility to hold MSI meetings. **(Passed)**

Full Board Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM. However, an Executive Board meeting continued in order to discuss meet schedule conflicts and to schedule the Coaches and HOD meetings. Attendees of the Full Board Meeting were invited to stay for this meeting.

Executive Board Meeting:

Discussion to schedule the Coaches meeting between sessions at the RAC meet on Saturday, May 15. Jeff Scrivener will contact Ken to confirm the Coaches meeting date. Pat will touch base with Ken to discuss the upcoming Coaches meeting and meet schedule.

There was a discussion to schedule the HOD meeting at 1 PM on Saturday, June 19. The meeting will be held at Loyola Blakefield.

Retrievers and ASC are running the Green Terror Meet in June rather than disrupt the schedule.

There was a discussion regarding the impact that it has on the MD Swimming meet schedule when a request is made to make changes by Meet hosts once the schedule has been set. Many felt that we must have a protocol in place and enforce it to keep the meet schedule intact. A suggestion was made that MSI should address with CBAC, in a letter or at the HOD meeting, how changes to their meets have an impact on all of MD Swimming.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori James

