

MARYLAND SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 6, 2006-APPROVED

Meeting was called to order at: 7:05 PM

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Debbie Sakell, John Burke, Chuck Jacobs, Larry Harkleroad, Don Smith, Vinnee Porter, Brendan McElroy, Lori James, Sheryl Lepisto, Donna Considine, Dee Gass, Gerry Lindner, Pat Kaplan, Chris Kaplan, Linda Sue Lottes, Dan Gray, Chad Cradock, Ellen Frketic and Jamie Cahn.

Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting: The Feb 2006 minutes were approved

Chairman's Report:

- John Burke and Chris Kaplan will be attending the Eastern Zone meeting in May in Richmond.
- John would like to have the budget ready to be presented to the Board as well as anything major so that we can get everything ready for the HOD meeting in June. All materials need to go out at least 21 days prior to the HOD Meeting. There are several new procedures, which will be presented to the HOD, including: meet procedures, web procedures and how the Coach's and athlete awards are selected.

Administrative Vice Chair:

- Sheryl reports the position descriptions are coming in and all are due by 4/15
- Sheryl presented a motion regarding some additional "cleanup" of our Rules & Regulations.

Motion: To remove general travel reimbursement items from Article 5 and place them in a separate Article 9 (see attached)

(PASSED)

Treasurer:

- Jamie reminded all that reimbursement for Nationals MUST be requested - it is not done automatically.
- Jamie will be doing a budget workup for the 2006-2007 year and have ready for the May meeting. This budget could include a possible decrease in meet fees next year of 10%.
- The current financials were presented and reviewed

Age Group Chair:

- John did some additional reporting to the Board on his USA Swimming conference call. He also informed the Board that the USA Swimming Virtual Championships are now posted on the USA website.

Senior Chair: No report

Secretary: No Report

Officials:

- We have 7 new officials, 5 S&T's and 2 referees. Six people are working on tests, 1 referee and 5 S&T's.
- John Dunnigan from NBAC and Jeff Jorgensen from NAAC are attending a USA Swimming officials meeting next month.
- Don presented some additional apprentice Officials guidelines to the Board for review and discussion.

Motion: To approve the document entitled “Additional Apprentice Officials Guidance by Position”

(PASSED)

Technical Planning:

- Chris reports that the Championship meet seemed to go very well. To that regard the following motion was made by Pat Kaplan:

Motion: To show MSI's appreciation to several select volunteers at the Championship meet who are not Board members, I would like to see Thank you letters sent on behalf of MSI and provide them with a jacket. The volunteers were: Terri Knapik-NBAC, Kevin O'Donnell-NBAC, Maryann Hickey-CBAC and Annette Stang-RAC

(PASSED)

- The meet scheduling meeting will be held on 4/22
- There is a conflict with the NAAC June Meet, the EZ Select camp is being held at the academy the same weekend. They are working on a solution.

Webmaster: No report

Awards:

- The Mini recognition awards were not available for the NBAC Mini meet. The first round will be presented at the CAA mini meet.

Swim-a-thon: No report

Open Water/Distance Camps:

- Chuck reports St. Mary's College is very open to holding events such as an Open Water Distance camp or one of the Regional Select camps in upcoming years. He also had some scheduling and meet issues and it was determined that they should be discussed at the upcoming scheduling meeting.

NTV, Records, Top 16 and MD Top 5:

Liz was unable to attend but sent the following information:

- All the times and records should be up to date by the end of the week

Zone Team Coach/Manager: **No report**

Safety:

Kim was unable to attend but did send the following reminder to all:

Coaches and facilities managers need to be aware of their facilities air quality. Combined chlorine readings should not go above 0.2

Adaptive: **No report**

Senior Coaches rep: **No report**

Junior Coaches rep: **No report**

Athlete Reps:

- Dan reported that the Athlete reps were very appreciative of the concession coupons they received for use at the Championship meet.

Equipment:

- Larry provided the board with the monthly equipment use and fee report (see attached)
- He also provided us with an updated equipment inventory report (see attached)

Hall of Fame: **No report**

Outreach:

Brendan has finalized the plans for the Black Heritage Meet in North Carolina in May and he presented the details to the Board (see attached proposal). There was much review and discussion of the plans and details and it is noted that Brendan has done a

terrific job of organizing, planning and funding this project. He is to be commended for his efforts.

Motion: That MSI approve funding in the amount of \$9500 to cover expenses for a team of 81 athletes to represent MD at the Black Heritage meet in May in North Carolina. **(PASSED)** This motion was passed with the understanding that this meet would be a budgeted item in future years (to be reviewed annually). It is also understood that in future years, it is expected that more contributions will be coming from other sources including participating swimmers.

Old Business: **None**

New Business: **None**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.