

**MARYLAND SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Dec 1, 2005**

Meeting was called to order at: 7:08 PM

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Kim Easterday, Pat Kaplan, Debbie Sakell, John Burke, Chuck Jacobs, Chad Cradock, Larry Harkleroad, Don Smith, Vinnee Porter, Brendan McElroy, Lori James, Ellen Frketic, Chris Kaplan, Liz Brabson, Sheryl Lepisto, Donna Considine, Dave Gilman, Ken DeGruchy, Rachael Fishbain, Linda Sue Lottes.

**Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting:** The Nov 2005 minutes were approved

**Chairman's Report:** No report

**Administrative Vice Chair:**

- Sheryl asked everyone to get their committee job descriptions back to her ASAP. She reminded everyone that this should be the actual "day to day activities" that each committee/chairperson performs.
- Sheryl also placed 3 motions on the floor that are really housekeeping items for the Rules and Regulations. They are as follows:

All Star Meet: To correctly reference our short course season championship meet

**Motion:** To change all reference to the "All-Star Meet" in the Rules and Regulations, Meet procedures, scratch procedures and other operational documents to "Maryland Swimming Championship Meet" (MSCM) **(PASSED)**

Junior All Star Meet: To revise the Rules to reflect the period in which qualifying times must be achieved.

**Motion:** To revise Section 5.1.2 to read: *The Junior All-Star Meet qualifying times are slower than those for the Maryland Swimming Championship Meet and those faster than the MSCM if they have not been achieved during the MSCM qualifying period.*  
**(PASSED)**

Fine resolution authority: On the advice of the USA Swimming General Counsel and Chairman of the National Board of Review, there should be a means for a party to resolve fine issues before the matter is sent to the Board of Review. It is their opinion that the Board of Review should only be used when the dispute cannot be resolved between the two parties. Since most of these issues deal with requests for payment schedules or reduction of the fine due to unusual circumstances, it would be easier to handle these appeals by a smaller body.

**Motion:** To give the Executive Committee the right to hear appeals on fines and penalties issued automatically by the MSI rules and regulations by adding the following text to Article 9: **(PASSED)**

*The club will have 30 days from the receipt to pay the fine **or to adhere to any other penalty issues** in accordance to MSI rules, unless an appeal is filed with the **Executive Committee** or Board of Review.*

*The Board of Directors **or Executive Committee** may, at their discretion, modify, suspend or waive any penalties or fines stated herein, when they believe said penalty or fine is not appropriate or warranted.*

*Any decision of the Executive Committee can be appealed to the LSC Board of Review.*

**Treasurer:                    No report**

**Age Group Chair:**

- John B. reports that he still has not been successful in connecting with Dave Salo re: coming to the LSC and speaking with coaches
- John also reports that he has e-mailed Guy Edson about helping us set up a clinic in the LSC and has not received a response to date.
- John placed a motion on the floor to have MSI reimburse any coach who attends the 2006 ASCA clinic. Much discussion took place and it was agreed to table the issue until the Jan meeting.

**Senior Chair:                No report**

**Secretary:**

- We are waiting on a couple of fines to come in, no new ones have been incurred

**Registration and Club Development:**

- All the teams now have an Athlete rep but 2
- All the bag tags should be with the teams and distributed (the tags with the MSCM qualifying times). She will follow up with the athlete reps to see how the distribution went.
- The flyers for the “save the date for Ira” went out. She will be checking to see if it is appropriate to athletes present. The intent is for him to go to some team practices while he is here.
- Pat plans to work with Dee to do a better job of recognizing our graduating seniors at the MSCM.

- Pat would like to recognize the extra effort given by the athlete reps and proposed the following:

**Motion:** MSI will provide to the Athlete Reps a \$5.00 coupon good for use at the MSCM concession stand. **(PASSED)**

- Pat presented to the Board a revision of the 2006 Grant reward program. A notable change from the first draft was that **ALL** clubs will be rewarded just by participating. Every club that completes the “basics” will get money. The program is **NOT** designed to be a competition. Do the checklist and the club receives a reward. The intent is to have a 100% compliance threshold in order to receive reward. Pat reviewed the program in detail with the Board. Pat and her committee are to be commended for the work they have done. After considerable discussion the following motion was proposed:

**Motion:** To approve the 2006 Grant Program but with a compliance threshold of 90% for the first year. **(PASSED)**

**Officials:**

- Don reports that we have certified 1 new ref, 1 new starter, we had 1 new transfer S&T and test materials for 2 new S&T’s have been sent out.
- Linda Sue states that she has not been getting the Starter evaluations prior to them being tested. This will be corrected.

**Technical Planning:**

- Chris presented his report in written form and it is attached.

**Webmaster:**           **No report**

**Awards:**               **No report**

**Swim-a-thon:**       **No report**

**Open Water/Distance Camps:**

- Chuck is working on gathering information on interest in MSI participating in the Postal Distance Meet again. To that end he proposed the following:

**Motion:** To have MSI support re-instating our participation in the Postal Distance Meet **(PASSED)**

**NTV, Records, Top 16 and MD Top 5:**

- Liz reports there is nothing in the “holding tank”

- There were several area records set at the Speedo Champs that were missed and she has corrected them.
- Ten new short course yard records have been set

**Zone Team Coach/Manager:**

- Donna says she wants to change the jackets for the Championship meet. She wants to get them ahead of time and give them out at the meet. She would then like to see the summer zone swimmers get a bag, 2 tee shirts and caps. She will work on a proposal.

**Safety:**

- Kim presented a written report including USA swimnings safety statistics for the third quarter.
- Kim also informed the Board that a new course for coaches training is being added. She will have the information posted on the web site.

**Adaptive:**

- Linda Sue reports Jessica Long broke 7 more world records
- She would like to see the Adaptive records being kept just like our other records. She will put together a proposal/format for the Jan meeting.

**Senior Coaches rep:**            **No report**

**Junior Coaches rep:**

- Rachael reports she sent an email out to the coaches to try and get a feel for some of their issues. Some of these issues/suggestions are as follows:
  1. Having meet directors post reports 2-3 days before a meet to include the warm-up schedule, session reports and psych sheets.
  2. Require Meet Directors to email each team their results instead of disks
  3. All entries to MSI meets to be done via e-mail?

**Athlete Reps:**            **No report**

**Equipment:**

- Larry provided several items to the board. They are attached to the minutes. They include: a current inventory list and value, a list of new equipment and

repair costs as of 11/30/05 and an equipment use listing with fees payable thru the Dec B Buster meet.

**Hall of Fame:**                      **No report**

**Outreach:**

- Brendan reports the DC Meet was not what he expected.
- The Black Heritage Meet is coming up May 22, 2006 in Charlotte and he expects this to be an excellent meet again. Brendan stated that any club who wishes to send any swimmers to this meet, he will be their coach rep. Brendan will be taking a MD Team of approximately 40 swimmers.

**Old Business:**                      None

**New Business:**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.