

**MARYLAND SWIMMING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 9, 2004 - REVISED**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Directors Present: Sheryl Lepisto, Tom Himes, David Collier, Don Smith, Brendan McElroy, Debbie Sakell, Liz Brabson, Pete LaGow, Kim Easterday, Linda Sue Lottes, Chuck Jacobs and Pat Kaplan.

Others Present: Grace Ratliff (RAID)

Adoption of Minutes of October and November meetings: Approved

Chairman's Report:

- **Maverick Swim Club:** USA Swimming has determined that since Maverick Swim Club is practicing in a pool used by 2 other teams, that these teams are considered intervening for purposes of a club wanting to switch LSC's. As a result, unless Maverick wants to appeal the decision, we will not consider the matter any further.
- **Coaches Clinic:** The concept of doing a coach's clinic in early September has been brought up. There was no discussion of this issue at this time. It is tabled until the Jan meeting.
- **Vacant Positions:** The Chairman submitted a slate of individuals to serve as "acting Board members" in vacant positions until the June House of Delegates meeting.

Motion: *To approve the Chairman's selection of acting Board members, as follows:*
Debbie Sakell – Secretary
John Burke – Age-Group Chairman
Jeff Taegal – Senior Coaches' Representative (PASSED)

Admin Vice-Chair Report:

- In the process of preparing fine letters for overqualified swimmers, it was noticed that there was a specific penalty listed in Section 2.2.5 of the Rules & Regulations that conflicts with Article 9.

Motion: To eliminate "The fine must be paid before the swimmers' club can enter another meet in MSI" from Section 2.2.5 since the requirements are already covered in Article 9 **(PASSED)**

- Procedures for assessing fines to out-of-LSC clubs is being discussed with the National Board of Review.

Senior Chair: No report

Age Group Chair: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: No report

Technical Planning:

- Recent problem with overqualified swims at NAAC from several teams. The MSI clubs are being fined and more frequent review of times will be done.
- No update on Championship meet.

Registration:

- Report attached.

Coaches' Rep: No report

Athlete's Rep:

- The athlete rep submitted the following proposal to restructure the nomination and election process of athlete representatives to the MSI Board. The current process is inefficient and does not attract candidates for the position.

Athlete Voting Proposal: To restructure the nomination and election process of athlete representatives to the MSI Board. The current process is inefficient and does not attract candidates for the position. A secondary goal is to increase the profile of the athlete representative positions and raise awareness of the importance of athlete input to the Board.

Motion: For 2005, use the following process to elect the Athlete Representatives:

1. The election will consist of a nomination period and voting period.
2. The self nomination period will be open to all qualified athletes in the MSI LSC and will occur from December 1 - January 31. Coach recommendation may be requested.
3. The positions and candidates will be advertised on the MSI website and at meets where eligible athletes will be participating.
4. Voting will take place at both spring MSI championship meets for athletes over 13.

If the process is successful, a motion will be submitted to the HOD to revise the Bylaws to reflect the new procedures. **(PASSED)**

Officials Chair:

- 2004 – 2005 Minimum Standards are posted on the website, no change from previous requirements.
- Working on revisions to Scratch Procedures to clarify some sections.
- Considering proposing language to change the rules regarding the number of officials needed in order to hold a meet.

Records:

- 3 new NAG records were set at the Fall Festival meet and several meet records.
- New certificates are now being used.

Top 16 / MSI 5 Tabulator:

- Times from YMCA meets will only be considered for Top 15/MSI Top 5 if the meet was observed under USA Swimming rules and the appropriate confirmation is provided with the results.

Safety:

- 3 occurrences this year; 2 at the Fall Festival and 1 at the CBAC meet.
- Safety Committee members are:
- The Colorado Chapter will now process all coach certifications.

Open Water/Distance/Camps:

- Progress is being made on an Open Water championship in June.
- Looking into running an Open Water championship event with the Speedo Championship meet this summer.
- Details regarding an Open Water Technique Camp would cost approximately \$2,500 and would get us 2-3 people, goodie bags and an autograph session with an Olympian. A proposal will be submitted requesting the LSC to pay for half the charges with the balance being passed on to participants.

Adaptive:

- Jessica Long broke some new records.
- Proposal to keep MSI adaptive state records was tabled until January.

Equipment:

- Dunbar High School would like to purchase some of our older equipment. The topic was tabled until the Treasurer and General Chair were available for discussion on donating the equipment.

Outreach:

- A “save the date” notice will be set out with the next 2 weeks for the Unity meet.
- He is currently working on arranging for hotel blocks for the meet.
- The meet will consist of 50, 100 events as well as 200 Free and 200 IM.

Swim-a-thon: No report

Zone Coach/Manager: No report

Awards: No report

Webmaster: No report

Hall-of-Fame: No report

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chuck Jacobs has requested changing the Jr. Championship format to a trials/finals format. 12 coaches have agreed with 3 others requesting additional changes. The topic was tabled until the January meeting.