

# Maryland Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

**February 8, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Raymond at 7:03 PM

**Directors Present:** Tim Pierce, Fred Manning, Linda Sue Lottes, Jennifer Frediani, Peggy McKissick, Oliver Bennett, Tom Slear, Bill Kirkner, Don Smith, Patrick Underwood, Raymond Brown and Lori James **Others Present:** Ryan MacDonald, Matthew McDonough, Kristin L. Lewis Christian

**Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The November 3, 2010 and December 7, 2010 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**General Chair:** Raymond thanked Linda Sue Lottes for assuming the Officials Chair position. Raymond also announced that Tom Yetter has relocated to Florida and as a result has resigned his position as Administrative Vice Chair. Tim Pierce will be the Interim Administrative Vice Chair.

**Administrative Vice Chairman:** No Report

**Senior Vice Chairman:** No Report

**Age Group Vice Chairman:** No Report

**Treasurer:** A report was sent electronically and a copy is on file.

**Secretary:** No Report

## **Awards:**

Jennifer submitted a written report and a copy is on file. Jennifer requested that Coaches send information about the Maryland State Championship meet apparel and preorders to their teams. She also requested that Oliver send this information to the Athlete Team Reps. Jennifer asked for input on the Maryland State Championship jacket and it was decided that Jennifer, Jeff Scrivener and Oliver would make a decision on the jacket.

## **State Meet Director:**

Peggy is currently receiving entries for the State Meet.

All Maryland State Championship Meet qualifying times achieved at any USA Sanctioned, approved or observed, meet the weekend of February 19-20, 2011 should be submitted to Peggy on the following Monday (February 21, 2011) by Noon. The Championship meet notice will be updated to reflect this wording. Peggy will email a copy of the changes to the meet notice to be kept on file.

**Senior Athlete Rep:**

Oliver reported on the Athlete Team Rep meeting held at Loyola Blakefield in January. The Athlete reps discussed last year's Maryland State Championship meet. They also discussed the possibility of changing the location of the meet to a facility that could have two pools running simultaneously. The Athlete reps discussed possible changes to the meet to add excitement, such as parading the final heat into the starting block area. There was also discussion regarding the Open events and changes that could be made in an effort to reserve the finals sessions for age group swimmers. Ideas such as not allowing NCAA athletes to swim in Finals or having Post Graduates swim timed finals were discussed.

The Athlete Reps liked the idea of having a Maryland Swimming Long Course Championship meet.

Oliver will submit a copy of the Athlete Rep meeting minutes to be kept on file.

**Senior Coaches Rep:** No Report

**Registration/Club Development:** No Report

**Records/National Times Coordinator:**

National Age Group record broken at Christmas meet by Elizabeth Pelton in the 200 Back.

MSI website will be updated with Top Times report.

There are many High School observed meets coming up.

**Technical Planning Chair:**

Patrick requested a report of the top 50 Long Course times (by Age Group/Gender) to establish qualifying times for the Long Course Championship meet.

**Safety:**

Bill Kirkner recently held two STSC classes. Bill requested that if anyone needs a Coach certification course prior to the MSI Championship meet to contact him ASAP. Bill agreed to be the MSI Safety Chair.

**Officials Chair:**

Linda Sue reported that Background checks for Officials have been difficult. There have been many cases where birthdates were incorrect. The deadline for completion of background checks

is February 15, 2011. Two new Referees and one Stroke and Turn official recently passed their tests. Linda Sue would like to form an “Officials” committee.

**Open Water:** No report

**Equipment:**

Don reported that this is the busy season for equipment usage with several sanctioned and observed high school meets. Don also submitted a written report and a copy is on file.

**Disability:** No report

**Diversity:** No report

**Hall of Fame:** No report

**Board of Review:** No report

**Webmaster:** No report

**Old Business:**

Temporary Parking passes for Thursday evening and permanent weekend passes (as of Friday at noon) will be distributed for the State meet. There will be no Friday morning parking passes. Peggy will notify everyone.

**New Business:**

**Maryland Swimming Long Course Championship Meet –**

Patrick’s plan is to make the LC Championship meet competitive but only have Maryland LSC teams participate.

Patrick discussed with the Board whether or not to allow short course times. Patrick is going to put an email out to the Coaches to get their feedback.

**General Information –**

The February Columbia meet is full. There was a discussion about the possibility of ASC running a meet the same weekend as the Columbia meet and using the same format. This meet would accommodate the teams that were closed out of the Columbia meet.

**Motion** - The Technical Planning Chair will make the decision whether ASC will be allowed to run the same format meet on the same weekend (2/19-2/20) as the Columbia meet. The Technical Planning Chair will ensure that ASC has everything in place to run the meet the same weekend to accommodate teams that were closed out of the Columbia meet this year. (*Passed*)

The Background check for an official is \$39. There was a discussion about reimbursement to Officials for Background Checks.

**Motion** - Maryland Swimming Inc. will reimburse the fee for the first background check following certification of the Official. (*Passed*)

Officials, Coaches, Meet Directors and Safety Director listed in the meet notice must have completed the Background check.

The Audit procedure status is ongoing.

Executive Board Meeting will be scheduled in March.

Next General Board meeting will be April 5.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori James