

Maryland Swimming Board of Directors Executive Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2010
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Executive Committee and Board Members Present: Elena Donald, Pat Kaplan, Tom Slear, Raymond Brown, Tim Pierce, Tom Yetter, Lori James, Bill Kirkner, Jennifer Frediani, Peggy McKissick and Chris Kaplan

Meeting was called to order by Raymond Brown at 7:30 PM.

General Business:

Elena Donald reported on the Athlete Team Rep meeting held in January. The minutes from the meeting will be posted on the Maryland Swimming website.

There was a discussion about Jackets being offered at the Maryland State Championship Meet. The First place Event winner will be awarded a Jacket. (one jacket will be awarded per swimmer and only for per First place.. so if a swimmer wins more than one event they only receive one jacket) The Second and Third place finishers of an Event will be able to purchase the MD State Championship jacket.

Metro is the Vendor at the Championship meet.

There has been a request for a Fee Waiver from a team because their meet is on the same weekend as another meet. Tabled pending further information. Denied because it was determined there was no financial impact.

CBAC had to change the date of their April meet because of facility issues. The CBAC meet is April 17-18 and the Eagles meet is April 16-18. Motion to uphold the decision made by the previous General Chair and Technical Chair to allow this date change. **Motion approved.**

Far Eastern Meet – There was discussion on the dates the meet would be held because CBAC cannot hold the meet on August 4. The following options were discussed: meet starts on July 28, meet starts on August 11 or no Far Easterns meet is held. There was a discussion that the August 11 date would be in conflict with Zones. The discussion was tabled and will be discussed further once the dates are discussed with CBAC.

There will be an Executive Board meeting in March instead of a Full Board Meeting. The date will be announced.

Maryland Swimming Website – Chris Kaplan (Webmaster) will be attending Executive Board Meetings going forward. There was discussion on who should communicate changes to a Meet Notice to Chris. The Meet Director should communicate any Housekeeping items to Chris. The Technical Planning Chair should communicate a change in Events, Time Standards, Date or Nature of Competition.

Chris discussed the need to get more athletes involved with the website to help determine what will catch swimmers' attention. Please forward videos and pictures of interest for the website to Chris. Pictures submitted for the website have to be 400x225 DPI. Also email Chris with Trivia ideas and continue to advertise the websites to teams.

Swimposium – Bill Kirkner reported that ASCA Level 2 and 3 classes will be held at the May Swimposium. The Club Business Management Leadership Seminar will also be held as well as Safety Training for Swim Coaches. A Meet Director Seminar will be held as well. Raymond will be the point person for the seminar and will include Annette Stang. Information on the Swimposium will be in the Coaches packet at the Championship Meet.

LEAP 2 – Pat reported that currently Background Screenings are not required for Officials but will probably be required in the LEAP program in the near future.

We will need a Quadrennial Budget going forward.

Pat is holding a Club Business Management Leadership Seminar on March 20. This will probably become mandatory for Bronze, Silver and Gold Club Excellence. All clubs should attend a Seminar even if they are Grandfathered.

Camps and Clinics – must have held a sanctioned USA Swimming Camp within the last 3 years.

Zone Coaches – list Zone All Star Team Coaches that coached for the first time in last season's Zones.

Crisis Plan Communication – Raymond and Pat will work on this plan.

Plan to have LEAP 2 completed by the June HOD meeting.

New Business:

Planning on having an outside Audit completed.

Murray Stephens will be inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame.
Maryland Swimming Hall of Fame – Tommy Hannah and Whitney Phelps will be inducted into the Hall of Fame this Spring. The date is TBD.

The MD Swimming Hall of Fame will be held every other Spring.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori James