

**MARYLAND SWIMMING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 4, 2007**

The Meeting was called to order by John F. at 7:01 PM

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Jamie Cahn, Pat Kaplan, Chris Kaplan, Don Smith, Robert Davis, Brendan McElroy, Vinnee Porter, Gerry Lindner, Lori James, Sheryl Lepisto, Chad Cradock, Larry Harkleroad, Donna Considine, Ellen Frketic, and Scott Ward. Visitors present: Joey Sementelli (RAC)

Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting: The December 7, 2006 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Chairman's Report:

- John F. reported that the Special Olympics is seeking ways to get its athletes into LSC meets. We may provide some help through coaching clinics.
- John F. also described the proposed Potomac Valley reciprocal agreement for pool use. The agreement would allow an LSC team from Maryland, Virginia, and Potomac Valley to host a meet in pools managed by teams in the other two LSCs. The only cost would be a \$100 fee to the pool owner. All meet fees would go to the "hosting" LSC and club rather than the "owning" LSC and club. The expectation would be that a significant majority of the participants would be from the hosting LSC, with the rest from the pool owning LSC.

***Motion:* To approve the Potomac Valley Swimming proposal the Maryland Swimming LSC, the Virginia Swimming LSC and the Potomac Valley Swimming LSC each allow teams from outside the LSC to host meets at facilities within the jurisdiction of the LSC for a fee not to exceed \$100 per meet and requiring that participation from the hosting LSC should be between 60% and 90% of the swimmers participating in the meet. (PASSED).**

Administrative Vice Chair:

- Sheryl L. reported that there will be some changes suggested for the by-laws to better describe the election of the athlete representatives.

Treasurer:

- Jamie C. provided a report on our financial condition. He reported that income should exceed expenses by about \$60,000 for the year and that our cash balance was approximately \$474,000 as of October 1, 2006.

Age Group Chair: No Report.

Senior Chair:

Chad C. reported the Athlete Rep meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2007. One purpose of that meeting is to elect a Junior Athlete Rep. The Athlete Reps will meet again in May 2007. That meeting will be attended by all current and newly elected Athlete Reps.

Athlete Reps: No Report.

Coach Reps: No Report.

Secretary: No Report.

- Robert D. circulated the BOD Contact list for final review by the members. The list will be placed on the web site.

Registration/Club Development:

- Pat K reported that registrations for 2006 were about 270 less than registrations for 2005.
- Pat K. also reported that the Grant Program evaluations are almost completed. The evaluation committee is scheduled to meet again on January 11, 2007.
- Pat K. reported that all coaches must have completed background checks by the February 23, 2007 meet.

Technical Planning:

- Chris K. reported that the contract for the Maryland State Swimming Championship contract for Lejeune is more than 95% complete.
- The proposals from 2 vendors for the State Meet were circulated and discussed. There were some unanswered questions and no decision was reached. Chris K. agreed to conduct a conference call on January 8, 2007 to select the vendor for the State Meet. Donna C. agreed to obtain some additional information from the vendors and distribute it to the Board members prior to the conference call.

Officials:

- Don S. reported that 4 new Stroke & Turn officials and 1 new Starter were certified in the training pipeline and one new Starter has been qualified.

- Don S. also reported that he hopes to have a draft proposal for requirements to be applied to observations at High School meets available for the February 2007 board meeting.

Awards: **No Report.**

Swim-a-thon: **No Report.**

Open Water/Distance Camps: **No Report.**

NTV, Records, Top 16 and MD Top 5: **No Report.**

Safety: **No Report.**

Adaptive: **No Report.**

Equipment:

- Larry reported that the new containers for the timing equipment are now available and that he is working on written guidelines for equipment use by summer swim teams and leagues.

Outreach: **No Report.**

Zone Team Coach/Manager: **No Report.**

Hall of Fame: **No Report.**

Webmaster: **No Report.**

Old Business: **None.**

New Business:

- Pat K. suggested that it should be suggested that each team update the coaches contact information on its web site because much of the information is incorrect, thereby making it difficult to contact individual coaches directly.
- Scott W. reported that the Eagle Swim Team is preliminarily considering whether to host an IMX meet or bring back the 1650 meet. He will report further as the plans progress.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.