

MARYLAND SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 5, 2006 – Approved

The Meeting was called to order by Ms. Lepisto at: 7:01 PM

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Sheryl Lepisto, Don Smith, Pat Kaplan, Brendan McElroy, Donna Considine, Larry Harkleroad, Dee Gass, Kim Easterday, Lori James, Vinnee Porter, Liz Brabson, Chuck Jacobs, Ellen Frketic, Danny Gray, and Jeff Scrivener. Visitors present: Rick Vogel (President NAAC), Robert Davis (Vice President NAAC).

Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting: The May 2006 minutes were circulated among the Directors and approved as submitted.

Chairman's Report:

- HOD meeting scheduled for October 28, 2006 to develop and approve a Mission Statement.
- The parent education video is available and all teams should be encouraged to obtain copies and make presentation to parents.
- Some questions were raised about behavior of some coaches at Zone meet. John Ferrari is responding to those questions.
- MSI will not be going to Winter Zones because the agreed upon time standards have been withdrawn.

Administrative Vice Chair: **No report.**

Treasurer:

- The Income & Expense comparison was submitted and discussed.

Age Group Chair: **No report.**

Senior Chair:

- Recommendation has been made to add a junior athlete representative to the Board.
- A meeting with athlete representatives will be scheduled to consider adding a junior athlete representative and having 3 or 4 athlete representative meetings per year. The athlete representatives will also consider having two representatives per team (possibly male & female or senior & junior).

- The revised Meet Procedures/Entry format proposals from the 2006 HOD Meeting were distributed for review and evaluation. The November 2006 Board meeting will include a discussion of them and vote on accepting them. The plan is to have the new procedures become effective January 1, 2007.

Athlete Reps:

- Athletes are seeking more involvement with Board. Each team should have representatives with a right to vote.

Coach Reps:

No Report.

Secretary:

No Report.

Technical Planning:

- The revised Meet Procedures/Entry format proposals from the 2006 HOD Meeting were distributed for review and evaluation. The November 2006 Board meeting will include a discussion of them and vote on accepting them. The plan is to have the new procedures become effective January 1, 2007.
- The procedure for background checks for coaches was discussed. The background checks will be completed every two years and will be listed on coach's cards. Background checks will be completed by a contractor retained by US Swimming and will likely cost about \$20 per coach.

Motion: To approve NAAC's request to conduct the A-Buster Meet on June 2-3, 2007 as a three session, long course meet.
(PASSED)

Registration/Club Development:

- Registration
 - Problems have arisen with the new registration cards. The problems relate to printing issues and readability of information as a result of new color choices.
 - Calvert County Y, MAS, and Cumberland Y have registered clubs.
 - Dundalk has become inactive. The Board will send thank you note to coach.
 - On-line meet registration will be evaluated during this year and should be available in time for State Meet in 2008.
- Grant Program
 - The revised program was discussed. Expectation is that the changes will be fully implemented in this year.

Officials:

- 85 people attended the September 24, 2006 Officials Clinic.
- 20 new stroke and turn judges, 6 new starters and 2 new referees began training after the Clinic.
- A question was raised concerning using high school meets as an “observed meet” for officials. The Officials Chair will develop proposed procedures for the Board to consider.

Awards: No Report.

Swim-a-thon: No Report.

Open Water/Distance Camps:

- The Maryland Open Water Championships and Retreat Weekend will be held September 21-23, 2007 at the Navy Recreation Center in Solomons. Flyers will be circulated.
- The Sun Fest Swim in Ocean City was cancelled due to a lack of available safety officials.

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

Safety:

- A report on the 2006 Convention was presented.
- The updated Safety Training for Swim Coaches Course should be completed by the end of the year.
- The Age Group Workshop stressed the importance of teaching technique to developing a solid Age Group program. Parent education also plays a significant role in developing and retaining swimmers. The recommendation is that all parents view the Successful Sports Parenting Video made available by US Swimming.
- The safety course will not be conducted again until May 2007. The CPR and First-Aid requirements can be met with classes taught by other entities.

Adaptive: No Report.

Equipment:

- Usage and inventory reports were submitted and discussed.

Outreach:

- The Black Heritage Meet involved more than 80 swimmers from MSI. The Maryland team dominated the meet and took first place with a number of outstanding individual swims. A Maryland team will return to the meet next year and notices will go soon.
- The 2006 Unity Meet was well attended and had swimmers from 9 out of state teams.

Zone Team Coach/Manager: No Report.

Hall of Fame:

- Next Hall of Fame event will be in April 2007. “Save the Date” notices will be sent in September.

Webmaster: No Report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Robert Davis, Vice President of the NAAC Board of Directors, was nominated for the position of Secretary of the Maryland Swimming Board of Directors. The vote to approve his nomination was unanimous.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.