

**MARYLAND SWIMMING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 6, 2004**

Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Sheryl Lepisto, Chad Craddock, Michael Brooks, Tom Himes, Chris Pulley, Don Smith, Brendan McElroy, Debbie Sakell, Liz Brabson, Pete LaGow, Kim Easterday, Chuck Jacobs, Gerry Lindner, Donna Considine, Chris Kaplan

Others Present: Grace Ratliff and Jeff Scrivener

Adoption of Minutes of April Meeting: Approved

Chairman's Report:

- The House of Delegates meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 1:00. All materials to be distributed to the delegates will also be posted on the website, including any reports to be presented by officers or committee chairs.

Admin Vice-Chair Report:

- Legislation Committee – The Bylaws Proposal and related documents were previously sent to the Board members for their review and comments. Only one correction was made.

Motion: To submit the Legislative Committee's proposal for revisions/amendments to the Bylaws to the House of Delegates with the Board's recommendation for approval. **(PASSED)**

Senior Chair:

- Discussed proposed changes that will be submitted at the Eastern Zone meeting concerning the SC Zone Championship Meet.

Age Group Chair:

- There have been problems getting the Coaches' best practices scanned for easy distribution to the coaches. Registration has offered to help with the distribution of the materials.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer:

- Financial Report distributed

Technical Planning:

- The coaches meeting on April 18 was not well attended but the proposed 2004 – 2005 schedule was reviewed. May require this as a mandatory meeting for hot

clubs in the future. There are not any major changes to the proposed meet schedule as compared to this year's schedule.

- A motion will be made at the HOD to require clubs hosting meets to spend a certain dollar amount in meet fees as a means to support other meets.
- The coaches are again requesting that MSI not attend the SC Eastern Zones in 2005.
- New Sanction Number Application and Meet Bid Forms have been created and will be available on the website.

Registration:

- There was discussion regarding the effect increasing registration fees will have on seasonal members and the chance of losing that class of members. A recommendation to counter the increasing fees at little cost to MSI was made.

Motion: That Maryland Swimming pays 50 cents of the \$1.00 Seasonal Athlete registration fee increase for 2005/2006. **(PASSED)**

- The First Year welcome packet has been successful with many of the athletes wearing the new Maryland Swimming caps at meets and practice. It was recommended that the program be extended into 2005 and expanded to include summer members to promote year round swimming.

Motion: That MSI continue the First Year Swimmer swim cap welcome packet for 2005. **(PASSED)**

Motion: That MSI send 2 (two) postcards to all 2004 seasonal swimmers that promotes winter swimming in Maryland. **(PASSED)**

- There was discussion on the need for MSI to actively promote the sport of swimming and seek ways to "market" our sport, especially with summer/seasonal swimmers. The postcards (mentioned above) would be a first step in that effort but a more concentrate effort is needed which would require someone who could focus on marketing.

Motion: That we create a Marketing Committee to concentrate on promoting year round swimming in MSI. **(PASSED)**

- There was continuing problems with unregistered swimmers being entered into meets and the turnover of the registration contact at the club level is often the reason. In addition, the change in the registration procedure has resulted in some registration problems. It was recommended that MSI take steps to educate the clubs and impress the importance of the registration process. This educational process should also include additional training materials to aid the clubs.

Motion: That MSI hold an annual Registration clinic, to be held each year after the USA National Convention, that would be mandatory for all clubs to attend. **(PASSED)**

Motion: Each club with over 20 registered swimmers must have a minimum of 2 registrars, who must, by November 1, return the signed certification page from the Registration training manual to the Registration Coordinator. **(PASSED)**

Motion: That clubs not in attendance at the Registration clinic and who have failed to return the signed certification page from the training manual, will be held in violation of MSI Rules, and will be unattached, as a club, until such requirements are met. **(PASSED)**

- In an effort to act in favor of the athletes, the recently passed rules regarding unregistered swimmers in meets was amended with respect to renewal applications and permitting the athlete to compete once the renewal application was filed rather than banning them from the meet.

Motion: That we amend rule 1.3.2 to read:

Section 1.3.2: If an unregistered swimmer, improperly entered into the meet, is a new athlete, the swimmer will not be permitted to compete in the meet. If the unregistered swimmer was previously registered, upon the coach's request, the swimmer's registration can be renewed and the athlete permitted to compete. The registration fee must be paid within 10 days after the meet or the swimmer will be required to compete as unattached until the fee has been paid. **(PASSED)**

- There was also some discussion regarding problems with 3 unspecified MSI clubs and the Registration Coordinator's recommendation that these clubs be required to attend a Club Education Class. If the class was available locally, it was suggested that 3 additional clubs be required to attend. It is likely that MSI will pay for the class attendance fee for the required clubs but the clubs would be responsible for all other expenses. No action was taken pending a meeting with Sue Anderson, Eastern Zone Representative, scheduled for May 8. The number and makeup of the club representatives required to attend would be determined by MSI Board of Directors and/or Board of Review.

Coaches' Rep: no report

Athlete's Rep:

- Athlete's meeting was poorly attended. There were no nominations and no elections were held.

Officials Chair:

- The Officials Committee requested revisions to the Scratch Procedures to clarify positive check-in issues.

Motion: To revise the MSI Scratch Procedures to clarify positive check-in requirements (III), status of alternates (V.A.) and grammatical correction (VI) as submitted. **(PASSED)**

Records:

- Two proposals were submitted to revise the Records section of the MSI Rules. Since there was not sufficient time for the two parties to collaborate on a single proposal, the proposals were tabled. The parties were requested to submit a joint submission to the HOD.
- A Records Applications form was submitted for comments and approved for immediate use by the Board.

Top 16 / MSI 5 Tabulator: No report.

Safety:

- Presented an update on USA accident statistics.
- Considering putting forth a motion at the HOD meeting to delete the word “Open” on the requirement to have open warm-ups for 13 & over sessions. This is due to safety concerns relating to overcrowded lanes.

Open Water/Distance/Camps: No report.

Adaptive:

- MSI swimmer Jessica Long broke American and Pan-American records in the 50 M Back and 50 M Fly at the US Paralympic Trials as well as an American records in 100 Y Breast and 400 Y Free.

Equipment: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Swim-a-thon: No report.

Zone Coach/Manager:

- No report but will provide details on LC zone team plans at the HOD meeting.

Awards: no report

Webmaster: no report

Hall-of-Fame: no report

Old Business: none

New Business: None