

Maryland Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

May 3, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Raymond at 7:07 PM

Directors Present: Oliver Bennett, Pat Kaplan, Jeff Scrivener, Bill Kirkner, Linda Sue Lottes, Tim Pierce, Tom Slear, Raymond Brown, Matt McDonough and Lori James.

Agenda:

1. Old Business
2. Audit Proposal
3. Proposed Rule Changes
4. HOD meeting – Saturday, June 18, 2010, 3 p.m. at Loyola Blakefield
5. Registration/Club Development
6. Board Elections
7. Diversity Camp
8. Athlete Reps
9. August Long Course Championship meet
10. New Business

General Chairman:

Raymond discussed Agenda to be covered.

Proposed Rule Changes:

Due to incident at MSI Short Course Championship Meet in March, Linda Sue recommended rule changes to present to USA Swimming. Linda Sue provided rule changes and a copy is on file. The Board discussed the rule changes and decided to submit them, as written, to USA Swimming. Tom Slear and Matt McDonough opposed sending proposal to USA Swimming as written.

Registration and Club Development:

Pat provided a written report and a copy is on file. When the HOD meeting announcement is emailed it must include the new USA Swimming requirement that each club must have three people in attendance – a coach – a non-coach-non-athlete – and an athlete. This requirement is in our bylaws but we need to change our Policies and Procedures to show that every club now has three votes.

There was a discussion regarding convention and that we must take 8 people including 2 athletes.

Pat reported that she is going to ask for establishment of the following: a Volunteer Recognition program, Coach Competitive Performance Recognition Awards – by category, Monetary Support for Coaches attending Upper Level Regional Meets (Grand Prix & Sectionals), Tenure Recognition Program, A discretionary fund to be available for contributions to swimmers, who request funding to participate in National or World Class meets, where they will represent either the USA or their MSI club. (more details in written report), Change our reimbursement policy to include the verbiage that was deleted in transcription a few years ago – that anyone to be eligible for reimbursement for Nationals, Juniors, etc...must have swum in ? LSC meets the season they are requesting reimbursement forShort Course - ? LSC meets – LC - ? LSC meets. This is in addition to the current requirements. (Article 10 R&R)

Pat also reported three housekeeping items that need to be addressed.

Discussion on how to get more Athlete Rep attendance at Athlete meetings.

Audit Proposal:

Tom Slear reported that the Audit for the last fiscal year (2010) will cost \$7000 which includes a Management letter detailing what they recommend going forward. Tom reported that the company doing the Audit is ready to start and can have the Audit completed by July. The Board approved starting the audit and Tom Slear will contact Jamie Cahn with the details.

Senior Athlete Representative:

Oliver Bennett reported on the recent Athlete Rep meeting in Annapolis during the NAAC meet. The 2010-2011 Athlete Reps were elected and are as follows:

Senior Athlete Rep – Cameron James (LBA)

Junior Athlete Rep – Caitlin McGaw (RAC)

Raymond asked Oliver to write up a timeline for the incoming Athlete Reps for the new season.

There was a discussion on how to increase Athlete Rep attendance at meetings for the upcoming season. One suggestion was to include Athlete Rep information in the MSI Long Course Championship meet program.

Nominations:

Tom Himes will be contacted regarding the nominating committee progress.

Diversity Camp:

Raymond reported that currently one Coach has requested to attend the Diversity Camp. Two athletes will be chosen to attend. The Athlete criteria will use IMX points as a basis. Raymond will look in to the Coach criteria. Raymond asked the Coaches on the Executive Board to make the decision on the Diversity Camp attendees criteria.

August LC Championship Meet:

Operational Meet Director – Tina Flood

Meet Entries – Tom Himes

Safety – Bill Kirkner

Officials - TBD

Pat Underwood and Matt McDonough are looking at Bonus events for the LC Championship meet.

Outreach Procedure:

Bill Kirkner discussed outreach fees and how to collect fees from MSI. There was a discussion about a procedure which included:

- Teams of outreach swimmer pay the host team and then notify MSI.
- Team of outreach swimmer is reimbursed out of 20% paid to MSI.
- Must be an MSI sanctioned meet.

Bill will write a procedure to collect outreach fees.

General Information:

Pat Underwood and Matt McDonough will be in charge of administering Meet fines.

The **All Maryland Team** should be adjusted on the website based on incorrect qualifying times.

Pat Kaplan will email Jennifer about HOD awards.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori James

Senior Vice Chair: No Report

Administrative Vice Chair: No Report

Age Group Vice Chair/Coaches Rep:

Jeff reported that he will be working with the coaches to get input on restructuring the Maryland State Championship meet. The board discussed ways to split the Championship meet into an Open format and an Age Group format.

Technical Planning Chair:

Patrick suggested two possible dates for upcoming Coaches meetings; Thursday, March 3, 2011 (MSCM) @ 8 PM and April 3, 2011.

GBSA, Loyola and Catholic University participated in the Signature Drive to support the Crippen Family.

The wording from USA Swimming regarding water depth of the host pool will be included on every meet notice.

Patrick and Tom Slear drafted and sent a letter to St. Mary's President requesting use of the St. Mary's facility for the LC Championship meet.

Maryland State Championship Meet:

A draft copy of the 2011 MSCM not was distributed for discussion.

NAAC and CAA will be asked to provide the MSCM Safety Director.

Currently accepting bids for the Apparel Vendor.

Individual Awards given at the meet will be the same as last year. One addition will be to give awards to the **1st place** 14 and younger relay teams. Team awards will be given to 1st through 5th place.

1000s: combine 13-14 and Open by gender. Swim fastest to slowest, alternating heats of girls and then boys.

1650s: combine 13-14 and Open by gender. Prelims swim fastest to slowest, alternating heats of girls and then boys. Top 8 girls and boys swim at finals.

General Information:

Raymond reported that he has not received any bids for the “Catch the Spirit” Camps or further information on the Audit process. Raymond is also expecting to receive information from the Diversity Chair on how to take nominations for the Eastern Zone Diversity Camp.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori James