

**MARYLAND SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 5, 2005**

Meeting was called to order at: 7:05 PM

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Sheryl Lepisto, Jamie Cahn, Chad Cradock, Kim Easterday, Pat Kaplan, Debbie Sakell, John Burke, Chris Pulley, Gerry Lindner, Chuck Jacobs, Pete LaGow, Dee Gass, Donna Considine.

Others Present: Dave Gilman (GMAC)

Adoption of Minutes of April Meeting: APPROVED

Chairman's Report:

- John would like to congratulate this years Hall of Fame inductees, Tom Himes and Beth Botsford.
- There will be 3 Club Leadership seminars close to our LSC this fall. There has been some interest and John would like to provide an additional incentive to any club/club members who would like to be able to attend one of these seminars. Therefore he proposed the following:

MOTION: MSI will pay a stipend of \$35 per person to a maximum of \$140 to clubs attending a Club Leadership Seminar. **(PASSED)**

Administrative Vice Chair:

- Sheryl will be pulling all the motions together into one document for the HOD meeting. She asks that we send any and all motions that need to be presented to her ASAP.

Treasurer:

- Jamie provided a recap of our current financial situation. Overall our expenses are in line with past years. Overall, we are in good shape.
- Jamie will work on the budget and get it out to the Board prior to the HOD meeting for our review.

Age Group Chair:

- John B. reports he did attend the Age Group Chair workshop. It was very informative.
- John B. reviewed some of the information/ideas/thoughts that were discussed at the meeting that related to the Eastern Zone.

- The Top Times standards are being reviewed and they may change to reflect single age groups instead of double.
- John B. also reports lots of information was provided by the SWIMS group.

Senior Chair:

- No update on the Coaches Clinic at this time. John asked Chad to at least have a date and details available by the HOD Meeting.

Secretary:

- We are experimenting with taking the minutes directly on a laptop to streamline and speed up the process of getting the minutes out
- There are currently 3 outstanding fines. Two overdue fine letters were sent this month.
- There was one unregistered swimmer from MSI entered into the NAAC LC Meet and one from another LSC.

Registration:

Pat again provided us with a written report. Some of the highlights are as follows:

- There have been lots of upgrades and changes to the SWIMS program.
- Pat reminds all again who are hosting summer meets to check coach's credentials. She also cautions any coaches to be sure their credentials are up to date before attending any of the post season meets this summer as they will NOT be allowed on deck with expired credentials!
- It looks like we will end the year up 100-150 swimmers which will be excellent for the size of our LSC.
- Pat reminds coaches that returning college swimmers may represent your club this summer if they did NOT swim for a club team while at college. They will need a seasonal registration. If any seasonal swimmers want to participate in post season meets (Sectionals and up) they will need a full year round registration.

Equipment:

- Pete had to order another starter charger as another one has broken.
- Pete finished his research on purchasing new radios; we are looking at \$2-4k for replacement. The general feeling is that we need good, durable equipment due to the amount of use/abuse that they take. Pete will get the model numbers of what he would like to use and Chris will check with a couple of other LSC's to what their experience has been.
- We currently have 4 Starters, 13 long pads, 13 short pads, 9 cables at this time in good working condition.

Officials:

- 2 MSI referees are attending a USA swimming officials' clinic for new referees at the end of May.
- Two new S&T officials were certified recently.
- Chris provided a proposal for mandatory officials' clinics. He is proposing that all clubs with 11 or more swimmers must host or co-host an annual Official's Clinic. Clubs with less than 10 swimmers and college teams will not be required to hold a Clinic. Any exemptions must be approved by the Officials Committee. Chris states this is a proposal, and any and all comments/suggestions are welcome. The hope is to shift/share the responsibility for providing Officials onto all Clubs not just those hosting meets. The Board is recommending approval.
- A meet referee (Frank Ching) has been appointed for the Speedo Championship meet in July as well as an additional referee to help with Admin duties.

Technical Planning: No report

Webmaster: No report

Awards:

- The 9-10 year old swimmers at this weekend's Clipper Meet will receive their MSI participation award (Penguin Key chain)

Swim-a-thon: No report

Open Water:

- Chuck relates that all is a go for the Open Dual Water Meet with NC on June 12. He will be contacting teams to get our teams swimmers. He did try to change the date and/or cancel due to the conflict with the NBAC meet but it was felt that it should go on anyway to see how it goes.
- All is looking good for the Open Water Championships on June 19. Chuck has been able to procure the awards for the Champs at a better price.
- Chuck attended the "Build a Pool Clinic" in Colorado. Lots of good information was provided and the information is available from Chuck to anyone who requests it.

Records:

- No new records this month.
- Chris related that he did NOT think that the paperwork for Katie's American Record was submitted by the meet officials. Chris and Debbie will work on see what needs to be done.

Zone Team Manager:

- Donna reports that the dates for summer zones are incorrect as posted on the website. Time standards are now posted on the STAR swimming web site.
- Some discussion took place regarding Zone/All MD Team jackets. Jackets from All Star meet should be available by the HOD meeting in June.
- An e-mail will be going out to coaches to get the remaining forms for those swimmers eligible to receive a jacket. A deadline will be given so that the jackets can be ordered soon.

Top 16/Top 5:

Liz was unable to attend but a written report was presented. Highlights are as follows:

- Lots of stuff going on with the SWIMS database. Biggest change is the change in the Top 16 Relays. There will no longer be 15-16 & 17-18 age groups. There will be a single 15-18 age group.
- All the coaches should have received an e-mail regarding the new Jr. National time standards.
- Most pre and post meet recons have been going very well

Safety:

- Kim has a Safety Training for Coaches Clinic coming up and she will not be giving another until Sept.
- Kim provided the Board with the latest safety statistics from USA swimming.
- Kim presented the information she got back regarding calling an ambulance even if a patient refuses care. She will put the information together in written form to be sent out to coaches, meet directors and officials. Basically, if you are the Safety Director or Meet Director and you feel an ambulance needs to be called, do so. If the patient refuses their care, signs the refusal of care, then we are not liable.

Adaptive:

- Linda Sue reports that Jessica Long broke 2 World Records for the S8 category in the 200M and 1500M freestyle events.
- Doretta Davies (mother of Jim Davies) has been asked to co-chair the Adaptive committee with her response pending.

Senior Coaches rep: No report

Athlete Rep: No report

Hall of Fame: No report

Outreach: No report

Old Business:

- Gerry provided a report on the nominating committees work and the suggested slate of candidates for this years elections.
- They are proposing combining Top 16/Top 5/NTV and Records. There was some concern about the amount of work this entails. However, the intention is to have one of the new At-Large positions be cross trained on the database and the Secretary will continue to handle the Records paperwork.
- Pat Kaplan has been nominated to handle Club Development and Registration but with the positions still remaining separate.
- Several people are interested in coming on Board as At-Large members to get a feel for how things work and to start getting involved slowly. This would increase the number of At-Large members from 3 to 7. However, we are combining several other positions which results in a loss of 2-3 Board positions. The Board approved the recommendation for combining the positions noted and to increase the At-Large positions to 7.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.