

MARYLAND SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 4, 2006-DRAFT

Meeting was called to order at: 7:05 PM

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Sheryl Lepisto, John Burke, Scott Ward, Chris Kaplan, Don Smith, Pat Kaplan, Brendan McElroy, Donna Considine, Larry Harkleroad, Dee Gass, Linda Sue Lottes, Chris Gibeau, Kim Easterday, Lori James, Vinnee Porter, Jason Loiland and Gary Mann.

Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting: The April 2006 minutes were revised and approved.

Chairman's Report:

- Committee reports should be in writing For HOD meetings in June to include accomplishments during the year, current status of committee and upcoming plans.
- Nominating Committee slate is still being put together.
- Tom Himes is no longer with RAC.

Administrative Vice Chair:

- Position descriptions have been completed and are ready for posting on the website.

Treasurer:

- Draft budget was submitted and discussed.
- Draft includes proposed reduction in MSI meet fees from 20% to 15%.

Age Group Chair:

- USA Swimming Conference Call report included discussion on new IMX program, uses for database and how awards are based on improvement, not place.

Senior Chair: **No report**

Athlete Reps:

- Efforts to find Junior rep nominations were discussed to include sending an email to club athlete reps for nominations. Sending slate to clubs for voting, collect and tabulate votes.
- Elections procedures will be formulated for 2007.

Coach Reps :

- Will set criteria for Age-Group Coach of the Year

Secretary: No report

Technical Planning:

- Draft Meet Procedures, Meet Schedule and Meet Notice Template were submitted and discussed. Board members were asked to review the documents and contact Chair with any recommended revisions.
- Meet scheduled stayed the same with a few changes.
 - Championship meet will be held at the Naval Academy in 2007.
 - Jr. Champs will not include 9-10s
 - Change EST spring meet to a long course meet
 - NAAC June meet will be short course due to Naval Academy hosting camps.
- Meet Procedures include the following changes:
 - Updated to include new legislation
 - Change sanction notice from 45 to 60 days
 - Permitted email as option whenever possible

Registration/Club Development:

- Registration
 - Numbers almost the same as last year with summer registration starting shortly.
 - 1 new summer club and 1 club in fall
 - BAC may become active
- Grant Program
 - Hall of Fame requirement not applicable for 2006 but will be held in 2007.

Officials:

- We have 2 new Referees and 2 new S&Ts.
- John Dunnigan from NBAC and Jeff Jorgensen from NAAC are attending a USA Swimming officials meeting this month.
- New guidelines for advancement from N1 to N2 are in place.
- Special Olympics being held June 10-11 at Towson. Sign-up to held through website at SOMD.org.

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:

- Safety training for coaches on Saturday, May 6, with the next scheduled for the fall.
- Open wound policy was discussed. Additional research and development of policy will be prepared.

Adaptive:

- Andrew Barranco, Head Coach for Merritt Athletic, Club Manta Rays and Jessica Long's coach, is going to England and Belgium with the USA Paralympic Team for international meets. Jessica will join him in Belgium.
- Andrew was contacted by Kiko VanSant (Chair of the USA Swimming Adaptive Committee) regarding a swimmer who had moved into the area from Pacific Northwest Swimming (Washington). Ty Dickinson joined the team and made his debut at the EST Sprint into Spring Meet. He is a bilateral above the knee amputee.

Equipment:

- Usage and inventory reports were submitted (see attached).

Outreach:

- Outreach camp held in Colorado Springs April 26-30 with 5 practices and 30 swimmers. Diverse group with participants getting exposure to both in-water training as well as motivational training. Brendon has been selected Asst. Manager of zone select camp.
- Black Heritage Meet will include 83 swimmers from MSI. A pre-meet meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. Meeting will include a practice, team building exercises, cookout and distribution of meet attire. 2 buses have been hired for meet transportation and a video journal of event is being planned.

Zone Team Coach/Manager:

- Jackets for long course season ordered and will be distributed directly to club with receipt confirmation required.
- 2 hotels have been secured for LC zone meet and will be posted on website.
- Long course zone team members will be given 4 teeshirts, a bag and 2 caps.

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:

- Proposals to permit notices and meet reports sent by email was tabled for rewording.

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