

Maryland Swimming Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2004

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Maryland Swimming was called to order at 7:00 PM on Nov 4, 2004 at UMBC by John Ferrari.

Present:

Debbie Sakell, Linda Sue Lottes, Donna Considine, Chris Pulley, Don Smith, Gerry Lindner, David Collier, Steve Fairbaugh, Don Zantop, Kim Easterday, Peter LaGow, Liz Brabson, Jeff Taegel, Karen Cooper-Coleman, Pat Kaplan, Jamie Cahn, John Ferrari, Dee Gass, Brendan McElroy, Chad Craddock, Tom Himes and Chuck Jacobs.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable. They will be made available at the Dec meeting for approval.

C. Open Issues

Board Positions:

There are several Board vacancies that need to be filled. A special HOD meeting will need to be called for approvals. However, per John this can be handled by a mail ballot instead. The following people were submitted to fulfill these positions:

Sr. Coaches Rep:	Jeff Taegel
Age Group:	John Burke
Secretary:	Debbie Sakell

Maverick Swim Club:

PVS is inclined not to allow this team to move although they have not done anything formal on this. PVS noted that USA swimming has a rule that states if there is another club between the club wishing to move and the LSC boundary that they cannot move. Currently there are three other clubs practicing at the same facility as the Maverick team. John to clarify rule with USA Swimming to see if it fits this particular case.

D. New Business

Committee Reports:

Administrative Vice Chairperson: No Report

Treasurer:

New Income and Expense statement was presented to all members and some highlights were reviewed. Of note is the \$20k expense for Olympic Trials. There was some discussion in regards to looking into insurance coverage for BOD. It is now available through USA swimming and was discussed at convention. Issue will be further researched by Jamie. No further discussion at this time.

Age Group Chairman:

Position now being assumed by John Burke.
No additional report at this time.

Senior Chairman: No report

Secretary:

Position now to be assumed by Debbie Sakell pending contact with Donna.
No additional report

Registration:

Coaches are getting better at keeping up with their credentials per Pat. There are currently 79 officials registered. She is still reporting large numbers of errors but most are minor i.e. birth certificate issues and they are decreasing. We have a new team registered in So. MD- GMAC. There are two additional teams about to become registered, one swimming at Merritt and one at Calvert Hall. Three teams paid registration related fines-NAAC, CAA and EST. Pat reports that mandatory USA registration is just around the corner for all those who have contact with athletes thus the registration people are getting registered now. In addition, it appears that background checks will be required for those persons directly involved with the athletes as part of that process.

Officials:

Six clinics have been held up to this point not including the annual clinic. There is one going on tonight and one more being held at ASC at end of Nov. As per Pat there are 79 currently registered officials.

Technical Planning/LSC Champs Meet Director:

Tom received two bids for the open KCO meet in January, one from BAAC and one from the new team GMAC. His recommendation would be to award the bid to BAAC as they are more experienced. There was discussion regarding this and as to whether either team has the appropriate number of officials. Additional discussion was held regarding all teams hosting meets having the appropriate type and number of officials and our enforcing of such. As Bel Air has a designated Referee, a Starter as well as several S&T's certification they meet the criteria for hostin a meet. They will also need to hold an officials clinic. After this discussion, a motion was made by Tom Himes to award the meet to BAAC, seconded by Linda Sue and passed unanimously.

There were two other issues brought up by Tom. One is that the HARY meet this coming weekend is oversubscribed. There is a MSI rule that says swimmers are to be limited to 3 events per day in six lane pools if the meet is oversubscribed. This rule will need to be enforced going forward if a meet is oversubscribed. The second issue is that NAAC posted a meet notice on their web site with a sanction number not issued by Tom; this violates MSI rules and will need to be reviewed with the club.

Webmaster: No report

Awards: No report

Swim-a-thon: No report

Open Water/Distance Camps:

Chuck reminded all that he has camp information available for anyone requesting it. The date for the MD State Open Water Championship is set for June 19, 2005 at the St. Mary's waterfront. Chuck also suggested that he would like to see the LSC run a technique camp with an Olympian. The cost could be anywhere in the \$2,500-5,000 range. John recommended some additional leg work that should be done by Chuck to determine more precisely what he is anticipating doing and then a formal motion can be made at the Dec meeting for funding.

NTV: No report

Records:

Additional certificates are to be ordered as the initial quantity is just about gone. There have been two new state records set this short course season already. Giles Smith of EST in the 11-12 boys 50Fly and NBAC's 11-12 girls set a new record for the 400 free relay.

Top 16/MD Top 5:

Of note: the last couple of meets had no errors. No other report.

Zone Coach/Manager: No report

Safety:

All the safety stuff is up to date and is on the MD website including the facilities checklist and report of occurrence. Some of the safety stats were reported. Some examples: most injuries occur in the 11-12 year old age group and most of these injuries are to the leg or foot. 43% of the injuries occur in the water. 48% are at meets.

Adaptive Swimming:

Linda Sue reported on Jessica Long's performance at the Paralympics and some difficulty she had with all the attention and that she got to meet the President.

Senior Coaches Rep:

Position now being assumed by Jeff Taegel. Some discussion took place regarding money in budget for coaches training and the need for health insurance for coaches. This later will be investigated. Linda Sue submitted a contact name in NJ for further information. Jeff to report on progress at next meeting. No other issues at this time.

Equipment: No Report

Athlete Representative:

Ten teams have submitted names of Athletic Representatives for their clubs. A new nomination/voting process is going to be tried and if it works out it will be presented to the HOD for approval.

Hall of Fame: No report

Outreach:

Unity Meet plans coming along. Brendan expects meet notice to be ready in Dec and meet will be held the last week in July 2005 at UMBC.

Other New Business:

Chuck Jacobs/CBAC would like to run a trials and finals meet in March (Jr. All Star Meet) He is concerned about giving his parents/officials some experience in running this level of meet prior to the Speedo Champs that are scheduled for St. Mary's this summer. Tom Himes states that at the scheduling meeting earlier this year most of the coaches didn't want to see this meet go that way. Tom suggested getting some opinions from his peers. It was also suggested that maybe holding a LC meet in April would help. No further discussion was held at this time. Chuck to report back in Dec.

E. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM by John Ferrari. The next general meeting will be at December on 9, 2004 at UMBC.