

MARYLAND SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Nov 3, 2005

Meeting was called to order at: 7:04 PM

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Jamie Cahn, Kim Easterday, Pat Kaplan, Debbie Sakell, John Burke, Chuck Jacobs, Chad Cradock, Larry Harkleroad, Don Smith, Vinnee Porter, Brendan McElroy, Lori James, John Hogan, Dan Gray, Pete LaGow, Ellen Frketic.

Others Present: Gary Mann, Robbie Davis.

Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting(s): The May 2005 minutes and the October 2005 minutes were approved

Chairman's Report:

- John reports that he researched the last 12-13 years of meeting minutes for any action regarding dual meets. He found no reference to any motions being made concerning referee requirements. There is a general feeling that dual meets do not get run properly. There is a task force that will be working on putting together some guidelines for structuring and scheduling of dual meets.
- John presented the board with a package of board position job descriptions from Sheryl. He has asked all members to review their individual descriptions and submit any additions/revisions to him. What he presented is USA swimming's definition of the individual positions found in the rules or By-Laws. He asked that all committee chairs complete these and return to Sheryl.

Administrative Vice Chair: **No report**

Treasurer:

- Jamie presented our current financial status for review and discussion. He noted that we are only in the first month of our new FY.
- He is still working on the inventory of our assets but with Larry's help it is going well.
- Jamie reiterated that we need to start thinking about how to best utilize our funds.

Age Group Chair:

- John is still in the process of trying to nail down a date for Dave Salo to come to the LSC. He is continuing to pursue.
- The ASCA conference is local to our LSC this year, in Washington, D.C. John would like to see MSI fund the registration fee for any and all coaches in the LSC

who wish to attend. He will prepare a motion to be voted on by the Feb BOD meeting.

- John is working with Melissa Hicks of the Special Olympics on ways to get some of their kids into our meets.

Senior Chair: No report

Secretary: No report

Registration and Club Development:

Pat presented written reports for both Registration and Club Development (see attached) some highlights are as follows:

- 3 clubs have not registered the club, coaches or any swimmers (MDY, HCY & CGA)
- Pat mailed out caps and welcome letters to 300 new swimmers with 300 more pending the arrival of additional caps
- Pat will be sending every team a roster of their 2006 registered swimmers; this should help find any missing swimmers, new swimmers, etc.
- The new Championship Qualifying time Bag tags are in and they will be sent to all the clubs for all 9 and over swimmers
- The first newsletter has been sent to the athlete team reps for distribution to their team members. This newsletter reviews the new IMAX program for 10-17 year olds
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Pat and her club development committee have worked on a club recognition/grant program proposal for a the boards review. The intent is to recognize those clubs who go above and beyond to provide the best services for their club. She presented the proposal to the board both verbally and in writing. Some of the highlights were reviewed. The board was instructed to review the proposal in detail and forward any comments to Pat. The final proposal will be presented and voted on at the Dec BOD meeting. If necessary, a revised proposal will be sent to the BOD prior to the Dec meeting for review. Pat and her committee were commended on the fine work that has gone into this proposal.

Officials:

- 1 referee has been re-certified, 6 new apprentice referee kits have been sent out
- There were 3 clinics held in the span of 4 days in October
- Don reports Chris attended a meeting in Omaha regarding USA Swimming rules and interpretations and we are waiting on his report from that meeting.

Technical Planning:

Chris was unable to attend but sent in the following report:

- The MSC date conflict/pool issue has been resolved. The meet is to be held on its originally scheduled date and they are working on securing a pool.
- Chris reports he is making progress on setting up the dual meet task force and will have a report for the board at the Dec meeting
- Chris' feeling regarding the issue of the Raiders team being sanctioned for the last minute cancellation of Sunfest should be dropped. He feels there were some unusual circumstances and the coach had no choice. However, he recommends that MSI closely monitor the preparations for the 2006 meet and strongly suggests that the club take Chuck Jacobs offer of help to heart. This would also allow a mechanism for better communication with the board on the timeline and how preparations are being handled. This will be discussed at the December meeting.

Webmaster: No report

Awards:

Dee was unable to attend but sent the following report:

- She is in the process of selecting another type of bag tag or key chain for our mini swimmers at the February and March meets.
- Dee has ordered new quad A bag tags as soon as they arrive she will get them distributed

Swim-a-thon: No report

Open Water/Distance Camps:

- Chuck reports that Open water events have been added to the 2008 Olympic program, this was good news.
- He will get notice of any MD Open water camps/events as well as other camps onto the MSI website
- Chuck relates that he is working with Damon and the Raiders on a timeline for the Sunfest preparations and expects to have a presentation for the board at either the Jan or Feb meeting. The team and meet must be committed to by June 2006 (prior to the 2006 HOD meeting)

NTV, Records, Top 16 and MD Top 5:

Liz was unable to attend but sent the following report:

- The Top 5/16 holding tank is clean and all the meets (except the NBAC/Curl-Burke Dual) have be uploaded. She will post the MD Top 5 as soon as she has the results of that meet uploaded.
- The 2004-2005 Top 16 lists are final as of 11/1 and will be on the USA website shortly

- Debbie and Liz found several long course records that were missed from the summer. Those corrections have been made and awards will be sent out.

Zone Team Coach/Manager: **No report**

Safety:

- Kim reports receiving 3 occurrence reports one from a practice and 2 from meet warm-ups

Adaptive:

Linda Sue was unable to attend but sent the following report:

- Linda Sue and Chuck are discussing a possible paralympic meet to be held at St. Mary's. Chuck is contacting Julie O'Neill of Paralympic Swimming.
- Doretta Davies has agreed to be the Adaptive Co-chair.

Senior Coaches rep: **No report**

Junior Coaches rep: **No report**

Athlete Reps:

- John and Dan report they are gathering a list of all the team representatives. They will be getting an e-mail about what they should be doing. They also sent the team reps a newsletter to be given out to their teammates.

Equipment:

- Larry provided Jamie an initial inventory list and they will be working together to assess the value
- A new strobe has been ordered for the Daktronics start system. It was agreed that since MSI holds several meets at facilities with this type of start system that it was in our best interest to provide back-up parts
- The issue of what to do with some of our old equipment and starters was discussed and it was decided to hold onto this equipment for the time being.
- We still have some pads out for repair and others to go when those return.

Hall of Fame: **No report**

Outreach:

- Brendan informed the board that the DC Dept of Parks and Rec is holding a meet in Nov with no time standards. Should be a fun meet and Brendan is taking a

number of his athletes. He was requested to send Marta the Dept's website information so that she may post a link on our website.

Old Business: None

New Business:

John reports that Navy has approached him about the viability/legality of securing a sponsor for the Spring Speedo Championship meet being held at NAAC. A brief discussion followed regarding any team wanting to secure a sponsor for any meet.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.