

## **Maryland Swimming Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 3, 2009**

Meeting was called to order by Raymond at 7:04 PM

**Directors Present:** Raymond Brown, Tom Yetter, Pat Kaplan, Tim Pierce, Fred Manning, Bill Kirkner, Ellen Doxtater, Rahim Booth, Ken DeGruchy, Chris Rice, Don Smith, Peter Lagow, Bruce Mooney, Annette Stang, Peggy McKissick, Lori James

Others Present: Karen Cooper-Coleman, Russell Williams, Steve Roth

**Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – The June 4, 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved.

### **General Chair:**

Raymond asked the Board members to read and sign the Maryland Swimming Conflict of Interest form. Raymond introduced himself and spoke about his role as General Chair. He then asked all attendees to introduce themselves and state their position.

### **Administrative Vice Chairman:**

Tom Yetter reported on his work with Pat Kaplan on the completion of the LEAP program. Tom reviewed the Maryland Swimming Rules and Regulations and Meet Procedures to eliminate any duplicity in these two documents.

### **Senior Vice Chairman: No Report**

### **Age Group Vice Chair: No Report**

**Treasurer:** Jamie submitted a report which is attached.

### **Secretary: No Report**

### **Senior Athlete Rep:**

Elena Donald was not in attendance due to illness. Raymond reported for Elena that she is working on an email list for all Team Athlete Reps. She is also planning to schedule an Athlete Rep meeting in January.

### **Senior Coaches Rep: No Report**

### **Registration:**

Pat submitted a written report and a copy is attached.

**Club Development:**

Pat submitted a written report and a copy is attached.

**Technical Planning:**

Ken reported that effective January 1, 2010 all Meet notices must state that the host pool is certified and the certification must be on file with USA Swimming. This certification verifies the length of the pool. The depth of the start end and opposite (turning) end of the pool must be stated on the meet notice as well. Ken will be contacting teams regarding 2010 meet notices and advising them of the necessary changes. The teams will need to verify the information, make the change on the meet notice and resubmit the meet notice to Ken.

Also discussed was the need to have a Surveyor measure a pool if there is a removable bulkhead if a record is broken.

**Records/National Times Coordinator:**

Fred Manning spent time with Liz Brabson in September going over his responsibilities as the Records Coordinator. Teams should email Fred if they attend a meet out of the LSC.

**Safety:**

Annette reminded all Coaches to certify young swimmers on their starts and hold on to the certifications. Peter LaGow discussed that when changing the structure of the Swimmer's dive you must go back into deep water for this training.

**Officials Chair:**

Peter discussed the swim suit rules. Reactive measures are taken when a swimmer is wearing a second suit. The swimmer is preliminarily disqualified and the Official then speaks to the Swimmer to find out why the second suit is being worn. If the reason for the second suit does not fall within the USA Swimming guidelines of exceptions then the DQ stands. Preventive measures are in effect for Non-approved suits.

Two MSI Referees, Sonja Behr (TCY) and Doug Colley (NAAC), were sent to the Annual Officials Clinic.

There have been four Officials clinics since September with 110 people in attendance.

**Open Water:** No Report

**Equipment Chair:**

Don submitted a written report and a copy is attached.

Don also reports that Equipment usage will start to increase. Equipment is currently in good shape. The Network version of Meet Manager has been purchased.

**Disability Chair:** No Report

**Awards:**

Chris Rice reported that 8 & Under participant awards were sent to the October CAA mini meet. Participant awards will also be sent to the 8 & Under Mini Meets in January, February and March. Chris will start working on Awards for the MD Swimming Championship meet.

**Hall of Fame:** No Report

**Diversity:**

Rahim asked that the Board continue to support the Discovery Meets.

**Old Business:****New Business:**

Rahim spoke about the Catch the Spirit Camp and will prepare a proposal.

There was discussion and clarification about the LSC's goals in regard to the "Make a Splash" Program and Competitive Swimming.

**Diversity Summit –**

Bill Kirkner will be representing MD Swimming at the Diversity Summit in Colorado Springs.

Bill reported that Enterprise and American Pools held a fundraiser and raised \$8000 which will enable "Make a Splash" to be held in Park Heights and Carroll County.

Bill discussed the need to offer "Pattern A" and "Pattern B" swim meets that will allow religiously observant swimmers to compete in meets. The "Pattern" swim meets will have alternating Saturday and Sundays to allow religiously observant swimmers more flexibility to attend meets. Bill also suggested that Dual or Tri meets be facilitated for new teams.

## **Swimposium –**

Bill Kirkner will be on committee to plan the Swimposium. Linda Sue Lottes will look into Swimposium from an Officials perspective.

MSI will be eligible for funding for the Swimposium after September 1, 2010.

Tentative date to hold the Swimposium is September 25 or 26, 2010.

There will be further discussion on the Swimposium.

Peter asked that Dual Meet notices be posted on the website.

Tom Y. discussed that a committee of Coaches will look at the meet schedule and come up with ideas on how to add additional meets to the schedule. Please email Ken DeGruchy at [meets@mdswim.org](mailto:meets@mdswim.org) with any comments on this topic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori James