

**MARYLAND SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Oct 6, 2005**

Meeting was called to order at: 7:04 PM

Directors Present: John Ferrari, Jamie Cahn, Kim Easterday, Pat Kaplan, Debbie Sakell, John Burke, Chris Pulley, Gerry Lindner, Chuck Jacobs, Dee Gass, Donna Considine, Larry Harkleroad, Don Smith, Ken DeGruchy, Tom Yetter, Rachael Fishbain, Vinnee Porter, Brendan McElroy, Lori James, Chris Kaplan, Liz Brabson, John Hogan, Chris Gibeau, Ellen Frketic, David Gilman.

Others Present: Damon Garrison, Doretta Davies, Maynard Franze, David Hoskins, Gary Mann, Robbie Davis.

**Adoption of Minutes of May Meeting:**      tabled until Nov meeting so board could review minutes

**Chairman's Report:**

- John welcomed all new incoming board members and encouraged the new At-Large members to get involved. If any committees need help, ask the new members and new members if need help, ask!?
- Sheryl is preparing a form for all committee chairs to fill out providing information on their individual positions/jobs. (i.e. job descriptions) This information will be compiled and used to recruit board members. This information will be posted on the website.
- USA Swimming recently passed a members privacy policy statement. They strongly recommended that each LSC adopt their own statement regarding member's privacy rights. John presented a version of a statement garnered mainly from one researched and passed by Colorado Swimming. He presented it to the board; it was reviewed and passed unanimously. (see attached)
- John also announced that any board members who were interested could have their email contact address set up through the MSI website. This way we can keep track of mail counts and decrease spamming.
- NAAC has been granted the Spring Speedo Championship Meet for 2006 and CBAC has been granted the Summer Championship meet for 2007 (another Super Sectional).
- At the recent EZ meeting, there were no significant changes to the spring EZ meet therefore MSI will not be participating again this year.
- John reminded all to update their contact info with Debbie and to check the website for all future BOD meeting dates as well as the HOD meeting date.
- At this years June HOD meeting, John wants to elect a nominating committee for the 2007 elections.

- In an effort to streamline board meetings, John would like any motions that are to be considered sent to John and Debbie who will send it out for review prior to the meeting. If there is considerable discussion of the matter, it will be tabled to workout some of the issues and then re-presented at a future meeting. Also, anyone with a lengthy report is encouraged to file it electronically with John & Debbie prior to the meeting and it will also be sent out prior to the meeting.

**Administrative Vice Chair:            No report**

**Treasurer:**

- Jamie presented our current financial status for review and discussion.
- Jamie, as always, is available for questions regarding our finances
- Jamie expressed to the board that he needs to be contacted about an expense, PRIOR to it being initiated and to that end would also like to see us be timelier in our submission of expense reports to him. Wherever possible, expenses should be billed directly to MSI through Jamie. Also to that end he will be pulling together a written procedure for submitting expenses.
- Jamie will be working with the new equipment manager to inventory and determine the value of our current assets.
- We will be taking a close look at our budget and cash position this year and how we can fund more programs for our swimmers. We need to make sure we are spending our money within the LSC appropriately.

**Age Group Chair:**

- John B. gave us a report on his attendance at convention. Several highlights were: parent education ran a strong theme this year and there will be a new DVD coming out in January 2006 related to this. The word at National is that they are very impressed with our LSC's meet schedule. A big issue with safety was diving in during warm-ups
- John reported that Dave Salo is very willing to come to the LSC to hold a clinic. John is going to set a date and get the details worked out.

**Senior Chair:            No report**

**Secretary:**

- Debbie related she would try and have the minutes out to the board for comments within a week of the meeting and have a draft posted on the website 2 weeks from the meeting.
- There have been a couple of registration fines and those letters have been sent out. Considering it is the beginning of the season, it is not too bad.

- There will need to be a change in language for Article 10 of our Rules and Regulations regarding protesting of fines/Board of Review to coincide with a change from national. That language will be worked on by Debbie and Sheryl and presented at the Nov meeting.

### **Registration and Club Development:**

Pat presented a report from her attendance at convention

Pat presented a written report on club development. (see attached) Some highlights are as follows:

- She asked the following people to be on her club development committee: Gerry Lindner, a rep from MTM, a rep from BCSC (no response yet) a rep from MPSC and Chris Gibeau.
- Pat relates that she and John spoke with Ira Klein about coming to speak to our clubs. We are looking at a possible Jan 2006 date and all board members are highly encouraged to clear their schedules for this.

Pat also presented a written report on registration (see attached) some highlights are as follows:

- many coaches have let their credentials expire, some clubs now in insurance jeopardy
- registration numbers look to be good, over 200 GASL summer league swimmers have registered.
- The USA background check program is still “under construction” Murray Stephens is actively involved on this committee.
- Pat reminded all that dual meets must have a pre meet recon done if it is a sanctioned meet

### **Officials:**

- Chris discussed the new breaststroke and backstroke rule changes that were adopted at convention. These rules are effective immediately. He reports that at the Officials clinic held in September, these changes and their interpretation were reviewed with all returning officials.
- There were 70+ returning officials that attended the annual clinic. There are 3 new referees and 6 new apprentice referees.

### **Technical Planning:**

- Damon Garrison from RAID was present and gave a report on the situation regarding the Sunfest Open water swim’s cancellation and future. The Technical Planning Committee will take the information he presented under advisement as to the Raiders future ability to hold this event. The team is trying to get reorganized and does want to try and hold this event in the future. Chuck Jacobs has graciously volunteered any assistance they may need to get this event back on track.

- Dave Hoskins from MSC was present to discuss moving their January meet date up a week to coincide with the RAC meet. This is due to the Loyola pool not being available to them on the scheduled date. He was reminded that he must get RAC and BAAC's ok to do this before presenting the change to the board for approval. No further action taken at this time.
- Chris presented the following motion regarding qualifying for the MD LSC Championship. There was some discussion and the motion passed.

***Motion:*** Any swimmer that achieves one or more Speedo Junior National Championship qualifying times may swim any event at the MD LSC Swimming Championships  
(PASSED)

- Chris also opened some discussion regarding dual meets and the qualifications of the officials who are the designated meet referees. This led to considerable discussion of the entire dual meet issue. John would like to see a task force formed to look at the issue of dual meets in this LSC. He would like them to put together some suggested "guidelines for dual meets". He would like this information presented to the Board for review/comment in enough time to have something to put before the HOD this coming June. That being said the issue was tabled until then.

#### **Webmaster:**

John F. reports that the web pages are being "tweaked" and further changes are being looked at.

#### **Awards:**

The rest of the penguin awards from last year will be presented to the participants in the first mini meet this season. We will continue to give a participation award to our LSC's 8&Unders. Once the penguins are gone, something new will be designed.

**Swim-a-thon:** No report

#### **Open Water/Distance Camps:**

- Chuck gave the board a brief review of the meetings he attended at convention.
- He also gave a report on some of the changes going on with Open Water. Beijing is trying to get an Open Water event added to the 2008 Olympics. London 2012 is already planning on doing the same.
- He reviewed the changes and happenings related to Camps
- He let the Board know he collected tons of information from convention related to facilities development, camps, open water and disability and he would share that information with anyone who wants to request it.

### **NTV, Records, Top 16 and MD Top 5:**

- Liz reported on her attendance at convention. She attended the safety meetings and brought back information for Kim Easterday. Big problem is photographers taking pictures of athletes without permission.
- Liz also reports that the second preliminary Top 16 list is posted for review. Any changes for our LSC should be brought to her attention for correction ASAP.
- She has completed uploading the current state records into the database.

### **Zone Team Coach/Manager:**

- John B. wanted to thank Chris and Tom for all their help with summer zones. It was a learning experience for all.
- Some suggested changes for next year will include having a team dinner PRIOR to the meet to distribute uniforms and jackets and pertinent information.
- Also Zone jackets will go back to the traditional red/black MD colors and the championship (All Star) jackets will be the swimmers team colors.

### **Safety:**

- Kim states that she ran a Safety training class for coaches in Sept and had only 9 coaches attend. She won't be running one again until spring. There is some concern in regards to Pat's report that a lot of coaches credentials are expiring. Kim requests that anyone who may have someone on their club who can run this training program to please contact her.
- Kim reminds all that the Report of Occurrence form **must** be done for any type of injury, not just at meets but at any practice or USA/MSI sanctioned event.

### **Adaptive:**

- Doretta Davies gave the adaptive report. USA Swimming is looking to change "adaptive swimming" to "disability swimming"
- Doretta informed the board she and Linda Sue were working on a flyer to distribute to the local prosthetic clinics encouraging swimming as part of their campaign to bring more disabled swimmers into the fold

**Senior Coaches rep:** No report

**Junior Coaches rep:** No report

### **Athlete Rep:**

- John Hogan is our new senior athlete rep and he reported to the board his experiences at convention. He felt it was a great learning experience.

### **Equipment:**

- Larry Harkleroad introduced himself as our new equipment chair. First thing he wanted the board to know is that he intends to be very proactive in regards to our equipment needs and issues.
- New radios have been purchased; they are industrial strength, should last a whole meet without problem and are compatible with the old Radio Shack radios for those who own them.
- He also has spoken with Colorado and found out they have a pad refurbishing program. After 5 years, pads can be refurbished and given another 5 year warranty. The normal life of a pad is 5-7 years. He is sending some pads through this process to see how it will work as it is less expensive than buying new pads every 5-7 years. He wants to see how this system will work out.
- He is also in the process of replacing missing and broken equipment. He reminds all to be sure and let him know when something is not functioning properly or is broken.

### **Hall of Fame:**

- Chris reports the dinner will be in April 2006. The spring time frame seemed to work well. He will be trying to get an earlier start on preparations this year and hopes to have some nominating standards in place shortly.
- John F. reports that he has authorized digitizing all the previous Hall of Fame tapes for archival purposes. This is something we should have for years to come.

### **Outreach:**

- Brendan gave a recap of the Unity meet. There were 21 teams and over 200 swimmers. He felt that it was a good start and the meet will be held again next year with some interest from teams already. He also stated it really helped build the clubs confidence in running a meet.
- John F. commended the club for its outstanding parent participation and their job on running the meet.

**Old Business:**           None

**New Business:**       None

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

